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"My country has left behind a dark age dominated by traditional Catholicism, to embrace an even darker set of beliefs—relativism, secularism, postmodernism and interestingly some aspects of romanticism. This means that my generation is overly consumed by a range of emotions in life (Romanticism), led by the lack of any morals (relativism), enhanced by the drastic rejection of God and religion (secularism) and rooted in the idea that ultimately we cannot learn from our past and that reason alone is not enough, resulting in pluralism (postmodernism). This is translated into a generation that waste nights and days in alcohol, drugs and sex. The Spanish dream is to experience the last second of your existence to its utmost degree. Such thinking is self-consuming and leads to destruction. Moreover, there is no longer one source of truth; now any voice may be accepted as authoritative. We are suffering the consequences of centuries of history that had never experienced the Reformation. This thinking then flows into the Church as an exaltation of psychology and experience over the Sacred Text. While there are many godly people who love the Lord, they
are misled by a variety of leaders who sincerely want to serve the Church but are foolishly listening to wrong voices. When one wonders why people do not come to Christ, the answer is simple but the solution not easy; the Church needs to be reformed. If we love the Lord Jesus Christ we will love and uplift His Word. That is my burden, I am zealous for the Truth because I love God and it is His truth. I want to defend, explain, and minister it. My burden for the Church is an extension of my love for Christ, but Christ uses His Word to sanctify the believers and by implication to edify His Church. If we, the Church of Christ, lose the Truth, we lose our purpose for existence. There is hope for my country, but it must begin with the faithful and humble ministry of His Word.

This leads to my ministry goals when I graduate. The long-term goal is to return to Spain. My wife and I are eager to step on Spanish ground. We want to join to David Robles and Gus Pidal in Leon and start serving the church in any possible way. There is a small Bible school and the idea is to help out with the teaching. Our objective is to establish a program to train male preachers in the original languages. I want to see godly men being taught to faithfully explain Scriptures to God’s people. While teaching my desire is also to be involved in a local church. For that the options are several. I could come back to my home church, serve in Leon’s church, or take over a church plant under Leon’s church umbrella. Furthermore, I love writing. My desire is to leave behind solid resources in the Spanish language that would help preachers and pastors better understand and study Scriptures. Change takes time and before a trained generation is raised to serve the Lord, we must teach the Church the necessity of trained people to teach, minister and live out the Bible. I hope that by God’s grace I will be a man who will encourage the coming generation to become theologically trained to better serve the Church, and to leave for them the resources for such a task."

Please pray that Ruben and his fellow TMS Students who are completing their training to faithfully serve our Lord in His kingdom.

Yours for the Master,

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