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***Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying: "Whom shall I send, And who will go for Us?" Then I said, "Here am I! Send me."***

Isaiah 6:8 (NKJV)

The main strength of SRL is the ability to *put boots on the ground* by sending missionary professors to personally interact with students, people, and crowds at conferences. It is a great complement to the virtual educational program. With the cost of bringing one seminarian to the USA, **SRL fully trains ten in the field** who stay to minister in their countries.



In 2025, God blessed SRL with **85** graduates from many countries: In Medellín, 18 in May and 37 in December; 18 in Cochabamba; and 12 in other sites and the virtual program. Traditionally, a large percentage enter gospel ministries. The female graduates serve as missionaries, teachers, or in other ladies' ministries. SRL offers degrees in Biblical Counseling. SRL graduates impact millions with the Doctrines of Grace. It is, indeed, a well-trained army to God's service.

## **A SPECIAL REPORT ON VENEZUELA RELATED TO SRL FROM DR. NOÉ S. ACOSTA**

**An SRL site was established in 2015 despite life-threatening circumstances.**

**Now, we expect to host, God willing, a major theological conference in Caracas in 2026. SRL will intensify efforts to produce a Christian revival greater than the earthly revival they are experiencing.**



The brothers in Venezuela were so excited about the teaching in Cartagena that they requested SRL to go to Caracas in November 2015 to have the same kind of conference. Since they asked us in English in front of the conference speakers, I answered, "We'll see." After I became aware of how terribly dangerous it was for Americans and foreigners to go to Venezuela, we did not pursue the idea of having such an event there.

The Venezuelan brothers, without further confirmation from us, organized the first, largest national Reformed Theological Conference in Caracas for November 28, 2015. They gathered 500 pastors from all over the country. After everything was set, we received a surprise notification of our participation, including themes and schedules. As SRL Chancellor, I declined their invitation since we were not consulted in their conference planning. They answered, "Well, you said 'Sí' when we asked you in Cartagena." They had mistakenly understood **Sí** (yes) when I said, "We'll see." We explained to them that we became aware of the unsafe situation, especially for Americans and foreigners. They were very sorry, discouraged to the point of tears, since they had sacrificially made arrangements for pastors to come from all over the country and already paid for the venue and buses. My answer remained: "NO."



**Dr. J. Benitez, Caracas**

After further thought, two other speakers who received the invitation called me to express the extraordinary opportunity to bring the Reformation message, for the first time, to so many pastors. They had decided to go, even if they risked their lives. They were convinced that God was calling them to go.

They reminded me that it had not been safe, either, for many prophets and all the apostles—especially for Paul—to go. They added that it had not been safe for the Lord Jesus to come into this dangerous world. With conviction, Mimi looked at me and said, “Noè, I don’t think that you have a choice.”

The next day at lunch with church members, I told a brother, who had family in Venezuela, that I was going there on missions. He stood up and said, “You are not going to Venezuela! You can go, but you will never come back. Many of my relatives lost everything, suffered persecution, and hid to avoid kidnapping; they could not trust the police, taxis, hotels—nothing. They had to escape to save their lives. It is one of the most dangerous places on the planet!” At this point, Mimi was crying. Since I teach men that husbands are required to care for their wife as number one, I stood and reassured everyone that I was not going. With emotional relief, the brother jokingly said to much laughter, “Noè, maybe you should go. Mimi needs a better husband.”



**W. Greendyk, TBS**

On the way home, another conference speaker called me to confirm that he was going to Venezuela, even if it was dangerous. He deeply and earnestly pleaded that I should go. He said, “They were extremely disappointed to hear that you are not going. Many attendees were coming to hear you in person. They hear your teaching on the internet, videos, radio, and online. They know that you are the SRL Chancellor with the ability to open SRL in Venezuela.

They assigned you the Book of Romans because they have seen how convincingly you present the Reformation by using that book. They have arranged a bulletproof car, and pastors and security men will drive in front and behind your car from the airport to the conference, and from there back to the airport.



**Dr. N.S. Acosta**

The pastors will attend the conference knowing that you are there, even for one day. Where is your faith, your enthusiasm, and your trust in the sovereignty of God?” After that phone call, Mimi, listening to all, stated, “Noé, you must go. God is calling you.”

I flew through Colombia, leaving in Bogotá everything that looked American, including my American passport and cellphone. Arriving at the airport in Caracas, it felt eerie. My plane, almost empty, was the only one in the airport besides two military ones. The airport was desolate. At the exit door, I was received with tears, hugs, and enthusiasm by a large group of brothers who quickly ushered me into the car they had promised, and a caravan escorted me to the event venue. The conference room was full to capacity. Seeing the amount of interest and having a tremendous assurance of God's protection, I cancelled my flight and stayed for four more days.



From early morning to late at night, God gave us the grace to teach over 40 hours of Reformed theology using the Book of Romans.

It was glorious to see the sea of people moving backward, forward, and then looking at each other as the principles of TULIP and the five *Solas* were presented—soundly rooted in Scripture. The questions, debates, and interactions served as tools to help them internalize, with conviction, the Doctrines of Grace as they arrived at many “aha” moments.

That day, SRL Seminary was established in Venezuela and has since been extended to several cities and regions. With the help of SRL contributors, full scholarships have been gifted to seminarians from Venezuela in Medellín, who, upon graduation, returned to plant churches and serve as professors in their country. The assistance of SRL professors from other Latin American countries helped SRL provide education and numerous Reformed Conferences to hundreds in many regions of Venezuela. This, in turn, has resulted in the birth of many Reformed churches. **Many now look back on that first conference as the dawn of the Reformation in Venezuela.**

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