

# Colombia 2.0

The Karakeys return to Medellín, Colombia  
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"The growth of the Evangelical Church in the Global South is staggering. Churches just pop up like popcorn. Yet, you do not have enough theologically educated leaders to lead the church. That puts the church in a position of vulnerability.

For the sake of the church, theological training is so important."

- Elizabeth Sendek  
President, Biblical Seminary of Colombia

Our mission is to play an integral part in the training of Christian pastors, leaders and missionaries in Latin America.

We invite you to partner with us.

# The Need

## HISTORIC GROWTH

The evangelical church in Latin America has experienced unprecedented growth over the last forty years. We praise God for the work of his Spirit throughout the continent; However, the growth of leadership for the church has not kept pace.

The result has been a crisis of trained leaders and many challenges for the church in Latin America. This includes shallow discipleship, nominalism, legalism, theologically questionable church practices as well as the rise of aberrant church movements.

## GROWTH IN MISSIONS

In addition, the church in Latin America is now beginning to support its own missionaries. However, this enthusiastic and brave core of believers still needs solid theological training for the work they will undertake in other parts of the world.



"Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth." (2 Tim 2:15)

## The Biblical Seminary of Colombia

The work of the Biblical Seminary of Colombia (BSC) is critical for meeting both of the above needs as it prepares theologically trained pastors, leaders and missionaries for the growing church in Latin America as well as the global missions movement.

The BSC is the only non-denominational undergraduate theology program in Colombia and one of the few of its kind in all of Latin America. Currently, the BSC is in the process of accreditation for a Masters of Biblical Exegesis.

Once in place, Gustavo will be one of only two full-time residential New Testament PhD professors available to teach in this Masters program.

## A Glimpse of the BSC





## Our Vision of Ministry

Gustavo is a full-time professor of New Testament at the Biblical Seminary of Colombia. The vision of training leaders for the church in Latin America incorporates:

- An academically rigorous preparation in Bible and theology within a multi-denominational framework
- Spiritual guidance and mentoring of students to foster the students' devotion to God, character and calling to ministry
- Development of practical ministry experiences so that theology and practice are never divorced from the needs of the church and society
- Research, writing and publication in the areas Bible interpretation for the Latin American Christian audience
- Teaching in other theological institutions in Latin America and the U.S who are serving Hispanic populations

## Looking Back / Looking Forward

### PAST

Gustavo has completed his doctoral studies. He continues serving the BSC via virtual classes and short intensive residential classes. We will spend the next year raising up prayer support, a Barnabas group and financial support. Our hope is to be in Medellín for the beginning of the BSC academic year in January 2020.

### PRESENT & FUTURE

We have either been preparing for ministry or serving overseas in theological education and leadership development since 1999. After language school in 2003, we spent 4 years in Paraguay, 3 years in Boston for additional schooling and then 4 years in Colombia with the BSC.

## United World Mission

### OUR MISSIONS AGENCY

The United World Mission (UWM) serves ministry partners in over 90 countries with over 400 staff missionaries world-wide.

### HOW YOU CAN PARTNER WITH US

Please prayerfully consider partnering with United World Mission so that we can serve full-time in Colombia with the Biblical Seminary of Colombia.

Number of Donors Needed	Monthly Contribution
1	\$400
3	\$200
5	\$100
10	\$60

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