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MINTS

Refresh

...the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you. Phil 1:7

THE NEWSLETTER OF MINTS INTERNATIONAL SEMINARY



FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

In the last week of January 2025, MINTS had our annual meeting in Miami, Florida at Old Cutler Presbyterian Church. The meeting was well attended with twenty-five MINTS associates there in-person, and another ten to fifteen associates connected at various times from around the globe via Zoom. In addition to MINTS associates, we had a number of MINTS Board Members in attendance and we were joined by guests from ITEM and the OCPC mission committee. The

associates that attended in-person traveled from California, Texas, Florida, Oklahoma, Serbia, Zambia, Mexico, Argentina, and Canada. Joining us on Zoom were associates in South Africa, Nepal, Uganda, and Ethiopia.

We recently focused on the English side of MINTS, and in this edition we are considering what the Lord has done in the Spanish side of MINTS in 2024, using the chart below and the field reports from Esau Reyes De La Cruz, MINTS Hispanic Ministries Coordinator.

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COUNTRY	CTS	AATS	BATS	MATS	Mdiv	Total
Argentina	1					1
Chile	15		3			18
Colombia	5		26			31
Cuba			2			2
Ecuador	1					1
El Salvador		9	10	1	3	19
United States				3		3
Mexico	11	3	19			33
Panama			2			2
Peru			2			2
Dominican Republic			7	1		8
Venezuela		15	48			63

Photo: Lighthouse in Taganga, Colombia



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MINTS is uniquely situated for South America, same time zone as US, easy travel, higher levels of education and one major language. All of these things combined have allowed MINTS to grow dramatically in 2024. The Lord has blessed MINTS Español in 2024. The number of students increased from 2023-2024 from 4610 to 4704. Twelve of those are doctoral students, the next generation of MINTS teachers. We had graduates in Argentina, Chile, Colombia, Cuba, Ecuador, El Salvador, United States, Mexico, Panama, Peru, Dominican Republic, and Venezuela.

Please pray for us as we face many challenges. The economic and political situations in Cuba and Venezuela are very difficult, and yet, we see more students joining MINTS during these troubled times.

In Ecuador, four different prisons have MINTS programs

and in Chile, MINTS has begun in Valdivia with 150 prisoners being led by leaders of the same churches as those that are in prison. We are thankful for the blessings in each country, and, just like the book of Acts, this ministry is mixed with struggles and challenges, so please continue to pray as the harvest is plentiful, and the laborers are few.

A highlight during our January annual meeting was a video explaining the MINTS prison ministry in Chile. (see Link [MINTS - PRISIONES - Chile.mp4](#).) The same Seminary-in-Prison program we run in Florida and the South is run in other countries, and we hope MINTS Seminary-in-Prison will expand worldwide. We have seen remarkable success in the US, with men leaving prison and entering into churches and ministries.

In His blessings,

Julian



MINTS primary Hispanic ministry team: I to r Esau Reyes, Jose Ramirez, Bridigido Caberra, Jaime Morales

MEXICO



11 Certificate in Theological Studies graduates and 9 Bachelor of Theological Studies graduates from MINTS in Iquala, Guerrero, Mexico

In Iquala, Guerrero, Pastor Joel Moreno, who is pastor of an Independent Pentecostal Church, opened a MINTS Center to study Reformed theology.

After a few years, for the glory of God, eleven students graduated from the Certificate in Theological Studies program and nine from the Bachelor's Degree in Theological Studies program. This allow MINTS to start classes in person since the graduates will be able to teach others and the Master's Degree will continue with teachers by ZOOM.

RMS is an organization that helps us support our graduates or coordinators who are planting churches, build parsonages for leaders. So, from March 5th to 13th Esau Reyes, MINTS Hispanic Ministries Coordinator, was in Campeche, Mexico with a group from RMS to build the pastoral home of Pastor Roger Yah, who is our MINTS Coordinator in Campeche. He also had the opportunity to teach Master's Degrees to pastors and teachers of the region.

Rey de Reyes is a Presbyterian Church that was planted by Pastor Kenton Wood of the PCA, and is one of the most important urban churches in Guadalajara, Mexico with a membership of 800 members in three Sunday services. MINTS signed an agreement to train its teachers, planters and leaders, and with the grace of God on November 24, we graduated four of its teachers and two staff members as Graduates in Theology.



Rey de Reyes Presbyterian Church



CUBA

A brief glimpse of Cuba gives a idea of what troubles face the people: Country wide, there is a serious problem with electricity. In Havana cuts are scheduled for 1 to 2 hours a day by sectors and it is tolerable, but inside the country, things are another reality. The electricity is cut off from 12 to 18 hours a day, which makes it very difficult to cook, sleep, and of course do tasks on electronic devices. This

also adds more trouble on top of the scarcity of food, the miserable rations that the government gives to each family and the migration that grows more and more every day.

Our students, despite all the struggles and hardships of serving in a persecuted church, continue to fulfill their homework, essays and reading reports. Classes are still given, students are enrolled, churches are planted, and God's Word continues to transform lives. Glory to God!



Teaching a Biblical Counseling course at the Full Gospel Church in Havana, Cuba



PERU

Esau Reyes, MINTS Hispanic Ministries Coordinator, recently visited the MINTS groups in Peru, specifically in the Cusco area. There he had the opportunity to teach the course of *Malachi: A Prophet Christ – Centric*. He also visited a group in the mountains at 4250 meters above sea level where they teach in Quechua and of course he had the opportunity to share the faith with the brothers and enjoy the blessings of our God. In Peru MINTS has **Mtra. Carla Varcacel**, who does an extraordinary job in the promotion of Christian education for women. Specifically we have an agreement with the R. Synod of the Peruvian Evangelical Church to teach MINTS.



BOLIVIA

Esau Reyes traveled to La Paz and met with MINTS Coordinator, **Mr. Edgar Flores**. He had the opportunity to teach in La Paz, Oruro and Cochabamba. There he saw how MINTS groups are working and growing in their faith. He also had time to be with the Presbyterian and Reformed Church in Bolivia and gave a lecture and participated in their annual Protestant Reformation gathering, which allowed him to see their growth and desire to work in that country in continuing education, evangelization and the planting of new churches.



Bolivia

COLOMBIA

Esau Reyes, MINTS Hispanic Ministries Coordinator, was in Bogotá, Colombia with **Dr. Isamel Quintero** and **Mr. Juan José Dával** sharing *An Introduction to Messianic Psalms*. Then Esau traveled to Santa Martha where MINTS had a graduation of undergraduate students, and he had the privilege of preaching on Sunday at the Reformed Church of **Pastor Edisón Flores**. Later, he traveled to Cartagena, which was new for him, where he visited **Pastor Ricardo Escobar** with whom we had a sample MINTS class with about seventy interested pastors and leaders. The plan is to open a MINTS Center starting in 2025. Finally, he traveled to Ibaguè with **Juan Manuel Currea** and his group where he also taught *Messianic Psalms*. Without a doubt, MINTS' groups in Colombia are growing and consolidating, and we are opening new groups that will allow us to grow and expand our work in this beautiful country.



COLOMBIA



Class in Cartagena, Colombia



Grads in Santa Martha, Colombia

PRAYERS FOR CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA

- For the pastors and students in Cuba and the struggles they have in their nation. A Pastor in Cuba earns \$6,000.00 Cuban pesos, that is \$20.00 dollars per month.
- For **Nelson Donet**, our National Dean in Cuba and the master's students who work with his Project 66.
- For the Theological Seminaries and Institutes with whom we have agreements in Latin America.
- For the Coordinators of each nation and the local coordinators who are the heart of our movement.
- For graduate students who are planting churches and renewing churches.
- For the MINTS Prisons programs in Ecuador and Chile. In the prison of Valdivia, Chile, we have had problems due to the change of director of the prison and for now, he has not allowed us to enter to teach.
- For future trips to Peru (August), Colombia (September) and Bolivia (October). In addition to the planning of a trip to Venezuela that Esau hopes to make in November of this year.

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED

All this is only possible with your help. Thank you for supporting our work. For those of you who would like to help we have great needs. Please consider supporting us in the following ways:

1. **We need people to work/volunteer with MINTS:** we have academic registrar, database entry, grant writers and bookkeeping positions open in the US.
2. In the field **we need REs and TEs** who are interested in developing a particular part of the world. For example West Africa or Southern Asia. We need men willing to write and teach in various academic areas, and to physically go and teach and in many places to possibly help church plants. MINTS does not plant churches but as Reformed Theology is best ministered in practical models, we can exemplify the Reformed Faith to many of our students who may intern with us.
3. **We need financial support.** We are a very low cost ministry but in order to meet all the teaching training, translating and church planting needs, we do need funds. Also, all of our workers are self-funded. Please consider supporting us in the work both overall and individually. All support is used very carefully and judiciously. We are accredited by ECFA and are held to their high standards.
4. **Prayer teams:** We would like to develop prayer teams for various areas of the world. Would you be interested in hosting a team in your area?

Your partnership is appreciated in support of the MINTS global seminaries as well as MINTS individuals and administration. Go to www.mints.edu/give for support information.

