

FROM GLD TO GTM

A Brief History of the Vision and Its Global Initiatives

Global Leadership Development (GLD) began as a strategic effort to strengthen theological education, equip Christian leaders, and build meaningful partnerships with seminaries and ministry leaders around the world. The vision was to help institutions and leaders develop in ways that were academically sound, missionally effective, and culturally relevant.



The Expansion

As the ministry grew, its reach extended through partnerships with Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary and theological institutions across Latin America, Africa, Asia, and the Caribbean. GLD supported faculty development, leadership training, resource distribution, technology enhancement, and ministry collaboration.



The Present Identity

Today, the broader work is carried forward through Global Theological Ministries (GTM), a 501(c)(3) ministry platform. GLD now functions as a key initiative of GTM, focusing on leadership development, theological education, and strategic global partnerships.

Key Stages in the Journey

- 1 Foundational Vision** — GLD launched to strengthen leaders and institutions.
- 2 Partnership Development** — Collaboration with seminaries, churches, and ministry leaders.
- 3 Global Growth** — Expansion into Cuba, Mexico, South Africa, Tanzania, India, Malaysia, Brazil, the Philippines, Kenya, Liberia, and beyond.
- 4 Organizational Maturity** — Growth into the broader ministry structure of GTM.
- 5 Ongoing Mission** — Equipping leaders for faithful, contextual, and sustainable ministry.



GTM Initiatives Today

- Global theological education partnerships
- Faculty and leadership development
- Doctoral and advanced training support
- Translation and publishing projects
- Library and technology improvement
- Conferences, seminars, and ministry consultations
- Church and association training
- Student scholarships and resource development



Recent Areas of Impact

- Havana Baptist Seminary, Cuba
- Seminario Teológico Dr. G. H. Lacy, Oaxaca, Mexico
- Baptist Theological College & Seminary, South Africa
- Arusha Baptist Seminary and Dodoma extension, Tanzania
- Kings College and ministry training initiatives in India
- Conferences and ministry development efforts in Malaysia and Brazil



Through GTM and its GLD initiative, the mission continues: to strengthen theological education, develop leaders, and serve the global church for the glory of God.