
2025 September Newsletter

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 **GIFT SEMINARIAN SCHOLARSHIPS!**

60 student scholarships were originally needed. 8 have already been received. We have 52 to go at \$3500 each, which covers tuition, room, and board per year.

DAF day 

Have a DAF? October 9th is DAF Day and SRL accepts Donor Advised Fund gifts!

SRL POWERFULLY ESTABLISHED IN PARAGUAY

Last month, Dr. and Mrs. Acosta traveled extensively to Buenos Aires, Encarnacion City, Ciudad del Este, and Asuncion in Paraguay, plus Foz Iguazu City in Brazil, where they visited the largest system of waterfalls in the world, Iguazu Falls. A short video of the falls: bit.ly/45d1F52 (Rev. 1:15b)



Hernan Schuldhaus, one of SRL's Coordinators in Paraguay, wrote, "**Encarnación City**, known as 'the Pearl of the South' of Paraguay, became a vibrant meeting place for six inspiring days as believers gathered to rediscover the transformative truths of the 16th-century Protestant Reformation. Under the theme '5 Truths That Changed the World,' SRL and the Reformed Christian Church of Paraguay (ICRP) hosted a conference that reached many people, both in person and online.

The expositors were: Pastor Ramón Vargas, SRL Argentina Coordinator, Dr. Acosta, and Pastor Alejandro Castiblanco, SRL LATAM Vice President. Without departing from the Bible, they clearly presented the Doctrines of Grace, deeply reaching the minds and hearts of people with many ‘aha’ moments.



Mimi Acosta delivered a women's conference highlighting Reformation doctrines through her exposition of the Book of Ruth. The SRL site officially opened in Paraguay with an intensive course on Reformed Theology taught by Dr. Acosta. He also preached and conducted a men's conference. The event left a lasting impact, strengthening the commitment to Biblical truth and encouraging members of local churches to grow in their knowledge of God's Word through the academic and formal study offered by SRL's curriculum." (A short video of Mimi teaching: bit.ly/4t2qtxB)



Pastor Alexander Gulart of *Iglesia Bíblica Gracia* in **Ciudad del Este** writes, "We give many thanks to God for allowing us to enjoy the visit of the Acostas. What a joy it was for all of us who had the opportunity to interact with them and listen to their teaching! The conference here began with a special study for women led by Mimi Acosta, who highlighted the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the true Redeemer.

On Friday and Saturday, the main event was held, focusing on the five *Solas* of the Protestant Reformation. Dr. Acosta participated three times, and the local Reformed pastors also participated in the exposition. The venue was full each evening, including visitors from different churches. The Word was preached with clarity, the Gospel proclaimed with passion, and Christ exalted with reverence.

The attendees greatly appreciated the Reformation messages; several were deeply touched and one person publicly professed faith in Christ. Additionally, Dr. Acosta taught a two-hour workshop on how to share the Gospel with love and effectiveness with our Roman Catholic friends. It was a great blessing because Paraguay is one of the most Roman Catholic countries in Latin America. Dr. Acosta preached at our local church and in the evening at another congregation about 100 miles away. During that service, a young woman made the decision to be baptized. Many developed a great desire to study at SRL."





Dr. Acosta wrote, “This trip, which focused on SRL ministry to Paraguay, was one of my most successful evangelistic missions, all praises to God! The introduction to the Reformation was presented by answering the most difficult questions with love and with the Bible. Every objection to God’s sovereign election was answered. As a result, many people confessed their conversion from what they called “another gospel” and firmly embraced the Doctrines of Grace. It was an amazing phenomenon to behold. In every city, God allowed us to see a revival—as the churches where I preached were filled to capacity. It was as if the attendees heard the Gospel for the first time. As I expressed my goodbye, the people embraced me and tearfully shared that today was their day. People who heard about this awakening in Paraguay suggested I share the sermon with you.

The title is ***‘Who’ is the Gospel According to Jesus?*** I did an exposition verse by verse of John chapter 5. The Pharisees wanted to kill Jesus for working on the Sabbath by curing a paralytic. From verse 19 to 23, Jesus, a poor Nazarene carpenter, disclosed that He is God possessing all the divine attributes. He is of the same essence of the Father, omnipotent, owner of life, raises the dead, gives life to whom He wills, is the eternal judge, has the same glory of the Father, and therefore He must be worshiped like the Father and without Him nothing can survive. That is why He and the Father work all the time to sustain everything.

In verses 24 and 25, Jesus preached the Gospel: ***The hour is coming and now is when the dead will hear the voice of The Son of God; and those who hear will live.*** I stopped there and looked at the date and the hour. Today, if by the power of the Holy Spirit, you hear the voice of the Son of God and believe, you are saved. Today, now! This is the hour. If you do not hear His voice and die without hearing, then you will have to see verses **28** and **29** when you will hear the voice of the Father, but it will be way too late. You will be resurrected to be sent to hell forever. In hell you will be repeating over and over this date when you clearly heard the Gospel from the lips of Jesus, and rejected Him. You will hear the Father saying: *I do not know you, depart from Me.* He will send you to the place that has been prepared for the unsaved and the devils that will torment you for eternity (Matthew 7:23a). I dwelled on that thought over and over—making eye contact with everyone. I told them that Jesus spoke more of hell than of heaven because it is urgent. I asked them, *Do you want Jesus to pay in full for your sins by trusting in Him or do you want to pay by yourself in hell for*

eternity? After several applications, I asked, *What do you want to do with this Jesus?* **Today if you hear His voice, do not harden your hearts** (Hebrews 3:7-8). If you reject Him feel free to spit on His face, flagellate Him, crown Him with thorns, laugh at Him, mock Him, pull His beard, pierce Him and find one more nail to pierce on the cross. The good news is that He said now is the hour. Today is the day of salvation. People could not stop crying. One lady got up to ask the pastor if she could come to the pulpit to thank me publicly. She confessed that today was her day of salvation.

Pastors asked me to teach them to preach the way I did. I spent time with them teaching how to prepare a sermon and preach it to themselves many times, so when they come to the pulpit they have repented and have done business with God. The congregation will see that they believe and live what they preach. They must live the moment and preach it—not in a plastic way or just reading a paper—but with conviction and passion, reading and explaining the passage verse by verse, making sure that in every sermon the Gospel is preached, and applications are made.”

Please help SRL with your prayers and contributions. The work is really hard and expensive. We pray that **today** God will move your heart to be a partner with this magnificent mission. *Soli Deo Gloria!*

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Save the Date!

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