



Prayer Request for Upcoming Events:

March 24-26

Bobby and Lolly teaching
Marriage Conference Bogota,
Colombia

March 27-April 2

Coaching churches
Barranquilla, Colombia

May 1-8

Argentina Bible Institute
Graduation

June 26-30

Bobby and Lolly teaching
Youth Camp Bello, Colombia

July 14-23

Bobby and Lolly teaching
Marriage and Family, &
Graduation, Bible Institute
Bogota, Colombia

July 24-27

Spiritual Gifts - Medellin, at
1st Presbyterian

July 28-30

Embers to a Flame,
Northwest Colombia

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Hebrews 13:7

⁷Remember those who led you, who spoke the word of God to you; and considering the result of their conduct, imitate their faith.

The Making of Leaders

I worked with our Bible Institute students as they preached their sermons in class last November in Bogota and recently in January in Medellin. Sermons are more than the delivery of information; they are God speaking His truth through our personality. I often remind the students that the goal of preaching is the transformation of hearts and lives of the listeners. But this must first be a personal transformation in the preacher as they prepare the message. The writer of Hebrews describes leaders who knew their "stuff" and could present the message, but the passage also describes their conduct and faith. The complete package of a leader goes beyond ministry skills and knowledge, leadership is about the behavior from the heart. Leadership is not a position, but embodies a behavior. In over 23 years of ministry, I realize more and more that teaching information and skills is easily accomplished, but the transformation of the heart takes time and the work of the Holy Spirit. Leadership development is a lifelong process.

I thank God for your partnership. I see progress in the lives and ministries of our students. It is amazing to see the impact move from the classroom to the ministries of the churches represented. Have you considered that in the two institute sites in Colombia alone, that twelve churches are benefiting? This is a kingdom investment.

I just received a letter from a pastor that I am working with in Medellin. Over the last year, God has breathed life into a dying church located in a dangerous and difficult location. They have embraced their mission, now have a vision for the future, and are advancing the Kingdom.

Thank you for your partnership and prayers,

The Wilsons

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