



## QUITO, ECUADOR

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### Local and International Unity

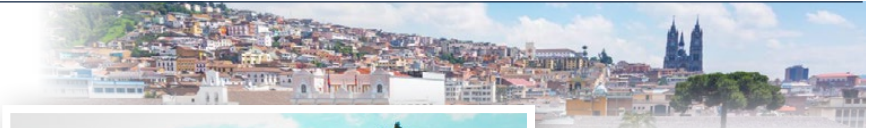
Significant developments in the Reformed churches of Ecuador highlight local unity within the body of Christ. Luz de Vida Reformed Church, along with its church plants in South Quito, Tumbaco, and Ibarra, has united with La Gracia Reformed Church and its church plant in Ibarra to form a new denomination: Iglesias Reformadas en Ecuador (IRE). This partnership embodies a shared commitment to the Three Forms of Unity and Church Order. The first Classis meeting, held on July 13th, marked a historic moment for Ecuador’s Reformed church.

As part of this union, the two small church plants in Ibarra—one from Luz de Vida and one from La Gracia—were merged into a single congregation. La Gracia now oversees this new Ibarra church, with Luz de Vida represented on a joint committee. Mr. Luis Enrique Terán currently serves this congregation, while Mr. Jorge de Sousa has returned to Quito to assist the other Luz de Vida church plants.

Meanwhile, the South Mission continues growing under Mr. Ronald Cagua, with several individuals completing basic and membership courses. The Tumbaco Mission, led by Mr. Jean Carlos Morán, is also preparing for outreach efforts on October 5th. Jean Carlos’ wife, Becky, is expecting twins, bringing joy to the congregation.

On the educational front, the Seminario Reformado de las Américas (SRA) began its fall semester with 22 students from various Latin American countries. Four courses are currently being offered, each taught by a different instructor: Greek I, Theological Foundations, Hermeneutics, and Reformed Confessions. Additionally, we are preparing for our first graduation in December, where Mr.

Ronald Cagua and Mr. Jean Carlos Morán will receive their B.Div. degrees. Lord willing. We are also excited to host our first conference



in Quito, focusing on the Marks of the True Church.

This summer, I had the privilege of speaking at the El Pastor Reformado Conference at Puritan Reformed Theological Seminary and attending the URCNA Synod in Escondido. A key highlight was the 8th General Assembly of the Latin American Fellowship of Reformed Churches (CLIR), held from September 18-21, 2024, in San José, Costa Rica. This gathering of 125 representatives from 14

countries exemplified international unity under the theme “Firm in the Battle,” emphasizing the collective call to courageously proclaim the Gospel.

During the Assembly, I was honored to be elected President of CLIR for the next four years, with Rev. Bill Green reaffirmed as Executive Secretary. The Assembly featured impactful lectures on critical issues facing the church today, including “The Good Deposit of Faith,” focusing on the responsibility to uphold sound doctrine; “Covenantal Faithfulness in the Face of Apostasy,” addressing the need for fidelity amidst cultural challenges; and “The Challenge of Transhumanism and Gender Ideology,” urging leaders to confront contemporary societal issues with biblical truth. Together, these themes encouraged churches to uphold sound doctrine while fostering unity and collaboration across borders.

As the Gospel advances in Ecuador and Latin America, we invite you to join us in this mission. Your support is vital in sustaining our efforts to train future pastors, support church plants, and advance the mission of Christ. Together, as a united body of believers, we can trust in God’s providence to guide and sustain His church in every corner of the world.

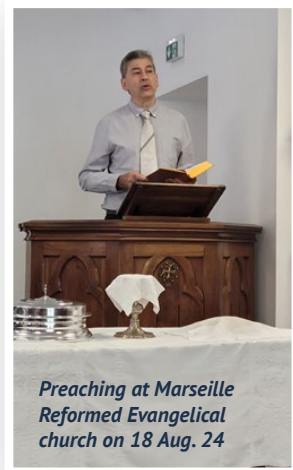
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**June-August have been marked by several invitations addressed to me come and preach the Word**

in various Reformed-Presbyterian churches throughout France: Paris, Pau (South-West France), Aix-en-Provence, Marseille (South East). This trend seems to be consolidating and indicates a growing interest in the ministry of *Reformed Faith and Life*. My connection with the Chapelle de Nesle (Evangelical Reformed Church) in Paris is getting stronger. On Saturday 23 October, Ligonier ministries will release at Nesle their Reformation Study Bible recently translated from English into French. I will attend the event and publicize it on our social media.

The number of short podcasts recorded and posted on our website as well as other platforms (Facebook, Telegram, X, etc.) has reached 300 and will continue growing. Recently I started recording and posting short videos on a new Instagram channel. Hopefully it will gradually grow in content and viewers. Some topical articles republished on our website in the light of recent events (like the controversial opening ceremony of the Paris Olympic Games) have attracted up to 2000 interactions. With a few theologically like-minded colleagues I am starting a coordination group aimed at relaying on several social media platforms similar topical articles. They are intended to the broader Evangelical community, in need of a deeper Biblical assessment of the current cultural and spiritual condition of our society.

A book in French aimed at very first readers of the Bible (not necessarily believers) is in its initial phase. It is commissioned by the same publisher from Quebec that released my book of 30 short meditations 2 years ago (*In spirit and in truth*). The title will be: *Do you understand what you are reading?* (Philip's question to the Ethiopian eunuch in Acts 8.30). It should present in a concise way the Bible in a Christ-centered way, explaining some basic features of the Bible as unified Scripture (the Canon) and God's authoritative self-revelation.



*Preaching at Marseille Reformed Evangelical church on 18 Aug. 24*

I am soon on my way to the U.S.A. to attend the *Reformed Faith and Life* annual meetings scheduled at Mid-America Reformed Seminary. I will be preaching at Oak Glen URC in Lansing Ill (being an associate pastor there), also speaking during a RCUS church conference held in Aberdeen (SD) the theme is: Calvin's relevance for the Church today).



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