

Conferences and baptisms

The Greens Costa Rica

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God - Creator and Redeemer

"Preparing the Church for witness in a paganized world"

This was the theme of Dr. Peter Jones' conferences in Costa Rica - March 7 - 9. With the help of the San José pastors' Association, the events were well organized, and attendance was between 75 and 130 people.

Many people came to Peter Jones and thanked him for his work, especially the books he's written. CLIR has translated and published seven of Jones' books (Dr. Jones has never asked for royalties). We believe that Peter Jones' work has truly been "prophetic", as he has exposed the pagan agenda which is advancing in all the West.

In this last conference, Dr. Jones developed the theme of the Church's response in a world which now rejects Christianity, and may even begin to persecute Christians. The topic was timely and fascinating.



Teacher in-service training

Taking advantage of Dr. Jones' visit, we had him speak to our Christian school teachers. Jones presented them with a useful "tool" to identify pagan themes in the obligatory State curricular materials. The teachers were very excited and thanked Peter for his help. We ask for prayer for CECRE (our Christian school) as the spiritual battle intensifies.



A month of adult baptisms!

Max Vindas (pictured right) is a unique fellow. Up until a few years ago he lived a godless life. As a professional tourist guide and biologist, he made a good amount of money, traveling with tours, and was even contracted by the Brazilian government to spearhead a park project in Brazil. He speaks three languages.

Converted in a pentecostal church, Max began devouring Scripture, books and on-line conferences. Since he speaks fluent English, he soon came across Reformed speakers, and that was the end of the story! searched desperately for a Reformed church, and found one - three blocks away! He's our neighbor!



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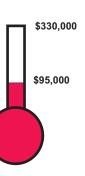
So Max immediately joined our church, and has been instrumental in bringing his son, his niece and her boyfriend into the Pacto de Gracia congregation as full members: Max Jr., Monserrat and Michael. They were all baptized within two weeks of each other.

That's not the whole story. As a true leader, Max has organized an evangelistic bible study with his sister (nominally Roman Catholic) and 9 other people in his native city 2 hours away. They are studying material based on the Heidelberg Catechism every week, complete with exams! Several have expressed their faith in the Lord. Thank the Lord with us for these exciting developments - and stay tuned!

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