

# Ministry Update from the Richard Cranes

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Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,



## Miami: Why it is important that we live here? - consider these facts:

- Residents from 121 countries reflecting multiple cultures, nationalities, and at least 68 languages
- 51% of the residents were born outside the US
- 75% speak more than one language
- 64% of the population is Hispanic
- 300 of the Fortune 500 companies have international offices in Miami
- These contacts provide a natural gateway for the export of the Gospel
- It is faster and cheaper to fly out of Miami to our students in Latin America

## Testimony of Daniel Arbolaez (scroll down)

He says: "God called me to the ministry through the motivation I received as a FLET student. I was a senior executive in a multinational company at the time". I now give seminars and conferences throughout Latin America using the FLET courses. I distribute hundreds of Flet books in the countries that I visit. "Thank you, FLET, for molding my character through your ministry".

Daniel Arbolaez has taken some of my counseling classes here in Miami, and he invited me to give a conference at his church on March 1.

### Update on Course Development:

These are the courses I have created: I have taught them both in the classroom and developed them as online courses on the web

a) Introduction to Pastoral Psychology (this course deals with the integration issues between Psychology and the Bible, and helps the Hispanic pastor to understand the following topics as they relate to his ministry: child development, motivation, intelligence and memory, emotions, personality, and perception.)

b) How to Counsel in Crisis Situations (this course aims to help the Hispanic pastor deal with the following issues in his pastoral care: understanding the dynamics of crisis, how to counsel in crisis, the theology of suffering, death and dying, suicide, depression, divorce, and crisis in children and youth)

c) The Pastoral Care and Healing of our Inner Being (this course is very personal and focuses on a Christian view of self esteem, how to deal with our past, forgiveness, our conscience, our sexuality, and a rediscovery of Grace and the application of the gospel in our daily lives)

d) Introduction to Counseling (this course was already created by Flet - based on Larry Crabb's book "The Art of Biblical Counseling" and I added ppts. and other material to it)

The Following are very advanced in their development yet not ready until later this year:

e) The Pastoral Care of the Sexual Addict (This course gives the Hispanic pastor the information and guide to help him (if this were the case) to deal with his own addictions and sexual sin as well as how to help those entangled by it. Child abuse and accountability are a major part of this course)

f) Intimacy and Sexuality in Marriage (This course brings together much of what Robyn and I developed and worked with in our Marriage Encounters in Chile. The purpose is to give the Hispanic pastor and his wife the resources and a guide so that he can create his own ministry to couples).

### Home Ministry Assignment (HMA)

It has been 4-5 years since I have visited some of you, so I have been scheduling some trips to our supporting churches. I went to Greenville at the beginning of February and a week later to Colorado Springs for 8 days. Next month we will be travelling to Arizona. We have been very encouraged by your partnership and involvement in our ministry. Thank you for making us part of your ministry extension into the Hispanic world.

### Prayer Requests:

Pray that the marriage seminar Robyn and I will give tomorrow (Sat. March 1 - in Daniel Arbolaez's Hispanic church in West Palm Beach, FL) may have a long lasting impact with the gospel in the more than 40 couples' lives. (We will give you a report on this next week). Pray for Daniel Arbolaez's ministry in West Palm Beach.

Pray for the marriage intimacy course I am preparing for FLET and MINTS. I will give this here in Miami for a period of 10 weeks starting March 25. This course will also be put online as an internet course. Pray that the gospel will be clearly grasped through each lesson.

Pray that the other courses I am working on (see below) will communicate the gospel clearly

Pray for freedom for the gospel in Cuba - that the change in command (Raúl Castro) may be a step toward an eventual political, social, and economic freedom as well.

Pray for our ministry to our supporting churches and travel here in the US this year as we focus more on Home Ministry Assignment. Pray that together we may develop a greater heart for God's mission of redemption.

Praise God for bringing our support need from \$1,900/mo to \$1,000/month in pledged support. Continue to pray that God will supply that which is still needed.

Because of His Great Love He enables us to serve Him

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### **Link to Picture Albums:**

#### **Ministry:**

Video of class in Chile May 2006:

[http://universidadflet.org/moodle/file.php/65/Crisis\\_class\\_Chile.WMV](http://universidadflet.org/moodle/file.php/65/Crisis_class_Chile.WMV)

Trip to Puerto Rico Nov 2005: <http://mtwsa.net/people/rccrane2-pl/05dec/index.html>

Trip to San Salvador May 2005: <http://mtwsa.net/people/rccrane2-pl/05jul/>

Trip to Uruguay June 2004: <http://mtwsa.net/people/rccrane2-pl/04jul/>

Trip to Cuba Jan 2004: <http://mtwsa.net/people/rccrane2-pl/apr04/>

Trip to Colombia Nov 2003: <http://www.mtwsa.net/people/rccrane2-pl/dec03a/>

#### **Family:**

pictures of Tasanee our first grandchild:

Joe´s blog:

<http://jcogliandrophotography.squarespace.com/journal/2007/10/29/janette-tasanee-happy-halloween.html>

Janette´s blog:

<http://www.jc2photo.com/blog/Site%202/Tasanee%27s%20first%20year.html>

pictures of Susana and Jonathan's wedding:

<http://www.jc2photo.com/darkroom/share/?client/susana/dec03a/>