

Dear Friends,

The Bible commands us to bless and pray for our authorities; for a long time I wondered how we could best do that. Law enforcement officers have some of the highest rates of stress, depression, divorce, and, more of them die from suicide than in the actual line of duty. They need something that none of us can give to them. They need supernatural wisdom, peace and strength. They make split-second decisions that either make our lives easier or create havoc in a whole society. Their struggles go with them into their work in a way that makes them villains when they wish to be heroes. They need us to show them how Jesus' teachings actually apply to their lives. We need to create the environments for them to receive spiritual, emotional and professional help from a biblical perspective. This past month I had the opportunity of doing so here in Birmingham and in Bogota, Colombia.



I had the privilege of spending a few hours with Majors training to become Colonels at the Police Academy in Colombia. My talk was apologetic and pre-evangelistic in nature, talking about the need to care for their spiritual life. I also presented the work of the *Blue Watch* foundation here in Alabama. And, a few days after returning to the USA we held our second police leadership summit here in Birmingham. This time we had 128 officers from 40 departments throughout the state. Burke Swearingen, the founder and director of *Blue Watch* invited Tim Rupp to speak. Tim is a former officer and presently a pastor in Idaho who travels around the country speaking to police officers. He does a marvelous job at making the God of the Bible real to their lives and their profession.



Thank you for your continual investment in our ministry.
You empower me to continue building God's Kingdom in practical ways.

In Him,
Manuel & Sandra