

**Report: 2-19-16**

**THE 31<sup>ST</sup> SEMINAR FOR PREACHERS AND TEACHERS  
THE 2016 GLENN OWEN SEMINAR**

After 30 years in the same location, this year our seminar took place in Guadalajara, Mexico's second largest city, with the Miravalle Church as the host. This church, established by Alfonso Pastrana and his wife Betty, met for several years in a Hotel in downtown Guadalajara, and the last 5 years has been meeting in a room that is a lean-to at the Pastranas' home. It was big enough for all 53 ministers who attended.

The topics were well presented, with notes for everybody. Chris Frizzell of Granbury spoke on Resolving Conflicts), Albert Acosta of Abilene taught on the Gospel of Mark and my topic was the Gospel of John. We taught all day Wednesday, with two one-hour classes each. Here's what the preachers and teachers are saying:

- Felipe Martínez of Victoria, Tamaulipas (10 hours from Guadalajara by bus): "Thanks for including us. We returned motivated to work with our congregation."
- Paul Nieto of Chihuahua City: "I found great friends in the preachers present. Also, the materials imparted matched their congregation's needs."
- Luis Navarrette of Mexico City: "I loved the seminar. The topics presented were a great blessing. I enjoyed everything."
- Chris Frizzell: "Having been where many of them are, I know the value of having your own bucket filled," referring to the materials we shared.
- Albert Acosta: "It was pure joy teaching preachers who are in the trenches of ministry, eager to learn and to create healthy congregations."

200 copies of FAITH IN ACTION (La Fe en Acción), my book with lessons from 1 and 2 Thessalonians, were distributed among the preachers present.

Our hope is that, as they arrive at their congregations, they will share all the material with their members. May our Lord be praised while His church matures spiritually.

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