

Proverbs 2:6 (NRSV)

*For the LORD gives wisdom;
from his mouth come knowledge and understanding.*

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Dear Friends,

I would like you to meet William Urango from Colombia. He is a young man who has had a dramatic and life-changing experience.

William grew up in a society that was filled with hate. The social injustices and economic inequities of his country filled him with an almost incoherent rage. His only focus was to bring violent vengeance on the authors of these injustices.

When William met God he was just 17 years old. The hatred and anger he felt left him. Now he felt joy and peace - only as God's Spirit could give. The Word of God became a foundation for the change in his life. For hours every day he studied and meditated on the words he read in the Bible. Just four months after meeting Christ, William had a dream. That dream convinced him of God's call on his life and he began to preach.

For more than 12 years William has preached from his heart. For many of these years, William has prayed that there would be a way for him to study the deeper things of God's Word. Today he has the opportunity to study at the Biblical Seminary of Colombia (FUSBC) in Medellin, Colombia. His education has to be sponsored - that is the only way he can afford it.

The Biblical Seminary of Colombia is a strategic bible college. They are struggling to meet the urgent need for trained leaders and pastors. Churches have grown rapidly, but discipleship is very difficult. There are far too few leaders to mentor and teach. FUSBC is a unique program that requires students to intern in a church for a one year term. Many students spend their weekends ministering to churches throughout the nation. The seminary encourages churches to recommend students, supporting them with prayer. A poor economical environment means that the cost to send leaders to college is very difficult.

On The Way **by Dr. Gordon T. Smith**

"...renewal in the Christian life is consistently found in returning to the fundamentals... This book responds to such a need by pointing to the classic disciplines and components of a Christian spirituality that have been consistently affirmed by each generation of Christians."

To receive your copy of Dr. Smith's book, simply check the box on the form and return it with your gift of student sponsorship.

We have five students from Colombia right now who are waiting to hear from us. They need support so they can attend school. The full cost to sponsor one student is \$1800. You can provide a full scholarship for a monthly gift of \$150.

If you are unable to donate a complete sponsorship right now, please don't hesitate to give a partial sponsorship. In many cases, students are sponsored by three or four Canadians.

Your financial gift, while important, is only part of the gift of sponsorship. You will become a friend to a young pastor or church leader. You will be able to communicate with them on a regular basis, encouraging them on their birthdays and special holidays. Your prayer support for them means so much. Living as a Christian leader in Colombia is very difficult in these troubled times. Knowing that they have your prayer support is an encouragement that helps through difficult times.

As a special gift to you, I would like to send you a signed copy of my book *On the Way*, published by NavPress. Request a copy when you return your sponsorship support of \$600 (1/3 scholarship) annually and we will send it to you.

Thank you for your support of teaching and training young people, pastors and church leaders. I am grateful for the commitment and generosity of Canadian Christians - your investment into training leaders is an investment into the spiritual lives of thousands of people.

Sincerely,



Dr. Gordon T. Smith
President

P.S. Please send your gift as soon as possible. We are hoping to tell at least 5 young leaders the good news - they have a sponsor for their theological education.



reSource Leadership International is partnering in many different countries to help build a strong foundation of theological education. In the next few months I will be traveling to Poland, Croatia, Romania, Bosnia, and Serbia. Please pray that God would give wisdom and grace as I meet with Christian leaders to strategically invest in the young leaders of their nations.



Scholarships support students like William...

William Urango has the opportunity to go to school - but without a sponsor, the financial obligation is too much for his family to bear. For more than 14 years he has been teaching the Gospel to his people. Now, he prays God will give him time to learn and train to do it more effectively.



Young leaders work hard...

Mentors and teachers disciple young leaders, preparing them for their role in the church. The Biblical Seminary of Colombia looks to reSource Leadership for much needed financial, strategic and prayer support.



Growing pains...

Due to a severe shortage of pastors and teachers, leaders at the Biblical Seminary of Colombia pray for Canadians to come alongside and sponsor students. The church is growing in very difficult times but there are few leaders that have the training to provide good discipleship models.



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Board Approves Name change:

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Since the 1980's Overseas Council Canada has linked dedicated Christians with schools and educational institutes in countries struggling to build the Church. The investment of many Canadians has meant that theological training facilities have been able to build buildings, train teachers and leaders and provide resources for Christians.



The board has for quite some time recognized that the name of the organization did not effectively capture our vision for developing leadership. Therefore, after much deliberation, we are excited to present our new name effective September 1, 2005:

Becomes

reSource Leadership International



The new name clearly identifies our international scope and influence – this is critical in conveying the message of our work. It also highlights our vision to develop leadership for church and society through theological education. We do this through the provision of strategic resources.

In partnership with our supporters and donors, we are a source of funding for scholarships, library development and facilities.

Our international affiliates are taking this name under consideration, recognizing the need to be current, effective and to communicate the core of our message. We welcome your comments on the new name and the new look for reSource Leadership International. Drop us a note or give us a call.

