

EXPANDING THE SPANISH FOOTPRINT





WHY LEARN SPANISH?

The United States is approaching 50 million Hispanics which would make it the second largest Spanish-speaking country in the world.

Additionally, more than a dozen district presidents identified in their 2023 convention report the lack of Spanish-speaking pastors to serve in their districts.



THE LATIN AMERICA & CARIBBEAN REGION

GIVING BACK TO THE LCMS

This program is an effort to provide the tools for pastors to reach Spanish speakers with the Gospel by:

- Teaching pastors to speak Spanish
- Teaching about Latino culture
- Teaching theology of mission, and some of the basic liturgical rites such as Holy Baptism, marriage etc.



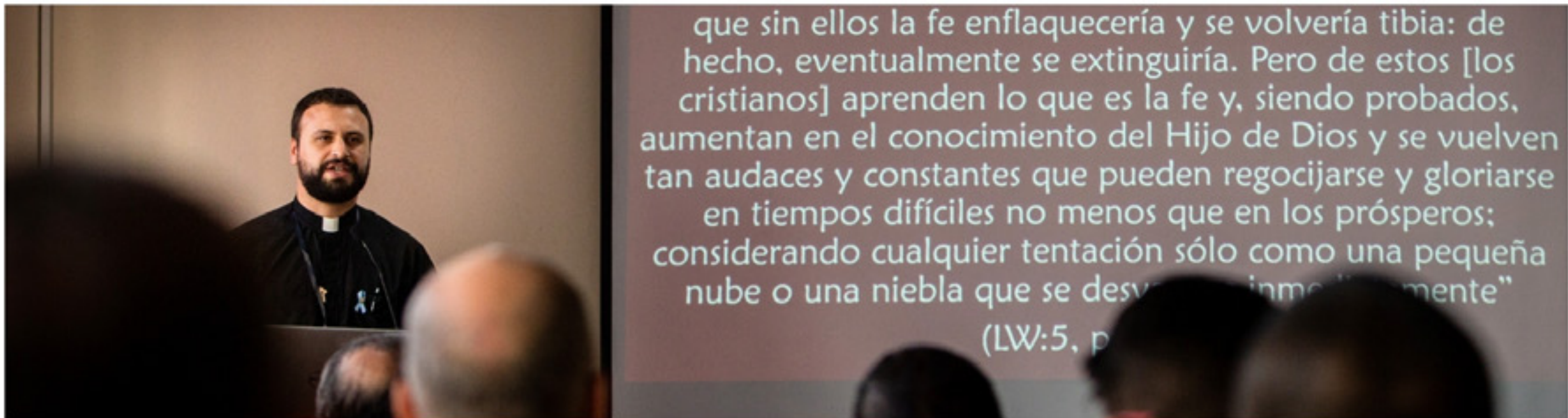
Students have ample opportunity to practice Spanish skills in an immersive environment alongside local pastors, seminarians and professors.



WHO SHOULD STUDY SPANISH?

This course is offered for pastors and church workers without Spanish as well as those with a working language but a desire to learn more.

To maximize their time in the Dominican Republic, students are tested before arriving on the field to ensure they begin at the appropriate level. Training is individualized so that beginners and experienced Spanish speakers benefit from the classes.



WHAT WE OFFER

We offer a minimum of 4 weeks and maximum of 6 weeks to learn Spanish during two ordinary times of the year:

- January 15 forward (4-6 weeks)
- September 15 forward (4-6 weeks)

Special cases for consideration:
Potentially June 1 to July 15 (4-6 weeks)



Language Component

15-20 hours of instruction per week for 4-6 weeks. Goal is grammatical structure and basic vocabulary.

Theological Currents in Latin America

Roman Catholicism, adoration of saints, the Virgin, Pentecostalism, Syncretism, folk religion, and Liberation theology.

Evangelistic Visitation & Rites

Visitation with seminarians and pastors. Most common rites: House blessings, *quinceañera*, Holy Baptism, marriage, etc.

Cultural Acquisition

What is culture? Culture shock, overview of Latin American context and its diversity, exposure to local culture (mechanic, hospital, food, etc.)

REQUIREMENTS FOR STUDY

We recommend that if someone wishes to study who has no Spanish, they plan for 6 weeks.

For those with some Spanish, a baseline Spanish test is required to determine the specific amount of time needed for their study (between 4-6 weeks).



DESIRED OUTCOMES

Language

Acquire Spanish language skills sufficient for basic conversations with Spanish speakers.

Theological Currents in Latin America

Have a working understanding of the theological currents which impact religious thought across Latin America.

Evangelistic Visitation, Rites

Gain familiarity with the most sought after rites by Latinos. Understand common Latino courtesy during home visits.

Cultural Acquisition

Understand the Latino culture on a deeper level to enhance relationship-building and open doors to the sharing of the Gospel.



WHAT DOES IT COST?

20 HOURS OF SPANISH INSTRUCTION PER WEEK

4 WEEKS
\$2,800-\$3,200

5 WEEKS
\$3,500-\$4,000

6 WEEKS
\$4,200-\$4,800



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On-field food, lodging* and transportation

Coordination and emergency insurance

Airfare to and from the field not included

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PRICES ARE IN US DOLLARS

WHAT DOES IT COST?

15 HOURS OF SPANISH INSTRUCTION PER WEEK

4 WEEKS
\$2,400-\$2,800

5 WEEKS
\$3,000-\$3,500

6 WEEKS
\$3,600-\$4,200



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AIRLINE TICKETS

Flights to and from the field are the responsibility of the attendee.

A middle-aged man with glasses, wearing a black clerical shirt with a white collar, is seated and gesturing with both hands open as if speaking. He is in an office or library setting with bookshelves in the background. A light blue speech bubble is overlaid on the right side of the image.

ENROLL TODAY
CLASS SPACE IS LIMITED

A scenic view of a city valley from a hillside. The foreground is filled with lush greenery and vibrant orange and pink flowers. The middle ground shows a dense urban area with buildings and roads, surrounded by green hills. The background features a clear blue sky with scattered white clouds.

WE HOPE TO SEE
YOU SOON!

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