

WORLD REACH

Background and Call to Ministry

My name is Cristian Fuentes and I live in Bogota, Colombia. Together, my family and I serve the Lord in the south of Bogota in a neighborhood called Danubio Azul.



I was saved by the Lord in 2008, and in 2009 the Lord allowed me to begin the World Reach Bible Institute as an attendee. Then in 2011, I began the same Bible Institute as an official student. I finished my studies in 2014. During these years we started a discipleship meeting in which I shared what I learned from my congregation and in the Bible Institute.

Trusting in the Lord after graduation, in 2016 we decided together with the brothers in Christ to plant a church. We started with services on Sundays.



Over the course of 6 months (in the month of September), God provided a more suitable place for us to gather, and children's ministry began.



God has allowed us to serve Him by working with families and children through discipleship. During this time, several people (adults and children) have made decisions for the Lord and have taken the step of obedience of baptism.

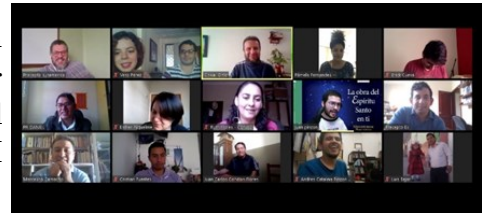
We had the privilege of being visited by the director of WORLD REACH Latin America, Dr. Bobby Wilson, in March 2019. The conference he taught was on marriage and family.



1 Corinthians 15:58

Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.

During the year 2020, God allowed me to be trained with **MINISTRIES PRECEPT INTERNATIONAL**. The training was for leaders in the inductive study method of the Bible. I had also learned this inductive study method as a student in the **WORLD REACH BIBLE INSTITUTE**.



In this same year, we faced a big ministerial challenge, which was to carry out the ministry virtually due to COVID-19. It was a year where God allowed me to be useful in his work, both for the ministry of the church in Bogotá and supporting the **WORLD REACH BIBLE INSTITUTE** by teaching virtual classes.

Support was also received from fellow brothers in Christ; to bring help and encouragement to families in our congregation. We were able to distribute these groceries to the families most in need since they had a lot of distress due to the COVID-19 situation.



Currently we continue with the ministries that the Lord has enabled and this year (2021) the only difficulty we had was that we had to stop renting our congregation's facility due to the current economic situation. We thank the Lord that people continue to congregate virtually and that we are able to visit families and continue with discipleship.



Prayers

Family:

- For our family, that there is always a desire to serve the Lord and that we would be sensitive to his call in every situation in life.
- For the healthy growth of our family. (spiritual, emotional and physical)
- For the financial support, to be able to serve full time as He has called us.

Ministry:

- The paperwork that is required by the government for our congregation.
- Help for the families in our congregation. (spiritual and physical)
- For a building for the Danubio congregation.
- For an English course, for the preparation of service abroad.

If you are interested in supporting our ongoing ministry financially with either monthly or one-time giving you can do so in a few different ways.

1) By going online to <https://world-reach.org/> and clicking on "Donate Now" then select "Fuentes, Cristian and Sandra."

2) You can also mail checks, with "Cristian and Sandra Fuentes" in the memo line, to:

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