

Dear Friends,

As always, it is a joy to send you the most recent news and prayer requests from Equipo Impacto. During the summer, we have been able to serve in many different ways. We have also been able to see the first fruits of some of our newest partnerships. Please enjoy this update!

In June, Alexis and Lourdes attended the EMA (Evangelical Ministers Conference) and Cornhill Summer School in London, England. It was the first time that they had returned to England after their time at Cornhill in 2008-2009. It was a joy to meet former classmates and see how God has been working in their lives over the years. The conference and teaching times, both at EMA and Cornhill, were also very fruitful for our lives. During these times, we met with several people, organizations, and churches that have been supporting Equipo Impacto in many ways over the years! We had a very special time at Duke Street Church, where we were placed during our year in London in 2008-2009. This visit was very useful for our ministry as we strengthened our partnership with individuals, churches, and organizations.



Alexis was also invited, in June, to preach to the Annual Assembly of Mexican Baptist Convention in Monterrey, Mexico. He shared on four nights the message of 2 Timothy, with more than 800 delegates from different churches throughout Mexico. During the same trip, he shared *Principles of Exposition* with a group of 30 Mexican pastors. This led to a possibility to run a full preaching workshop in the second half of 2017.

During the first week of August, Alexis helped Jeremy Meeks in leading a Workshop on Biblical Exposition in Dominican Republic. Through our new partnership, this workshop was cohosted by the Charles Simeon Trust and Equipo Impacto, and took place at Iglesia Bíblica del Señor Jesucristo in Santo Domingo. We went through the book of 2 Timothy there as well, with 46 pastors from different evangelical backgrounds. This is one of the fruits of our partnership with CST. We felt privileged to be part of the work of God in Latin America. Glory be given to Our God!



The last teaching commitment of the summer was in Miami, Florida, where Alexis and Lourdes were invited to teach at a conference of “Hombres en Construcción,” a Hispanic ministry based there. The aim this year was to edify and encourage the family with the Word of God.



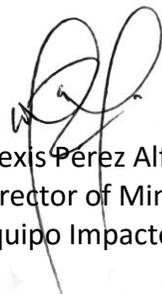
At the present, Alexis is in Holguin in the east of Cuba, leading a preaching workshop with Juan Sanchez on 1 Samuel and where 56 pastors are registered.

At this point, we are also in the process of considering applications for “Havana Plan,” our training scheme based at our local church. We were absolutely amazed that we had 27 applications in our second year. Praise God! We are hoping to have interviews with the applicants on October 1, and the course will start on November 5. We are very excited about all of these people looking to improve their skills in handling the Bible faithfully.

Prayer Requests:

1. The process of select students for Havana Plan needs much prayer. We don't have the capacity to accept everybody who has applied.
2. Pray for pastors who are attending the workshop in Holguin, that they improve in their ability to preach the Word and that they are also encouraged in doing the Good Work!
3. Pray for the workshops planned for this coming November, particularly John Samuel from Duke Street Church who is joining us to run two workshops (in Bayamo and Havana). He will be also preaching at local churches and teaching at Havana Plan.
4. Pray for an *Instructors Gathering* for Latin American workshop instructors that is taking place in San Salvador, El Salvador, during the first week of December. Alexis will be helping the Charles Simeon Trust to lead the training.
5. Pray for Alexis as he is working hard and devoting time to finish his doctoral degree at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.
6. Please also pray for Alexis and Lourdes and the continued fruit of the ministry all around Cuba!

To God and only to God be all the glory,



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