



"We are convinced that this training is essential to the long-term success of our online program."

Mel, Director of Online Learning
at Al-Andalus Theological College
in Spain

Connecting in Prayer

- Praise God with us for the **successful completion of facilitator training for 16 students.**
- Ask God to give **clarity and vision** to eDOT staff in the development of **new Web sites**: one for eDOT, another regarding prayer walking, and one with practical church resource tools for Europe.
- Continue to ask God to help several staff and volunteers with the important, behind-the-scenes tasks of **inputting, editing, and translating distance-learning courses.**

"O Lord, you are my light...with my God I can scale any wall."

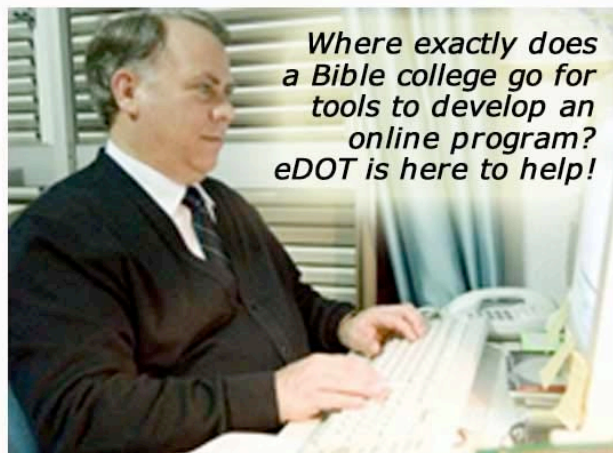
2 Samuel 22:29-30 (NLT)

Launching Online Learning in Spain

What does it take for a Bible college in Spain to launch an online program?

For Mel, and his colleagues at Al-Andalus Theological College (AATC) (<http://www.centroandalus.com>) outside of historic Seville, it has taken several years of prayer, planning, and research. That research led to a visit in May 2007 by Larry, an eDOT missionary, to discuss the essential elements of a successful online ministry. However, even after praying and researching, Mel still felt the need for hands-on experience to find out what online learning was *really* like. So when eDOT offered a 12-week Facilitator Training course (FTC) this winter, Mel was among the first to sign up!

Originally from Augusta, Georgia, Mel spent most of his life in California before moving to Spain in 1980. He and his wife, Isabel, served in church-related ministries in the U.S. and Spain before helping to start AATC, a branch campus for Southern California Seminary (a non-denominational institution affiliated with Dr. David Jeremiah and Shadow Mountain Community Church in the San Diego area). With both a BA program and a foundational two-year curriculum from Bible Training Centre for Pastors (<http://www.bibletraining.com>), AATC's goal is to train and equip "Servant-Leaders for Effective Ministry in Evangelical Churches" in Spanish and, as the online program is developed, in Portuguese and Arabic as well.



***Where exactly does a Bible college go for tools to develop an online program?
eDOT is here to help!***

From February to April 2009, Mel participated in the FTC with six other students in Europe, experiencing the realities of online learning. As is true with most new online students, Mel was initially skeptical about the effectiveness on online learning but found that he really enjoyed the flexibility of eLearning. When asked for his impression of the course, Mel responded, "As result of the experience of taking the Facilitator Training course online, what most impressed me is the great potential that eLearning represents for ministry."

With clearer vision and in partnership with eDOT, AATC is now ready to move forward. One month before his course ended, Mel began organizing the development team for the online program offering a Bachelors degree from AATC. ***Please pray for the staff of AATC as they launch this exciting, but challenging, program this fall.***