

# HECTOR BARRERO

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**Bogotá, Colombia**



**BACKGROUND** The call to the ministry grew over time. I lived and worked in the office that opened in 1974 when the church began in Bogotá. I started working officially for the church in 1984. In 1985 I married Paulina and in 1988 I was ordained a pastor. Paulina has been a determining factor in my ministry, we have enjoyed being together in the pastorate, we both make an excellent team and that has been exciting. See now our children Juan Carlos and Andres Felipe involved in serving in the church is an additional joy.

It was something that was given little by little. Now, with the understanding of grace we enjoy our preaching and teaching work much more. I started working in the correspondence office here in Bogotá. I sent our literature to the people who requested it. From time to time I preached in the congregation. After my ordination the pastorate became more important. In 1994 I was appointed Legal Representative for Colombia. Then, little by little, I was given the responsibility to visit other congregations outside of Colombia in Latin America.

Several people invested in me, trained me and helped me. That is a very important part of what I have become. A key person in recent years has been Charles Fleming who in a very wise way was training me and giving training opportunities to finally carry out the position that I now have.

## Get to Know Hector



**1.** Every person who visits Bogotá for the first time takes it to Monserrate, which is a mountain at 3000 meters above sea level where there is a Catholic church and from where you can see much of the city. Las Salinas de Zipaquirá is another must-see place. There is a Catholic cathedral built in the depth of the mountain in the caves from which salt has been extracted.



**2.** Colombia is a tropical country, rich in fauna, natural resources, minerals, aquifers. We have all permanent climates throughout the year. Just enough to move a few hours and you can go from the wasteland to the hot land. There is diversity of cultures.



**3.** I like to jog and near where I live there is a park that is one of the largest in the city. I love to go jogging there.

**FAVORITE SCRIPTURE?**  
 Romans 5: 1  
 "Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God, through our Lord Jesus Christ." I feel at peace with God, loved by my Father.

**WORDS TO LIVE BY:**  
 Words of life: "Do not spend more than you earn".

**HOW DO YOU EXPERIENCE / FEEL CLOSE TO GOD?**  
 God: Father, Son, Holy Spirit, loves me. That's enough.

**WHAT ARE YOU MOST GRATEFUL FOR?**  
 There are many things to thank. First of all, the meaning that God has given to my life. Second: all the blessings of my wife and my children. Third: the privilege of pastoring a congregation. The GCI family. The generosity of my bosses at the GCI headquarters. Enjoy health.

**WHAT IS ONE OF YOUR GREATEST ACHIEVEMENTS?**  
 To have climbed Mount Whitney in my first year at Ambassador C - 1981.

**EVERYONE WHO KNOWS YOU KNOWS YOU LOVE**  
 Playing soccer.

**OUR CONGREGATION IS LOCATED IN A CENTRAL PART OF THE CITY WHERE THERE ARE MANY OTHERS OF DIFFERENT DENOMINATIONS FROM THE MOST CONSERVATIVE TO THE MOST PENTECOSTAL. WE ARE KNOWN, WELL ACCEPTED AND RESPECTED IN THE COMMUNITY.**