

# Costa Rican Reflections



## History in the Making!

Several events took place in March that are expected to greatly affect the future of the ministry of LATN/ProMETA. The first, which occurred March 2—3, was the 2010 Summit, an event that brought together 13 representatives of U.S. churches and people from Spain, Venezuela, Honduras, and Costa Rica to learn more about the ministry. It was thrilling to hear first-hand from our visiting students how studying with ProMETA has changed their lives and ministries. It was also a great blessing to be able to share and reconnect with many whose churches support the ministry.



Henry shares at the Summit

One of the people Henry and I were most eager to meet was Samuel, a Venezuelan student and mentor whom we'd mentioned many times during our Home Assignment presentations last year. The story we'd shared was of the way Samuel had multiplied himself by taking what he'd learned from ProMETA and sharing it with 100 other leaders from his denomination. Those leaders took the training to their churches, ultimately using it to touch the lives of some 5,000 people. What we didn't know until hearing Samuel's testimony at the Summit, though, was that the training he'd provided those 100 leaders had been videotaped and later posted on You Tube. As that training spread across the internet, Samuel received over 500 requests to conduct it again! 20 new churches have been the fruit of this one student's efforts! We are honored to partner with men like Samuel, "*reliable men who will also be qualified to teach others,*" 2 Timothy 2:2.



With Maywood EFC Friends

The next historical event took place immediately after the Summit, when course mentors from 3 different continents gathered in our office for a day of special training. ProMETA's mentoring program is one of the things that makes us truly unique in the world of theological education, because it is through the influence of these men & women that our students are challenged to live out their faith in real, life-changing ways. Faith in action is the thing that has the greatest potential to elicit true, Spirit-guided change in the Latin American Church, and our students are immersed in this doctrine!

Finally, the March event that may have the greatest impact on our ministry's future, is the meeting that took place between LATN/ProMETA staff and representatives of the Escuela Evangélica de Teología (EET) of Barcelona, Spain, on March 5. On that day, EET and ProMETA signed a

### Prayer & Praise

- Praise God for great family time during Spring Break!
- Praise for historic events in the life of our ministry.
- Pray for continued blessing & protection



for our staff & students, their ministries & their families.

"Partnership of Collaboration," an agreement that was three years in the making! This partnership identifies EET as ProMETA's representative throughout Europe, enabling us to more effectively promote our programs among the Spanish speaking church leaders who live there. It also provides us with a means to help those leaders who apply to ProMETA but are unprepared to enter a Master's program, because we will direct them toward EET's undergraduate programs, which they can access from a distance. Thus, the two institutions will make history together by training key leaders *all over* the Spanish speaking world! Praise God!



ProMETA Students & Mentors at the Summit: Esaú (Costa Rica), Mario & Samuel (Venezuela), Javier (Spain), Alexander (Costa Rica), José Luis (Guatemala), Guido (Costa Rica)

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