



Cultivating our minds to love God fully

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From November 3–10 Richard and Iván taught in Honduras and Nicaragua. Traveling along with us, was our good friend and guide, pastor Isaías Martenez from Honduras. Here we are in Tipitapa, Nicaragua, with Isaías on the left:



Isaías said this about our trip:

"I want to share how God has used the Kuyper Center through Dr. Richard Smith and Lic. Iván Tomassini. During their visit to Honduras and Nicaragua, we were able to experience firsthand how God guided us to a deeper understanding of what it means to love Him with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength. We also had the opportunity to learn more about Neo-Calvinism and to establish valuable connections with churches and pastors who were deeply impressed by the work of the Kuyper Center and the resources it offers—webinars, conferences, and training materials—to strengthen faith and Christian thought. Their teaching and example have been a great blessing to us and an inspiration to continue serving faithfully in our local contexts. We are very excited for what will come in 2026, when we can continue to actively participate and collaborate with the initiatives of the Kuyper Center."

On the 4th in Honduras, we met with evangelical university students, talking about calling and the biblical worldview. Sadly, they lacked understanding about the biblical story. In fact, it was

difficult to engage them with discussion, as they are not accustomed to group reflection about their faith.

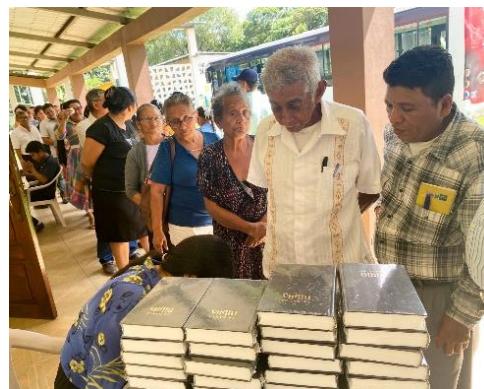


Later that day and at a different university with a mix of Christian and non-Christian students, the interaction was livelier. We presented the Gospel through the lens of calling and worldview.

On the 5th, we traveled six hours to Nicaragua and spent an additional three hours at the border. The officials' suspicion was palpable, for Isaías brought several boxes of Bibles to distribute. The officials were not pleased.

They confiscated one to see if there were secret messages hidden within. (One officer said he wanted a copy. Lord willing, he will actually read it!)

The display to the right appears in the airport. The circle in red states that journals, magazines, and *Bibles* may not be brought into Nicaragua. But the picture below shows how the Bibles Isaías brought found their destination:



Despite the delay at the border, a large group of teachers and parents waited for us at a Christian primary school. I spoke about the pedagogy of

ancient Israel and Iván spoke about the renovation of our minds in Romans 12:1–2. The Director of the school remarked afterwards: “Your presentations left me thinking. We decided that in the following year and for the whole year we will teach the Ten Commandments to the children as a biblical foundation.”

The 7th was a busy day. In the morning, we spoke about the biblical worldview. In the afternoon, we meet with pastors in a small presbytery to present our Kuyper Christian Studies Center as a model for ministry. This generated a lot of discussion. Providentially, a resident Dutch missionary shared about the good and great impact of our namesake, Abraham Kuyper.



That evening we spoke at a former Pentecostal church now Reformed. They were very attentive and inquisitive.



On the 8th, we spoke at a conference where 114 people attended. There were more than twenty pastors and leaders from Reformed, Baptist, and Pentecostal churches. Richard spoke about biblical anthropology and Iván about common grace.

We finished on Sunday the 9th, preaching in different churches. Richard spoke about Mary of Bethany and the “one thing necessary.” Iván preached about our total and radical commitment to Christ.



It is impossible to ship books to the country. But we were able to carry in (or smuggle) several texts to an aspiring Christian library and study center in the capital, Managua.



And at every event, we had a lot of interaction and observed a hunger to learn that was inspiring. We made lots of contacts and look forward to fruitful interaction.



Isaias Martinez's ministry is worthy of support. Contact TMI (below).

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