

Colombia

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MISSIONS



Since 1999, when WELS missionaries were pulled out of Colombia for security reasons, the Colombian national church has continued to thrive. They have now extended their mission efforts to the cities of Quibdó, Valledupar, Cartago, and Santa Marta. Before the missionaries evacuated, they concentrated their efforts on training the nationals to do ministry and outreach in Bogotá and Medellín. Though not fully trained, the leaders were blessed to serve their congregations and do outreach without the missionaries present.

Currently, the Latin American missions team is responsible for maintaining contact with Colombian leaders, fostering fellowship, and helping with continued theological education of the leaders.

Mission updates

In spite of attempts by Satan to disrupt the unity of the church in Colombia, the congregations continue to prosper by the Lord's grace and blessing. The spiritual needs of the congregations are being met, training of members for ministry is being done, the congregations are active in evangelism, and outreach continues to be done to other cities of Colombia. The national church leaders are now concentrating more attention on carrying out a more advanced theological training program.

With the help of God, an international church has taken the form of a special ministry under the auspices of the The Most Holy Trinity Lutheran congregation in Medellin. This ministry offers Bible studies and worship services in the Spanish language via Skype and is reaching out to the Spanish speaking population throughout the world.

Mission statistics

National membership: 188

Congregations: 3

Preaching stations: 6

National pastors: 3

National student pastors: 1

National evangelists: 2

National Bible institute students: 26

Seminary students: 4

Visiting instructors: 2

Praying for Colombia

Please pray for more students would enroll in the School of the Angels in Bogotá; that the Bogotá congregation receives financing to build their own church building; that the congregations in Bogotá and Medellín continue to be blessed in their outreach plans; and that the Lord bless the efforts of the Colombian national church to plant new churches in the cities of Valledupar, Cartago, and Santa Marta.