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Dear Friends,

It is already autumn! And we are getting ready for a fruitful season!

As we look at the near future, we are hopeful. We see plenty of serving opportunities as many countries have softened their COVID-19 restrictions. This will allow us to plan and run more in-person preaching workshops. Already during the summer, we have been able to start slowly. In July, we travelled to Colombia to run two preaching workshops with our partners at the Charles Simeon Trust (CST). One was in Bogota, looking at Revelation with 45 pastors. The other was in Barranquilla and we studied 2 Timothy with 60 pastors. It was really encouraging to be back at in-persons workshops and to see the eagerness of pastors in Colombia to spend three days developing their skills in handling God's word, despite the challenges of our times.

For the autumn, we have four workshops scheduled across the region. Three of them will be in México. All of them will be hosting a workshop for the first time since the pandemic started. The workshops will be held in Lazaro Cárdenas (looking at the book of Job), Monterrey (on the book of 1 Samuel) and México City (also on 1 Samuel). The workshop in México City is the first one we've done there in quite a long time there. We are looking forward to meeting, sharing with and serving pastors from different parts of México.

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The work in Cuba has been extremely challenging. The COVID-19 restrictions have prevented us from holding any in-person workshops or even church services since January. The price of data prohibits access to the internet on the island, so online workshops aren't really possible. There has also been other issues: a major economic crisis and political unrest have made holding workshops impossible. Yet, in God's providence, we have been able to foster local training using the CST's online courses in Spanish. We adapted them to a local and offline setting. Through this, we have six venues around the island with around 60 people being trained in expositional preaching.

As we look to the future, we are encouraged that the most recent statements from the Cuban government say that the restrictions will lessen and the border will start to open from 15 November. We are planning to return to in-person workshops in the February. Bu the time we hold these, it will have been two years since we had in-person workshops. We can't wait to share again with pastors across the island!

Prayer requests

- Please, pray for safe travels and gatherings as we relaunch our in-person workshops in México.
- Keep praying for Cuba and for the Cuban Church, which is now able to meet again after a long lockdown.
- Pray for the vaccination efforts in Cuba, which are necessary for us to be able to return to normality and for the economy to recover.
- Pray for us to be able to host the scheduled workshops in Cuba in 2022.



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