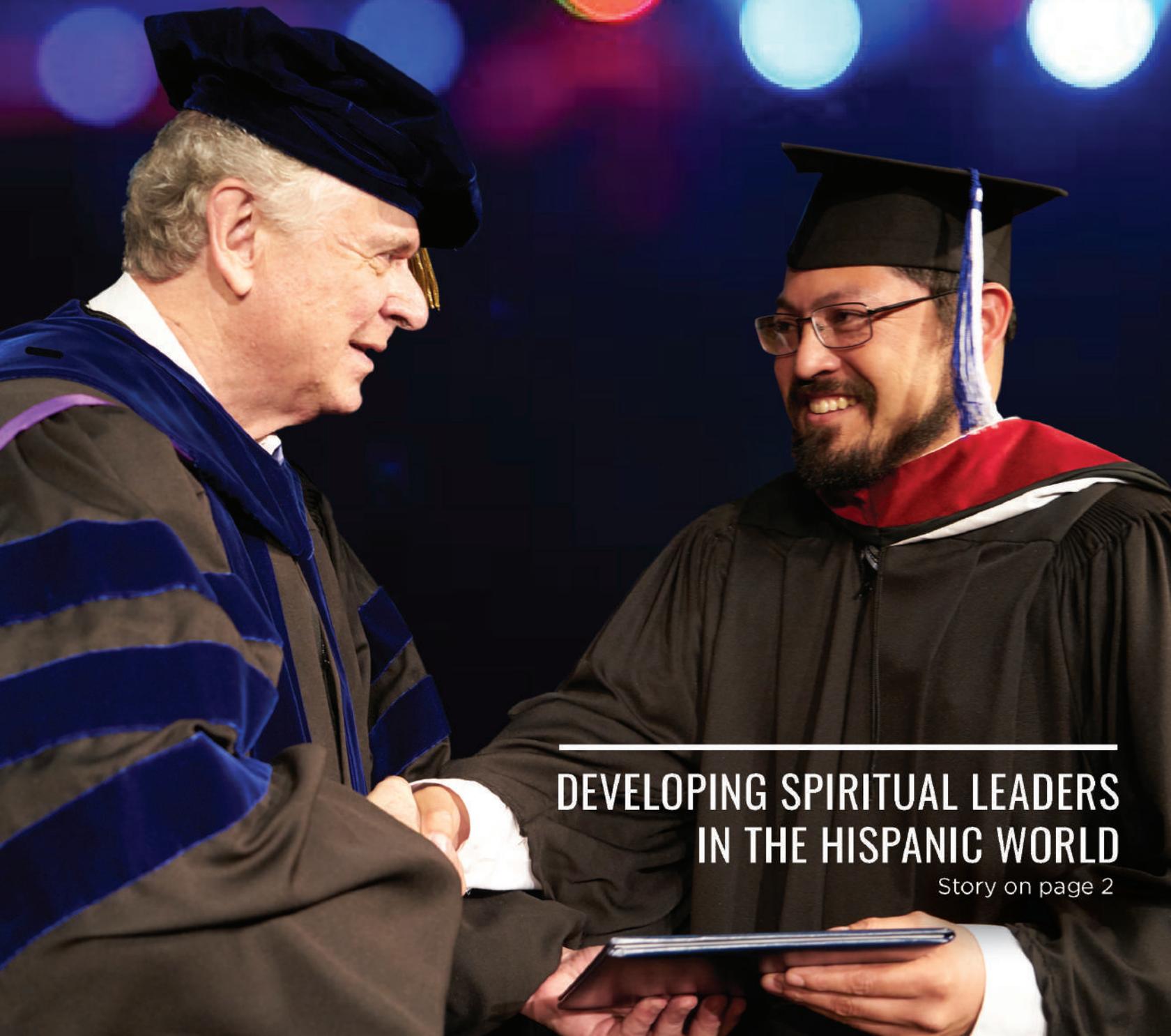


# ETERNAL REWARDS

WINTER 2018



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**DEVELOPING SPIRITUAL LEADERS  
IN THE HISPANIC WORLD**

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# A TEACHER TO THE HISPANIC WORLD

On May 2018, Pedro Alaniz González traveled all the way from Mexico with his wife and three kids to receive his Master of Divinity (MDiv) diploma at Grace School of Theology's Annual Graduation Ceremony in The Woodlands, Texas.

It was a momentous time for Pedro and a historic one for Grace: Pedro Alaniz González is the first Hispanic graduate of Grace's Master of Divinity program and the first Mexican graduate of Grace.

Including Pedro, nineteen Hispanics graduated from the Spanish Program — a record number since its launch in 2014.

## Influencing the Hispanic Youth

Pedro has a heart for advancing formal theological education. In the future, he envisions himself teaching full time as a professor of theology. He wants to bring God's Word to public spaces like schools and the media. He also wants to influence the next generation of Hispanics. Thus, he was interested in how Grace's Spanish Program is opening ministry opportunities to the Hispanic world.

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*"We need to present Bible teachings to the new generation of Hispanic youth and to the church very clearly and with integrity. We are losing our young people to modern philosophies taught in school. An educational institution like Grace provides a great opportunity to prepare leaders for this challenge," Pedro shares.*

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When the Spanish Program became available in Mexico, Pedro seized the opportunity to join the MDiv program even as his eyes are set on getting a doctorate degree in the future.

## New Doors of Opportunity

When Pedro graduated, he was still working a full-time secular job and was only teaching part-time. However, Grace has opened new doors for him to serve where God has called him.

Thankful and excited, Pedro shares, *"Grace has been very helpful in several ways: First, it has enhanced my theological training. Second, it has given me the opportunity to serve as an undergraduate lecturer at Grace. Third, with the MDiv, I will be able to continue with doctoral studies. Fourth, it allows me to dream about being a full-time professor in a seminary."*

Pedro is currently part of Grace's adjunct faculty for the Spanish Program. According to him, the school also opened up opportunities for him to participate in theological conferences and give lectures in universities. He is stewarding these opportunities to influence many young Hispanics to have a deep commitment to the study and clear exposition of the Word of God.



Pedro Gonzalez (center), enjoying graduation ceremonies along with Grace faculty Paco Cortez (left) and Dr. Ezequiel Serrato (right).

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607 STUDENTS *becoming*  
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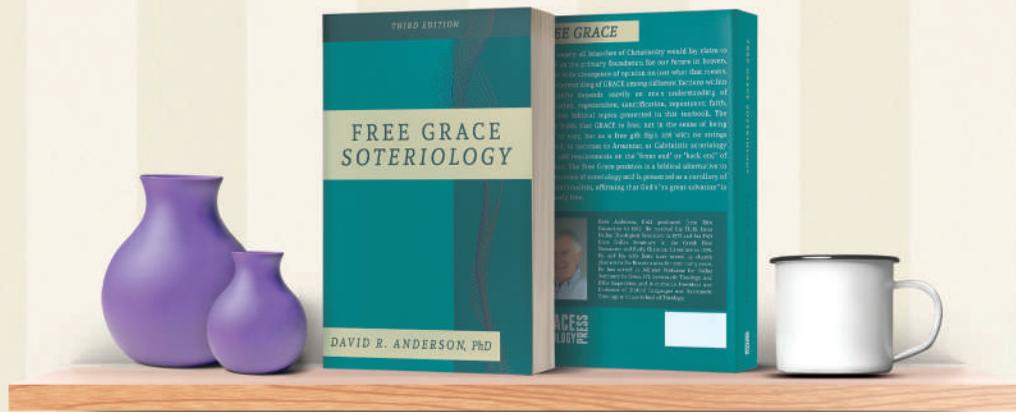
# COMING SOON:

## FREE GRACE SOTERIOLOGY THIRD EDITION

*One of the great classics in free grace theology is the book entitled **Free Grace Soteriology** by Dr. Dave Anderson. This book which was written 20 years ago needed to be updated to meet the challenges of today. It will be available soon through Grace Theology Press. Here's what you can expect from this new edition.*

- Appendix A has been moved to the beginning of the book. It shows how the teachings of Augustine set forth the erroneous requirement for anyone to spend eternity with God: perseverance of the saints. That's what the Catholics teach today, but it's also what the Calvinists and the Arminians teach.
- The theological issue of Universalism is addressed in a new chapter.
- Further discussion has been added on the relationship between faith and works, addressing conclusions from authors such as Alan Stanley, Matthew Bates, and D.A. Carson, among others.

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# JUST THE BEGINNING

## The First Fruits of Grace Discipleship Groups

When Grace started, Dr. Anderson modeled and raised the importance of student discipleship. This Fall semester, we built on that foundation with the launch of Grace Discipleship Groups for students. Our goals are to help each student experience discipleship for personal growth, see disciple-making modeled with an opportunity to be equipped to be a disciple-maker, then as they graduate, find them released into disciple-making in their life and ministry.

The Fall Discipleship Groups were a huge success. Here are comments about the groups:

*"Enroll and do not skip the discipling and mentoring with Grace. I found it to be a blessing to talk to my mentor every week. Join a group of GSOT students for support." - James Paet*

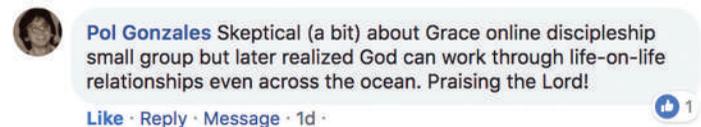
One group leader summarized the following feedback from his group:

*"They loved learning from each other's experiences, (because) it was encouraging. They loved the relationships (formed) and doing e-life together. They found the ability to develop trust in a safe environment of peers refreshing."*



"The objective is to train the mind in the classroom and shape personal and ministry life through mentoring relationships," shares Dr. Steven Norris, Director of Discipleship at Grace.

Here are some Facebook comments from students:



Discipleship has been part of Grace's DNA from the time of its founding, and the school remains committed to ensuring that discipleship is not only a core value in our students' overall experience, but that it becomes part of their personal ministry DNA as they go out and teach others about the love of Christ.

*"Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."*

*Matthew 28:19-20*



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# UNSTOPPABLE GRACE

## GROWTH IN THE MIDST OF REPRESSION IN CENTRAL ASIA

In Central Asia, 271.9 million (95.6% of its population) have yet to hear the gospel —but God's message of Grace is also advancing despite repressive legislation, persecution, and the powerful grip of Islamic tradition.

Dr. Ali Zhankabayev, our Regional Director for Central Asia and the Caucasus, helped pioneer Grace's Central Asia teaching site in 2014 as the first formal and fully accredited seminary that caters to all Evangelical Christians in Central Asia. From a tiny group of around 6 students, it has exploded to 96 students including: senior pastors, church and para-church ministry leaders, and missionaries, who are from a diverse range of denominational backgrounds.

As of today, we have four graduates from our Master in Ministry program. Grace Central Asia also has students from at least three nations — Kazakhstan, Georgia, and Kyrgyzstan, and offers programs in three languages — Russian, Kazakh, and Georgian. We are also currently reaching out to students in Tajikistan and Uzbekistan.

Thank you for fueling this underground movement to teach the love of Christ in the restricted nations in Central Asia and the Caucasus. Thank you for being instrumental in equipping spiritual leaders around the world.

### WATCH VIDEO

<http://bit.ly/grace-central-asia>



Caption: (L-R) Daniel LaBry (VP of Advancement at Grace), Dr. Ali Zhankabayev (Director of Grace Central Asia), Dr. Joe Wall (Professor of Systematic Theology at Grace)

## GRACE ACHIEVES RECORD-HIGH ENROLLMENT FOR FALL SEMESTER

With 532 students this Fall 2018, there was a 24.9% increase in enrollment compared to Fall 2017. Significant increases in enrollment occurred in Cuba, Dominican Republic, Philippines, Nepal, and the United States.



A new group of students in Guantanamo, Cuba, prepares for the first day of class.

Students in Nepal learn how to write essays.



Students in the Philippines attend an intensive course led by Dr. Mark Haywood, VP of Student Services, at the Grace site in Laguna.





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## CELEBRATING "GOD THINGS"

On October 11, 2018, Grace held its first President's Dinner at the lovely Glade Cultural Gallery in The Woodlands, where 125 Champions of Grace joined us. The evening was a celebration of the many "God things", as Dr. Dave Anderson says, that have happened over the years at Grace. Through Grace, God is moving in hard-to-reach countries such as Cuba and Kazakhstan, training up leaders in their own languages to bring the love of Christ to every part of their nations. Doors have also opened in New Zealand, where Dr. Anderson recently taught at a conference. And now, with the Grace Center for Spiritual Development, the impact of Grace is reaching far beyond degree-seeking students to practically anyone who desires to grow spiritually. We are excited to see more of what God will do through Grace.



Dr. Dave Anderson delivers the Grace Impact Report for 2018.



Faculty, staff, and friends of Grace at the President's Dinner.



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# STRONG *at the* BROKEN PLACES CONFERENCE

Saturday | February 23, 2019 | 9AM - 4:30PM

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## MAIN SESSIONS

Dr. Dave Anderson



Pastor Scot Pollok



Carmen Pate



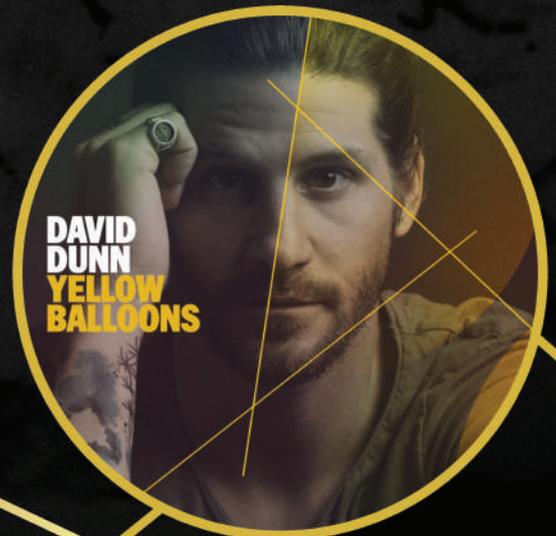
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Special tracks for Youth, Health & Wellness, Chaplaincy & Crisis Care

More than a dozen ministry, church and business partners presenting and exhibiting, including: Cassidy Joined for Hope, Reflective Life Ministries, The Stronger Alliance, CAREForce, Mosaics of Mercy, Full Armor, ReEngage, ReGeneration, David Dunn Music, Grace School of Theology, Grace Center for Spiritual Development

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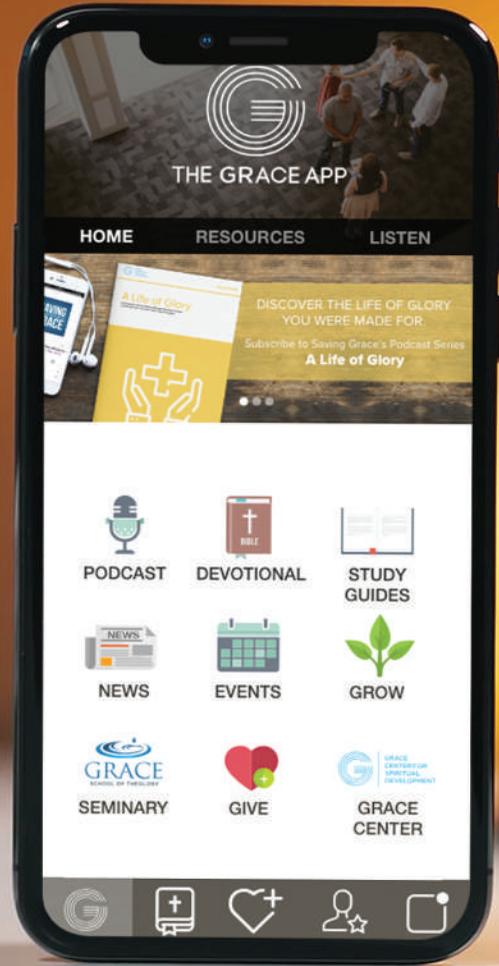
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