

Josué Pineda
2021 Annual Report
of a member of the Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley serving out of bounds
in Tegucigalpa, Honduras

Dear fathers and brothers of the Presbytery of Mississippi Valley,

The following is a report of my labors, since July 2020, as teaching elder of the Iglesia Presbiteriana Gracia Soberana (Sovereign Grace Presbyterian Church) in Tegucigalpa, Honduras.

IGLESIA PRESBITERIANA GRACIA SOBERANA

SOVEREIGN GRACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

In spite of the conditions resulting from COVID-19, God has been faithful to continue to lead us by His hand through His Word, read, prayed, sung, preached and shown through the sacraments.

During this period I have preached from Romans 14, 1 Timothy, 1 John 1, Psalm 46, about Christ in the Covenants, and at present I am about to finish 1 Thessalonians and half way through 1 Samuel. I also taught about the tabernacle, and redemption in the context of what were our Sunday evening Bible study meetings.

COVID-19 has served as a tool to show the condition of the church, in relation to its affections and fears. This provided us with a great opportunity to speak to the church about the importance of gathering together again, worshipping corporately, and loving our neighbors while recognizing the differences in the condition of our consciences. This made it easier for us to resume worship services since September 13 of last year.

Another important step in the growth of the church was the change from Bible Study Meeting on Sunday afternoons to an Evening Worship Service. This has allowed us to have an even better balance in the preaching of the Old and New Testaments.

I have had the opportunity to teach the men of the church about Covenant Theology, and we studied together the book *How Can I Develop a Christian Conscience?* by R.C. Sproul. I also had the opportunity to teach the women of the church some lessons on contentment, based on the book *The Secret of Contentment* by William B. Barclay.

Every Thursday night we continue Learning to Pray with the Psalms, our prayer meeting, in which we have been advancing one psalm per week with which we learn and are guided during prayer time.

CONFERENCIA DOCTRINAS PARA LA VIDA

DOCTRINES FOR LIFE CONFERENCE

Like last year, this year's conference had to be streamed online. This year's speaker was Rodrigo Andrés Espinoza, a teaching elder in Bogota, Colombia, and he lectured on Christian Ethics.

CONTACT WITH OTHER CHURCHES

There were two churches in Colombia that invited me to preach and teach some classes to their members. The first one was the Reformed Presbyterian Church of Bucaramanga, who invited me to teach about the Pastoral Implications of Covenant Theology and then a short course on Biblical Discourse Analysis. The second was the Raah Bible Church in Bogota, Colombia, where I preached and participated as a guest in a meeting of their presbytery.

PRAYER REQUESTS

I appreciate your prayers for the team in Honduras and for our families. Please ask our Lord to grant us His wisdom in decision making, a way of life worthy of the gospel of Christ, and that the light of Christ will transform this nation through the clear and courageous preaching and teaching of the gospel.

REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF THE OUT OF BOUNDS STATUS

I am grateful for Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley's permission to work out of bounds this past year. I respectfully request that Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley grant me permission to continue working out of bounds as an Evangelist in Tegucigalpa, Honduras.

In and for Jesus,

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