
2025 August Newsletter

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**GIFT SEMINARIAN SCHOLARSHIPS!**

60 student scholarships were originally needed. Five have already been received. We have 55 to go at \$3500 each, which covers tuition, room, and board.

**SRL AND DR. JOHN MACARTHUR RELATIONSHIPS**

Dr. MacArthur spoke at the IX Annual SRL Latin American Reformation Conference. He also sent expositors to SRL conferences in Bogotá, Cali, and Medellín. We thank God for this giant who is now in His glory. Somehow, this world is not the same without him.

**SRL GRADUATE TAKES REFORMATION TO GUATEMALA FROM MEDELLÍN**

Nine years ago, Pastor Rene Ramos graduated from SRL in Medellín. He returned to his country, Guatemala, to proclaim the doctrines of grace. For eight years, he suffered and endured fierce opposition.

Pastor Ramos never wavered and consistently maintained gentle perseverance. This year, several of the very churches that rejected him elected him president of a local evangelical church group. He is taking his God-given opportunity to provide four pastoral retreats next year. He is requesting SRL to put fire under this movement by providing sound and practical Reformed theological training, leadership, and expository preaching. SRL would like to come alongside Pastor Ramos in these efforts by sending experienced and veteran site coordinators who have gone through the same process in their countries and know the language and culture. These site coordinators do not have the financial support to travel. ***We are pleading for your help.***

D O N A T E

SRL INFLUENCE IS HELPING TO REFORM LARGE CHARISMATIC CHURCHES

Recently, SRL encouraged a charismatic church to transition to Reformed theology. This church of over 500 members only lost about 20 because of the transition. Pastors who were unfamiliar with the doctrines of grace attended the Annual SRL Conference in Medellín. One of the expositors was invited to preach at the newly reformed church. He noted that, even though the church claimed to be Reformed, the service contained many traditional charismatic elements. The expositor invited the pastor to dinner together with the pastors Dr. Benitez and Pastor Castiblanco, SRL LATAM President and Vice-President. Together, they encouraged the pastor to improve the worship service. A comparison of the charismatic service and Reformed liturgy was gently and gracefully discussed. The pastor understood and grew excited about creating a more orderly and theocentric, rather than homocentric, worship service. This pastor soon shared this conversation with other friends who were still in the charismatic movement. Those pastors wanted more information about the doctrines of grace.

Pastors Dr. Benitez and Castiblanco provided a discussion opportunity by inviting these pastors for dinner. By God's grace, as a result of this long dinner, eight more churches are now in the process of reformation. Many more dinners and workshops are necessary. We pray that you will see how God is using SRL to shape the church in Latin America.





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Judy Lentz, a beloved SRL volunteer and supporter, has entered the glory of God. We pray that her joyful service and faithful heart will be exemplary to other volunteers and servants.

CORAL RIDGE AND SRL LABOR TOGETHER FOR EVANGELISM EXPLOSION

Under the initiative of Pastor Angel Gomez, SRL Board Chairman, Coral Ridge Presbyterian Church of Fort Lauderdale is sending professors to teach Evangelism Explosion with SRL in Colombia, Bolivia, and Mexico. Besides teaching seminarians, 40+ pastors are expected to attend in Medellin. The training will culminate in the professors and participants going into the city to put into practice the knowledge they acquired.



SRL ENCOURAGES THE PLANTING OF REFORMED CHURCHES

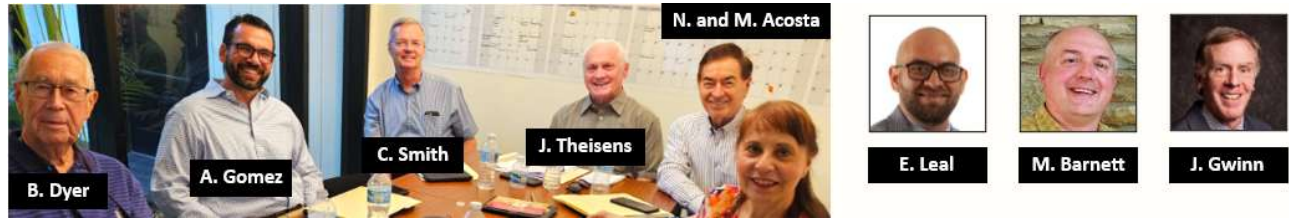
Motivated by SRL leadership, a network of Reformed churches launched an ambitious goal: to plant 125 churches—one in every municipality surrounding Medellín in the state of Antioquia. Several churches have already been planted. On June 29, 2025, during the service at one of the sending churches, two pastors were commissioned to serve new churches in remote mountain towns. ***Will you help us to provide partial support for one year for these new churches?***

D O N A T E



SRL BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETS AT THE NEW SANFORD BUILDING

The SRL Board of Trustees discussed ways to promote stable monthly support to sustain the growth God has given to this mission.



MID-YEAR ACADEMIC REPORT

We would like to thank the expositors and professors for the work they are doing. *(Click the names and images below to enlarge.)*

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We pray that, through these newsletters, SRL's ministry partners will grasp the full weight of the sacrifice and devotion poured out by our staff, professors, and volunteers. Their labor is not casual—it is marked by relentless passion, tireless work, and unwavering commitment to the gospel of Jesus Christ. This mission demands long, grueling hours. It takes them down treacherous roads, into unfamiliar lands, through nights of little sleep and meals far from home—often in dangerous, unpredictable situations. Yet they press on, driven by a deep love for the Lord and a burning desire to see His glory proclaimed in every corner of Latin America (2

Corinthians 11:24-33). ***Your prayers, encouragement, and financial support are vital to this mission.***

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