

Pere' Gonzalez

**Ministry Focus:**

GEM Teams is a strategic short-term teams ministry that provides the opportunities for short-term mission teams to help build the Kingdom of God in Europe. The purpose is to help the local churches and ministries in Europe meet their needs in evangelism and discipleship by sending teams on short mission trips to help create an atmosphere where non-believers can hear a clear presentation of the Gospel.

GEM Teams does the preparation work by networking with ministries in Europe in need of help. We then coordinate the details between the local ministries and the short-term team and provide staff to lead the team while they are on the ground to ensure an effective time of ministry together. GEM Teams searches for church-based teams and individuals that are willing to invest their time and talents to serve God and bring Him Glory.

To know more about GEMTEAMS: <https://gemteams.org/>

Prayer Needs:

- Pray for the strength to do necessary tasks in a continent with fewer than 3% believers.
- Pray for the awakening of believers in Spain and Europe to spread the Gospel in Europe.
- Pray for financial support. Funding is very short and hardly ever lasts to the end of the month.
- Pray that the team leaders' families, especially for their children that they would remain in the Lord.
- Pray for Pere and his recovery from recent surgeries.

Pastor's Education Fund

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Since the beginning days of the Methodist movement, under the leadership of John Wesley, a well-educated and trained clergy has been a vital part of every local church. Through the years, clergy preparing for ministry in Methodist have been supported by denominational, conference and district funds, as well as local churches. Tuscumbia First Methodist has a history of supporting ministerial education, most recently by supporting the Oscar Butler Fund through the Northwest District.



As we help birth a new denomination, the Global Methodist Church, the burden of

financial support has been placed solely on conferences and local churches. The avenue created to help clergy seeking seminary education is called the Global Methodist Foundation of North Alabama. It is operational and supporting students in these early days of the Conference.



These students will attend GMC approved seminaries such as Asbury Theological Seminary in Kentucky, Beeson Divinity School in

Birmingham, and Wesley Biblical in Mississippi. There are other seminaries approved as well. These three will be where the majority of students from North Alabama will attend.



Prayer Needs:

- New donors to invest in the Foundation.
- Rapid growth of the fund principle.
- Students currently attending seminary to will one day serve in the North Alabama Conference.
- Wisdom for the Foundation Board of Directors.