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THE GLOBAL NEED OF TRAINED PASTORS AND LEADERS FOR THE CHURCH

The task of training pastors and leaders for the Global Church is more important each day. Experts say only 5% of pastors in the world have received biblical training for ministry. In fact, experts say that more than 2 million pastors in the world don't have any biblical or ministerial training. A leader of a denomination in Honduras said: "We feel the deep need of more trained and productive leaders at all levels". At the same time, many formal traditional training schools and institutions separated from the church's needs and ministry.



WORLD REACH AND THE EDUCATIONAL MINISTRY OF ALAN PERDOMO

In those conditions, some 40-50 years ago, a lot of non-formal programs started. Those were classes, academies, seminars and conferences which trained pastors and leaders without recognition from formal education. World Reach's Mobile Bible Institute (MBI), which started in Honduras, was one of those non-formal theological education programs. With classes and groups in three continents, the MBI was a great blessing for many pastors and leaders. The model of bringing the school to rural students proved to be successful and was replicated several times.



Alan Perdomo has been associated with formal and non-formal theological education. He has been a professor in SETECA (Guatemala), two Christian universities, and Dallas Theological Seminary. At the same time, he has been a teacher in World Reach's MBI and other youth leaders' non-formal theological education program. His teaching ministry has been fulfilling and fruitful, praise the Lord. Besides that, he got a PhD. in Theological Education, so he has always been involved in some dialogue between formal and non-formal ministry programs.



ICETE 2022: A KEY GLOBAL EVENT

Now, in **November 14-18, 2022**, ICETE (The International Council for Evangelical Theological Education) is inviting theological educators from around the world to engage in a global dialogue between formal and non-formal theological education. The event will be held in **Izmir, Turkey** (the ancient Smyrna) and will have the purpose to establish bridges and promote strategic dialogue between formal schools and seminaries with missions and organizations which promote non-formal theological training.

BENEFITS FROM A POSSIBLE PARTICIPATION IN THIS EVENT

Besides the obvious personal experience of participating in a unique global event in a historic city, ICETE-2022 has several benefits for the educational ministry that Alan has been doing for years:

1) The contents of the conference will be of great help to develop a better educational ministry for the Mobile Bible Institute and other programs in which Alan is involved. Some of the discussions will be: "Relevant Quality Assurance for Non-Formal Programs", "Assessment and Spiritual Formation in Non-Formal Programs".

2) Alan will be part of a global network of Evangelical theological educators from around the world. That will facilitate continuing dialogue about ideas and struggles about theological education with programs similar to the MBI.

3) Alan will share his academic and ministerial experience with others from around the globe, so they can explore new philosophical and practical tools to strategically improve the work of preparing pastors and leaders for ministry.

A SPECIAL PLEA

In light of the aforementioned facts, **will you prayerfully consider helping Alan attend this global conference for formal and informal theological educators?**

The **trip will cost roughly \$2,800** which include: airfare, conference registration, hotel, food and other expenses.

You may give on-line at world-reach.org/donate and choose "**campaign**", Perdomo, Alan & Dorys and include a donor note "**for Alan's Turkey trip**".

Or, you may write a check payable to World Reach and include your preference on the memo line: "**for Alan's Turkey trip**" and mail to:

World Reach
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[Note: If gifts exceed trip costs, the extra will go to Alan and Dorys' ministry with World Reach in Honduras].

In the grace of Jesus Christ,

Alan Perdomo

