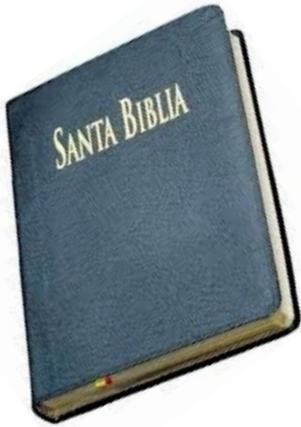




Developing ministry *herramientas*



What are Herramientas, you ask? Herramientas are tools. Tools are essential for completing a job in a timely and efficient manner. Imagine how long, and difficult, it would be for a logger to cut down a tree using a serrated knife. Try to imagine how challenging it is to attempt to train Spanish speaking men for the gospel ministry in the PCA without having a reformed, covenantal seminary in Spanish.

I'm working very closely with LAMP Theological Seminary to develop SpanishLAMP so that students can get all their seminary education in Spanish. I'm very thankful to the Lord for answering my prayers for qualified and passionate SpanishLAMP course developers. In the last four months, I found and recruited three volunteers to develop courses for SpanishLAMP. These volunteers are Reformed, Presbyterian, and ordained ministers with a passion for equipping others. These pastors joined a group of two other SpanishLAMP volunteer course developers. I

dream of the day when many men will be trained for ministry as teaching elders in the PCA, advancing the Kingdom of God among Hispanics in the USA through SpanishLAMP.

Ministry Spotlights



Spanish Language Sunday School

Harvester Presbyterian Church in Springfield VA is a creative and "missional" church with a long history of planting churches. Their journey into reaching Hispanics in their community is a good example of the long term commitment a church must be willing to make, in order to reach and disciple the poor and the aliens living among them.

Harvester's Hispanic ministry began close to twenty years ago. Larry Pratt is a ruling elder at Harvester. He and His wife Priscilla, a native Panamanian, started English as a Second Language ministry at Harvester in 1993. After six years of patiently ministering to the immigrant community through ESL, they started a Spanish language Bible Study.

When the Bible study group grew to a sizable number, they started Sunday morning worship services in Spanish. In 2009, Harvester recruited Tomas Yeomans, a gifted Chilean pastor and evangelist, to spend three years growing the Hispanic ministry at Harvester before returning to Chile. Over those three years the group grew to about fifty people, with many of them joining by profession of faith.

From the beginning, Tomas and the leadership at Harvester began praying for a man who would later replace Tomas. In 2011, Chris Brown graduated from Westminster Seminary. He had been praying for God to open a door for him to work with a PCA church ministering to Spanish speaking immigrants and for the Lord to provide a native Spanish speaking pastor as a mentor. Later that year, Chris Brown and Tomas Yeomans providentially met at a Missions Conference. By October of that year, Chris moved in with the Yeomans and started an internship at Harvester. A family emergency forced the Yeomans to return to Chile at the beginning of this month. Chris Brown is eager to continue building the Hispanic ministry at Harvester.



Spanish language worship



Tomas (right) praying over Chris (left) on the last Sunday before returning to Chile

Prayers

In my last ministry update, I asked for prayer for Jahaziel Cantu and Raul Hernandez to find churches in the PCA to minister. This summer, Jahaziel passed the MNA church planter assessment and is investigating two very viable church planting opportunities. As for Raul Hernandez, the Lord led him in a different direction, and he decided to take a position with a non-profit organization in Virginia.

The Lord answered our prayers for laborers for the Harvest. For years, Joe Magri and the leadership at Trinity Presbyterian in Charlottesville have been praying for an "ordainable" candidate to start their Hispanic ministry. Providentially, this summer, Joe Magri met Tony Lin, a Taiwanese born Argentinean, and they are making plans to begin their Hispanic ministry. Tony has a Christian heritage that can be traced all the way back to Scotland!

- Pray for the Lord to guide the leadership at Grace Presbyterian in Dalton GA in their search for a new Hispanic pastor.
- Pray for more laborers for the Hispanic Harvest in the USA and more SpanishLAMP course developers.
- Pray for the Fall Hispanic Convocation to bless, encourage and challenge all the participants.
- Pray for me to be able to raise all the necessary funds for the Hispanic movement.



Thank you for your friendship, your prayers, your commitment to us and your financial support. We cannot imagine being without any of these good gifts!

Hernando, Debbie, Sarah and Nicholas Sáenz

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