

Car Bomb explodes in Bogota... at a place dear to our hearts!



A suicide bomber with almost two hundred pounds of dynamite in his car blew himself up killing 21 cadets and wounding almost 100. This happened last week at the national police officer's training academy in Bogota, a place very dear to my heart.



Sandra and I spent several hours a week at the academy in 2014/2015 investing in these young cadets through the Advanced Program on Leadership and Critical Thinking (pictured here). This program was one of the most strategic initiatives we have done in our lives. It was a sort of AP course for the top thirty Cadets. I created most of the curriculum and it was pure Christian thought and Christian Leadership, a great way to do apologetics and evangelism. The students got exposed to the Gospel and we had many great spiritual conversations with them.

The Academy was also the place where we met nine families of high officers (Majors and Coroners) who ended up becoming believers and attending Vida Bogota. I had the privilege of speaking to the whole student body and so did several friends from the USA who came on short term missions.

Why target the Academy? Well, the police in Colombia is an armed force that serves many purposes. It is considered the 'Spinal Cord' of Colombian society. The Lord is moving inside the institution and the enemy is not happy with it.



Please pray for this situation in the following way:

- That God may use the Christians at the Academy during this sensitive time.
- That God would open the door for me to speak at the Academy on the topic of grief and suffering when I travel to Bogota in April. This would be a great platform to present the Gospel.



And, thank you for supporting our work. We were the first Christians to be allowed to speak openly at the academy, teach their cadets, and even organize small groups inside.

In Him,
Manuel & Sandra