

Reformation!

**The Greens
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500 years - and looking forward!
"on the shoulders of giants" - theme of our Journal

The Church moves on!

One temptation that is possibly a strong one for Reformed Christians, is to dwell on the past at the expense of looking at the present and future. I am a historian, I love history, and I love the history *especially* of the Reformation. William Farel is a favorite of mine, as is John Calvin (who would guess?)

No one really *believes* we should live in the past. However, it does take a conscientious effort to address present challenges while honoring what God has already done in His Church in past history. Our goal through the *Latin American Fellowship of Reformed Churches (CLIR)* is precisely this.

Our latest Journal honoring the 500 years since the Reformation examines the lives and contribution of eight figures (men and women) from the Reformation. I feel this (and our next Journal) are historic tributes to God's work in history through His people. Even if I say it myself, these Journals are very good!

We continue to see more and more interest in sound doctrine here in Costa Rica, and throughout Latin America. The Reformation continues!



*4,000 Journals ready to ship!
The Reformation continues!*

Volunteer helpers!



The Reformed Presbyterian Church has sent various groups of volunteer young people to Costa Rica over the years. Kennedy, Judy and Christina are here for two weeks helping in English classes at school and collating for CLIR. Great gals! We appreciate your help! Watch the video at www.reformedmissions.org



Lester in the “Control Center” taking book requests and organizing events

Invitation to be a key part of the growing Reformation in Latin America

It happens to us all. We get busy with our immediate activities and it is difficult to keep in mind what is going on somewhere else. I feel the Lord has provided, however, a marvelous opportunity to participate as “co-laborers in Christ” and “ambassadors” of the Gospel (Rom. 16:3; 2 Cor 5:20) in Latin America. There are several ways to participate personally.

Financing - In many respects we are held back simply by lack of financial resources. The CLIR network has a robust team of translators, a fully equipped print shop, and a committed staff. Translation of the Calvin Commentary set and other publications are limited simply to finances. Your contribution is important. Please consider the opportunities to participate in advancing the

Lester Martínez

Many of you know Lester. He has put up with Bill for 18 years! Lester now knows more about CLIR than Bill does, and should be the one we think about to carry on the work of CLIR. Lester also presently pastors the Cartago church, is married, with one son. Praise the Lord for this committed, faithful servant! Your contributions pay his salary.

Lester next to 700 copies of DeGraaf’s “Promise and Deliverance”. Now CLIR offers the whole 4 - part series of this fine Redemptive Historical commentary! Praise!



Volumes 3 and 4 finally finished!

Reformation in Latin America through giving.

Prayer - Untold numbers of people assure us they are praying for the ministry here. Pastors, leaders, Christian brothers and sisters are all upholding the work in prayer. Paul urges constant prayer at the end of Ephesians 6, after he has written about our spiritual battle (Eph. 6:18). We *are* in a spiritual battle, and we constantly face trials, some severe. Please pray daily for Costa Rica, CLIR, the school, and for us!

Volunteer work - the work in Costa Rica has been blessed incredibly by short and long term volunteers. We can *ALWAYS* use you! Our school, the printing ministry, and the churches always have abundant work for EVERYONE!

Contact us if you are interested and available. Any and all talents are needed!

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