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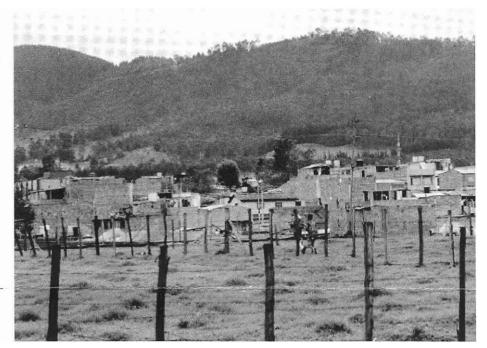


Facatativa, Colombia- I want to tell you about our Colombian connection. The Lord of Lords has done it again; we have been hooked up with a prince of a leader who has a passion for souls and for transforming them into leaders. Jorge Gama comes from an affluent family that has acquired their wealth in the manufacturing of cook ware. When Jorge announced that he would not pursue being a principle in the family business but rather follow his calling to be a minister, the family reacted rather strongly. They said, "If you become a pastor then you will be poor". He responded, "So be it, I would rather obey God and be poor in this life and receive my rewards with eternal riches in the life to come".

Pastor Gama began his church twenty-four years ago, with only five families. Today they have approximately one thousand members. Fourteen years ago they purchased the beginning of their own facilities, an old adobe residence which they eventually tore down and now have a four stories of classrooms and a tin roof sanctuary that will hold a thousand Colombians packed together like sardines (or two hundred gringos). This undertaking of purchasing land and building from the offerings of poor people is a testimony of the faithfulness of God and the tenacity of this man of God. Jorge was an economics major and taught ethics in the University. The Church he has founded, is named "Mision Mundial Iglesia Christiana Armonia" (The Church of Christian Harmony Mission to the World). He has raised up ten mission churches in which he provides oversight. Pastor Jorge also over sees the "Iglesias Nuevo Pacto" (New Covenant Churches) in Colombia. There are approximately one hundred pastors and forty churches in this organization. Pastor Jorge Gama also is the Vice President of the Ministerial Congress of Evangelical Churches. This is the first time in the history of the country of Colum-



bia that evangelical believers have had the ear of the government. When Pastor Jorge Gama first heard of Vida Internacional, he said, "You must come to my country". Only forty percent of ministers have some type of minimal training but they need more. The other sixty percent of pastors have never received any instruction or systematic Bible training. He said "I must strengthen the ministers of my country and help them to develop in their calling". He was very passionate about our Bible School on "DVD". He said "I Can do this! I will register Vida Internacional with the Government of Education working towards accreditation and someday we will



establish the University of Vida Internacional right here out of our facilities". Immediately to get started they will set Pastor Wilson Mora and Alicia Suaerz in charge of duplication and promotion. I will organize a national committee to oversee the establishment of Vida Internacional by setting in a representative in each of the 31provedences in Colombia. While I was with him he called together about a dozen leaders and cast this vision to them and announced to his Church that they will have a Bible School that will impact and bless their nation. Please pray that Jorge Gama's vision will come to pass! We are finishing two more courses this month. If you would like to sponsor a course for \$1,000 and a manual is \$300 we will acknowledge the name of the sponsor, or loved one or Church that underwrote that course. We are making a difference.

Together we touch the world!

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