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# PARTNERING FOR EQUIPPING UNRESOURCED PASTORS

## Praises

- We will soon launch a leadership initiative that will offer courses from simple Bible Institute levels all the way to a Doctor of Ministry degree.
- We have new conversations with pastors in Spain, Venezuela, and Ecuador who want to affiliate with us.

# Prayer

- We need to expand our staff to facilitate the growth in education programs and training opportunities.
- For God's protection over the pastors traveling into dangerous places to bring needed theological training.
- For more partner churches who will work with and support these men.

Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom,

that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

COLOSSIANS 1:28 (ESV)

Most of the networks we work with in Latin America have a component to take training to pastors and churches who might not normally receive training. The following are a few stories of the efforts our field coordinators are involved in.

#### Paraguay

Maximo Toledo teaches indigenous pastors in villages outside San Lorenzo, Paraguay. He is a Bible Training Center for Pastors trainer who brings the classroom to the remote villages each week. There is great pride among these pastors when they hold one of their annual graduation celebrations! The training he brings is the only access these pastors have to theological education. CrossPointe Community Church has supported this work for many years!



Maximo Toledoa in Paraguay

#### The Amazon

Matias Buldain from Argentina took his first team to the Amazon several years ago. They began to work in the jungle region between Venezuela, Brazil, and Colombia. Going deep into the jungle, they visited village pastors and initiated a training program among them utilizing inperson training annually and ongoing virtual training through cell phones.



CCP in the Amazon

This month, Matias will return for another training seminar, and he is bringing other pastors from the IBM network along with him. Geronimo Tamez from Guadalajara, Mexico, and Israel Contreras from

Queretaro, Mexico. We have worked with both of these pastors for many years, and Geronimo is a student of HFC/Kairos.

### Argentina

Last month, Lucio Gallo and David Vargas from ESEF in Salta, Argentina, journeyed north into the mountainous province of Jujuy to hold a training seminar in an indigenous village there.



David Vargas teaching in an indigenous church in the mountains of Jujuy, Argentina

They also completed their summer activities with numerous youth camps and outreach activities. You can see what this looks like by clicking the link <u>here</u>.

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