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*“Esta generación tiene desafíos,
pero **nuestra meta** cómo creyentes es
pararnos firmes y **representar** a Cristo”*

Don Lough Jr



“This generation faces challenges, but **our goal** as believers is to stand firm and **represent** Christ.” **Don Lough Jr.**

We thank God for allowing us to celebrate the **50th anniversary of the Word of Life Bible Institute** with an unforgettable commemoration.

These were days filled with gratitude and joy as we welcomed many of our directors from South America, along with special guests **Dr. Don Lough Jr**, President and CEO of Word of Life International; **Brian Baker**, Vice President of Word of Life Bible Institutes and Executive Dean of the New York Bible Institute; and our dear brother and friend **Johnny Reimer**, Regional Director for Brazil.

We also had the great honor of welcoming **David and Mary-Ann Cox**, founder of the very first Word of Life Bible Institute in Brazil, established 60 years ago. Their legacy of faith and dedication continues to inspire generations across Latin America.

Numerous alumni joined us as well—living testimonies of the Institute's impact over these five decades. One of the most moving moments was the 50th graduation ceremony, where legacy and future met in a powerful way: we saw the very first student, **Beto Tarasiuk**, standing alongside the youngest graduate of the current generation, **Gracia Silenko**. In a beautiful and providential detail, both share Ukrainian roots.

The celebration on Saturday, May 5, was a truly memorable evening. Pastors, friends, local government officials, and leaders from national organizations came together to rejoice in God's faithfulness. Through the ministry of the Word, we were challenged and inspired to continue proclaiming the message of Philippians 2:16 with boldness and passion: **"Holding fast to the word of life."**



We rejoice in the opportunity to begin this academic year with 285 students from

nearly 30 different nations around the world. This is our joy and also our vision *to help each young person take their next step with Jesus.*



**“...HOLDING FORTH
the word of life”**
Philippians 2:16

The Trade School Is Officially Open!



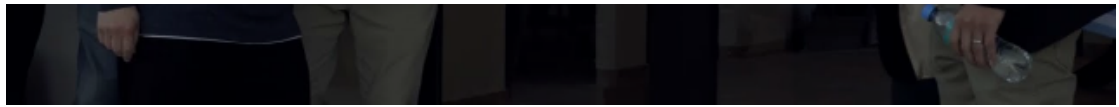


As part of the **50th anniversary of the Word of Life Bible Institute Argentina**, we took a step of faith that has filled us with deep thankfulness: the **official inauguration of the Trade School**, a ministry born from a holistic vision for our students.

Thanks to your constant prayers and faithful partnership in ministry, we continue to train young people with a solid biblical and ministry foundation, and now we are also able to equip them with practical skills—such as carpentry, electricity, culinary arts, technology, and more—that will enable them to serve their communities with excellence and bring the Gospel of Christ into every sphere of life. Each student will be able to choose two trades as part of their three-year training.

We were also joined by international leaders, local authorities such as the mayor of our city, San Miguel del Monte, representatives of ACIERA (the Evangelical Alliance of Argentina), and friends from several Latin American countries. It was a truly special moment for all of us, and we invite you to watch the video to see the highlights of the official inauguration of the Trade School—an important milestone in this new step of faith.





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FANNING THE FLAME

What a privilege it was to be part of this mobilizing event alongside so many passionate people—learning from extraordinary leaders who shared vision and God’s Word in a fresh, clear, and powerful way.

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The challenge was direct and compelling: to reach the edges of cities, so that in every youth ministry, **every young person can hear the Gospel through a friend** and grow in their walk with Jesus.

We had the honor of welcoming **Greg Stier**, President of *Dare2Share*, as one of our keynote speakers, along with his entire team. They equipped us with practical tools and challenged us powerfully through the Word of God. We were also blessed by the presence of our dear friend **Kris Stout**, Vice President of International Ministries at *Word of Life*, who inspired us with a passionate and transformational message.

During the event, our **LCM team (Local Church Ministries)** launched new training platforms for youth leaders and shared our vision to mobilize the next generation across Latin America. We introduced **practical resources** designed to support local churches through a **holistic approach**, walking alongside children, teens, and college students as they grow spiritually and engage in the mission.

Through **dynamic workshops** and **TED-style talks**, leaders and pastors addressed key topics to strengthen youth leadership in the face of today's cultural challenges—guiding them to take **their next step with Jesus**.

We are filled with **joy and gratitude** to be part of this movement that fuels the fulfillment of the Great Commission: **“MAKING DISCIPLES” in every place God calls us to serve.**





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