

Tribute to Peter Savage

Samuel Escobar

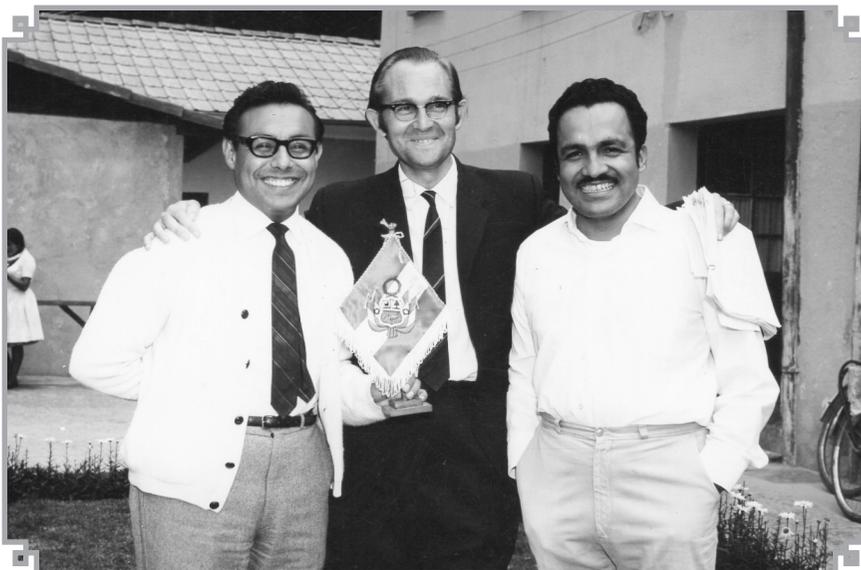
Peter (Pedro) Savage, a pioneer of the *Fraternidad Teológica Latinoamericana* (FTL, Latin American Theological Fellowship) who served as its General Secretary from 1970 to 1984, passed away in Worthing, England in the early morning of February 25, 2014. Since then, numerous voices have been raised to express gratitude to God for Peter's significant contribution within several different fields of Protestant life in Latin America. In this article we lend our voice to the grateful chorus.

Peter Savage was born in 1934 in the city of Cuzco, Peru, where his parents were missionaries with the Evangelical Union of South America (today Latin Link). His childhood was spent in Lima until his early adolescence. He completed his voluntary civil service in England as a nurse, which instilled in him a special sensitivity to pain. Later he studied theology at London Bible College and psychology at London University. He then went on to complete postgraduate studies in educational technology in Birmingham. In

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(L to R) Pedro Arana, Peter Savage,
and Samuel Escobar at the founding of the FTL in 1970.

this way, he became bicultural and bilingual, a privileged condition which contributed decisively to his missionary career in Latin America, though he would sometimes say with a twinge of irony, “I’m neither fish nor fowl.” He could bear an astounding work load, an ability which those of us who knew him envied. In addition to his inexhaustible energy, he had a special gift for organizing events, people, and resources.

Savage returned to Peru as a missionary in 1962 and realized that the rapid growth of the Protestant churches needed to be accompanied by a program of theological formation for pastors, preachers, and leaders. He was a pioneer in the use of theological education by extension and in self-directed courses of studies, and he