



# Bruce & Lisa Burkholder

*Strengthening churches in Latin America*

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## Praises

- God continues to protect us from the ill effects of COVID.
- We just returned from CA where we were able to visit our son and his family. We also participated in two Hispanic pastors' conferences.
- Four new books plus six new mini-books were published.

## Prayer Requests

- Please pray for safety as we travel to supporting churches in TN, WV, WI, and NC.
- We ask prayer for Lisa and the ladies working on the SS revision.
- Pray that God would use the materials we publish to draw people to Christ and strengthen believers.
- Please pray for the training of professors at the seminary in Peru.

## We're bringing the books

In 2 Timothy 4:13 Paul is once again in prison, facing martyrdom for the cause of Christ. While previously, he was held prisoner in his own hired house, now Paul is held in the Mamertine Dungeon. According to the Roman historian Sallust, the Mamertine Dungeon had cell blocks deep under the city of Rome. It was a dark, damp, and dirty place where prisoners who were awaiting execution were held. So Paul requested that Timothy bring him a cloak to protect him from the cold. He also asked for the books (scrolls) and especially the parchments. While we cannot identify with certainty the specific items he requested, the scrolls may have been copies of the Old Testament or other unidentified books which he could read to occupy his time and encourage his heart. The parchments may have been blank sheets upon which Paul could write. What is clear is that Paul wanted to occupy himself in further study and writing.

Can I compare the ministry of EBI to that of Timothy? As Timothy was willing to serve his friend and mentor by taking him the needed books, so our passion is to take God's word to Hispanic pastors and Christian leaders through the publication and distribution of quality books (not scrolls) for study, growth, and ministry.

This past week we were in California serving in two Hispanic pastors' conferences. The first conference, in North Hollywood, CA, was a meeting of the Sociedad Teológica Cristiana, a symposium of Hispanic theologians. This group meets annually to discuss pertinent issues of doctrine and practice. The second was the huge Expositors Conference in Sun Valley, CA. Over 2,500 Hispanic pastors and Christian leaders attended this conference. Through a gift given by our sending church, Canton Baptist Temple, we were able to give each attendee of the Expositors Conference a copy of our newest book, *The Forgotten Trinity* by James White. We also had a table at both conferences where all of our titles could be purchased. Our goal at both conferences was to provide doctrinally-sound materials to pastors and their churches, to be a voice for Baptist doctrine and practice, and to build relationships with Christian leaders from all over the Hispanic world.

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# Ministry Shorts

## Minibook assembly

We recently had printed 3,000 copies of six new minibook titles and two reprints. That's 24,000 minibooks in total. While these are printed by an outside printing company, we assemble them at our EBI office. For the last few weeks our staff and local volunteers have been cutting, collating, folding, and stapling. You can imagine the tediousness and exhaustion of this process, but we do this with joy knowing that God will use these books to strengthen His Church.



## Transformed into His Image

In our last prayer letter we highlighted our new book *Transformados en Su Imagen* by Jim Berg. The book has now been released. We just received this picture from the Universidad Cristiana en Latina America (UCLA). They are already using the book in one of their classes.



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## Revised SS materials

Lisa and two others from our team have been working hard to update our Junior SS titles. Like all materials, periodic updates are needed to keep pace with changing trends (Some of these titles are 20 years old). Note, this does not mean a change in doctrine or content, rather, these ladies have worked hard to present the same doctrinally-sound, quality materials with a fresh, new look. We plan to launch the new series in November. Please pray with us that we will meet our deadlines and that the materials will be well received.



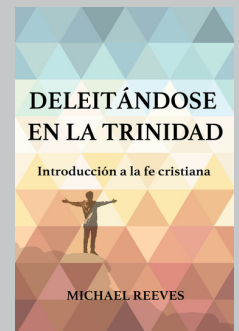
## Professor Training at Peru Seminary

Virtual technology is amazing! From my desk in Sebring, FL, I can teach anywhere in the world. Because of this technology, the Seminary in Peru has invited me to offer training this semester during their monthly faculty meetings. During these four sessions I am teaching on the fragmentation of theological education, curricular integration, and problem-based learning. Please pray with us for this ministry.

## New publications



*Worldliness: Resisting the Seduction of a Fallen World*  
C.J. Mahaney



*Delighting in the Trinity*  
Michael Reeves



Six new minibook titles



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