

The door to the mission field.

Upcoming travel:

March 28-April 4

Lolly and I will be teaching Philippians to the preliminary class to select students for the new Bible Institute Class in Medellin, Colombia. Ruth will work with young children while we teach.

April 28-May 11

I will be teaching Bible Study Methods in Course 1 to the newly selected Bible Institute students in Medellin, Colombia.

June

I am planning to be in Honduras and Nicaragua teaching a new group of graduates to prepare to be teachers in the future Bible Institutes that will equip leaders in Honduras.

July

I will be in Nicaragua teaching Church Revitalization to 56 pastors and their leaders.



From the downtown Medellin church a view of houses for drugs and prostitution.

A great dilemma or a great opportunity?

What do you do when your church opposes following the great commission?

When your church opposes efforts to disciple and plant a church in a new location?

What if the leaders will not delegate responsibility and allow people to use their gifts?

When should a church consider relocation?

How can a few members lead a church to health?

Where do we begin the revitalization process?

I will not mention the names of the churches but the questions are real life for many believers I minister to in Colombia.

What is a church member? Why should I be a member? These questions led me to change my Sunday sermon in Bogota to find the answers. I overviewed Romans 12 seeking to illustrate what a church member is and does. I think staying in the chapter and relating to the context of the book created the



Please pray for Cristian Fuentes as he seeks to plant a church in the south of Bogota. He needs financial support and assistance to fulfill his call to plant a church in an impoverished area that needs the gospel and lacks a sound church in the neighborhood. He and his two brothers are working together, all three graduated from our Bible Institute and are eager to see God transform the area.

Thank you for your partnership and prayers. We especially need your prayers and support now as we face incredible opportunities and some health challenges. We thank God for your faithfulness.

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connection for the Holy Spirit to work. The message was well received, God spoke to many hearts but the proof will be in the application. Commitments were made to fulfill God's call on their life and several young men told me what God laid on their hearts for their personal ministry.

Christians often take too much for granted. Even our "personal idea" of what church is and what a church member does is influenced by our culture, denominational culture, and personal preferences blended with our personal history in the church to make a thick fog that obscures the mission of the church and our role in the mission. When we go back to the scriptures the fog lifts and exposes the powerful church that the Gospel produced. I fear that we are too easily satisfied with the way things are, much like the church in Ephesus was until the truth of Rev 2:4-5 shattered their complacency, comfort, and religion.

I thank God for your partnership. Over the last several weeks 7 churches were impacted with the truth about a revitalized church. From downtown Medellin in a very dark neighborhood, to Bogota in our World Reach Bible Institute the work continues. I will be engaged in an ongoing work with the churches and their leaders to continue the progress we have begun. To God be the glory.



From Medellin: Pastor Hernadez and family on the left.

Simon, my translator and Timothy is on the right.