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THIS IS THE LORD'S DOING

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This is the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes (Ps 118:23)

Ecuador Pastors' Seminar 2025

There are times when the Lord moves in such unusual ways that one simply stands in awe; and times when a long-standing prophetic word is suddenly being fulfilled and we are left amazed. Both of these things were certainly true of World MAP's first-ever



"The seminar exceeded my expectations...the feedback has all been positive, described as spectacular and highlighted the content ... biblical and challenging."
-Pastor Pedro, Ecuador Coordinator



seminar for pastors in Ecuador in July of this year.

Helpful Background

A number of years ago, while ministering in a Latin nation, the Lord gave me a clear vision. I could see a world globe suspended, with bright red arrows traversing out of Latin nations and landing in many other countries of the world. This represented to me a time when God would strategically use Spanish-speaking peoples to evangelize the world, planting churches and making disciples of all nations.

In God's Kingdom, timing is everything. So I held this word in my heart as we prayerfully waited on the Lord for His direction.

Kingdom Relationships

One day, we received an email from Manuel & Fanny Noriega, Venezuelan pastors who had fled intense persecution and ended up in Miami, Florida, where they had planted a church.



Additionally, they had obtained a Spanish *Shepherd's Staff*, and developed a global ministry training program for Spanish-speaking pastors using this book and other free online World MAP resources.

As their network of Latin pastors grew worldwide, Pastor Manuel reached out to us to acquire *Shepherd's Staff* books for the pastors he was discipling. Those were provided, and a blessed Kingdom relationship developed.

Marvelous Multiplication

A series of meetings resulted in seminar invitations in several Latin countries. Ecuador was highlighted to us, even though we were told that pastors in this nation rarely gathered across denominational lines for any event and attendance might be low.

Once the World MAP seminar was announced, the Lord began to do a marvelous thing. Instead of the 100 or so pastors anticipated, a flood of registrants poured in! But where would we meet that could accommodate them all?



"An historic move of the Holy Spirit! More than 25 years since 600 leaders from various denominations gathered with the same heart and purpose in Ecuador... The presence of God was real, and the Holy Spirit ignited our hearts to evangelize and make disciples His way. All the glory belongs to God for beginning a great harvest that will impact the nations!"

-Pastors Manuel & Fanny Noriega
Directors of Global School of Ministry

"An extraordinary experience - full of challenges, commitment, discipline, teaching and an example to follow in coming together around one God, one faith, one Church Body."

-Pastor Abel, Ecuador Coordinator



Amazingly, a local Christian university opened their 600-seat auditorium to us, with the ability to provide meals for the participants right on site. We watched the registration numbers climb, until we reached the 600 capacity and had to form a standby list. It had been several decades since this many pastors had come together for any event in Ecuador, and it was clear it was the Lord's doing!

Spiritual DNA

What a thrill it was to gather with pastors from 21 of the 24 provinces in Ecuador, as well as from Colombia, Venezuela and Peru. There was even a large group of Quechua Indian pastors, who occupy land from the Andes mountains to the eastern Amazon basin, serving in some of the most difficult regions of Ecuador. Their language is spoken by 12 million people in South America – and they have a heart to reach them all!

Regardless of the group, denomination, age or experience



level, the pastors who gathered with us in Ecuador all shared a deep hunger for God's Kingdom purposes. There was a swift and "from the heart" readiness to embrace scriptural truths and openly respond to the working of the Holy Spirit.

The pastors listened intently to the teachings about God's Kingdom, His pattern for His Church, making authentic disciples, the need for the Holy Spirit and His anointing, and more. Their full-hearted response during the ministry time was humbling, as they committed to serve together in unity, and were willing to go wherever God would send them.



At the conclusion, each pastor gratefully received their very own *Shepherd's Staff*, World MAP's handheld 1000-page ministry training manual.

This was some of the greatest spiritual hunger I have seen from pastors, and one of the strongest moves of God in response to their desire for Him. Truly, this is the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes!

Thank you for helping us to equip faithful frontline saints to go into all the world and preach the Gospel, making disciples of all nations. 🙏

A PHOTOGRAPHER'S BAPTISM BY FIRE

BY JORGE LARA



As the World MAP photographer and seminar coordinator, I had arrived in Ecuador fully prepared for the week ahead – or so I thought.

But we were met with news of a serious problem. Extenuating circumstances had left us without an interpreter. No clear solution was presenting itself, and I was trying not to panic as I realized that months of preparation and expense to gather 600 pastors might be in vain.

WHO, ME?

After discussion and prayer with key leaders, a person was finally selected. Much to my dismay, this person had "zero" experience as an interpreter – it was me!

Though I was born in Mexico, and my first language is Spanish, I did not think my conversational Spanish was sufficient. Interpreting is a developed expertise, and I had never even tried it. But after a prayerful and sleepless night, I knew it was the Lord's doing.

A DIFFERENT VIEW

Instead of a camera, I found myself holding a microphone. Instead of moving about and hunting for the best angles and expressions, I was hunting for the right words and terms to express challenging biblical concepts. I depended on the Lord, and He was being faithful.

As I looked into the hungry faces of the pastors, a picture emerged. I saw a horizontal line running across the room, representing God's call and expectation of them as pastors. Some were under the line, and felt undeserving or insufficient for the call. Others were above it, having drifted away from what God desired. As the Word went forth, it acted as a "re-calibration" of the pastors,

returning and re-aligning them with the Father's original call and purposes (Jn 21:17).

I have watched Dr. Frank teaching and imparting to thousands in multiple nations. But now, I realized I was not only communicating teaching points, but also his heart - which in turn is our Lord's heart for each church leader. When they know their Father loves them, and calls them to more, their hearts open to Him in fresh receptivity and they are transformed.

WHO WILL GO FOR ME?

At every seminar, Dr. Frank leads the pastors in a ministry time, asking the Holy Spirit for a fresh filling, resubmitting their lives and ministries to Him. In Ecuador, I watched the pastors being mightily touched as they were all being filled and changed.

Standing in the healing presence of the Spirit's work, I was led to lay down the microphone and just receive. Tears streamed down my face and I knew in my heart what the Lord was asking (Isaiah 6:8). I could hear myself saying over and over, "I will go, I will go, I will go..." Truly our spirit will respond to His, even if we think we are not ready.

Thank you for your prayers and support that allow for such profound ministry. These transformed leaders will now impact their nations, and be sent into all the world for Jesus' sake and glory. This is all the Lord's doing, and it is truly marvelous! 🙏



SHEPHERDING THE NATIONS: A Record-Breaking Year!

Thanks to your faithful generosity and prayers, *The Shepherd's Staff* [World MAP's 1000-page ministry training guide] has had a record-breaking explosion of distribution this year!

In 2025, we have initiated the printing of **39,000 *Shepherd's Staff* books** (TSS) in eight different languages. As of this writing, most are already delivered, or are underway in cargo containers to locations around the world. Here is a brief breakdown of this historic ministry training effort.

1. Philippines – 6,000 English *Shepherd's Staffs*

A new generation of church leaders is rising to run with “the baton,” creating a great need for sound, Bible-based ministry training. This shipment will be split between the Mindanao and Luzon regions, as our contacts focus on the under-served outlying villages and islands where the Gospel is spreading.

2. Nepal/India – 5,000 Nepali TSS, and 3,300 TSS in three Indian Languages

Nepali is World MAP's newest TSS language version, and this is our second reprint! These will go to pastors attending the September 2025 seminars, as well as pastors throughout Nepal and India.

3. Cuba – 10,000 Spanish *Shepherd's Staffs*

A key contact for getting ministry helps into Cuba is partnering with World MAP to equip the Cuban Church, strengthening church leaders with solid, biblical resource who are serving under pressure.

4. India – 13,000 TSS in four Indian Languages

Each translation represents a door opened to pastors who are without access to in-depth biblical training. This order supplies a long-time partner who is making vast strides in India, training up church leaders and planting thousands of churches in unreached areas.

5. Benin – 5,000 French *Shepherd's Staffs*

Another faithful World MAP partner is being re-supplied with TSS, in order to equip pastors for a lifetime of ministry in key parts of Benin, Gabon, Central African Republic and Congo.

Why This Matters

Every copy of *The Shepherd's Staff* is more than a book. It is a free manual that equips pastors – those with few resources and without formal training – to teach, lead and disciple their churches to fulfill Christ's Great Commission.

Please pray with us that every book arrives into the right hands, at the right time, for ministry done the right way. Together, we are equipping shepherds and we are grateful for your support. You are indeed changing the world for the sake of the Gospel. Thank you! 🙏

By Natascha Kling



Philippines



Nepal/ India



Cuba



India



Benin

AN EFFECTIVE DOOR... INCREASING ADVERSARIES

NEPAL

World MAP had four powerful seminars in Nepal in 2024, and returned this year to conduct more seminars. But our open door was met with unexpected adversaries (1Cor 16:9).

Storms of Destruction

We arrived at the first location in Dharan to tremendous monsoon storms in the region. But a second storm was also brewing. That day, the Nepali government had restricted access to major social media sites. It was like a match to a bonfire of discontent and rage over government corruption.

Countrywide protests ensued and, as we prayed through the night, we heard the chaos and saw a large building burning just 50 yards from our location. Sadly, things were much worse in the major cities.

By morning, there was widespread destruction, 70+ deaths, and 15,000+ convicts had escaped prisons throughout Nepal. Roads and airports were closed and the government had collapsed.



Unexpected Blessing

Under strict curfews, our team and most of the 200 pastors had to “shelter in place.” Thus, despite the adversity, we were able to continue with the seminar!

The pastors were so grateful for the days of ministry training. After sharing meals and days in God's Word together, they also became more unified in Kingdom purpose. The final ministry session in the presence of the Holy Spirit was equally powerful.

Disappointed But Hopeful

Once our team was able to return to Kathmandu, it was the unanimous decision of our World MAP Boards for the team to depart Nepal, and postpone the second seminar. We were disappointed, but received this wisdom and counsel – and are very hopeful for returning to Nepal for more ministry training.

Please keep the nation of Nepal in your prayers during this time of crisis and change. May the **Gospel of Jesus Christ** be declared as the nation's one true Hope! 🙏

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GO AND PREACH THE GOSPEL – AND MAKE DISCIPLES!

These powerful commands from Jesus are as true today as they have ever been. The harvest is ripe worldwide, so we fervently pray for laborers to be sent; and World MAP provides ministry training for those willing to go into the harvest fields of the earth.

Please pray with us, and **help** World MAP to Shepherd the Nations!

Here are some options:

- \$10** – gives a **Shepherd's Staff** to a church leader
- \$30** – sends a pastor to a **World MAP Seminar**
- \$100** – helps fund essential **Video/Audio training**

To donate online, please visit **www.world-map.com**; or you may call our office, or use the enclosed envelope to send your support.



*Ecuadorian
Pastor*



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