

**Communiqué from the DM2 board of directors
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Christianity has historically flourished in times of difficulty. God uses plagues, war, natural calamities and oppressive, godless governments to cause people to reevaluate their priorities and focus on eternity.

During this time of global crisis, DM2 will not stop providing spiritual nourishment for those who desire it. Despite the fact that the DM2 board is temporarily restricting international travel by our employees, leaders and volunteers, our focus will continue to be on getting God's word out through whatever means possible. Eventually, the travel ban will be lifted, but we are not going to sit around waiting for that to happen. So what are we going to do during this downtime? Quite a lot.

One of DM2's particularly encouraging ministries has been the youth workshops. No one thought youth would spend long hours each day for an entire week studying God's word. However, these workshops (taught by highschoolers and college-age young adults) have been surprisingly effective.

Sadly, in light of the current crisis, we have been forced to cancel the summer youth workshops that have traditionally been hosted by churches across the U.S. However, given the technological capability of our youth and young adults, we will be creating and holding these workshops using distance learning over the internet. We believe this distance learning model will open up a new avenue of discipleship that will supplement our current person-to-person modality. Nothing can replace the in-person discipleship workshops; but having a new "tool" in the toolbox opens another avenue of ministry and more opportunities to use the material we have developed.

Your investment in DM2 is paying huge dividends on a global scale as well. DM2 is certainly not the smartest, best branded or most capable group out there. We don't have great insight or intellect. But the one thing we have sought to do is follow the directions of our Savior by using an indigenous, biblically-based discipleship model. This discipleship model, commanded by Jesus in Matthew 28:18-20, has proven to have great practical impact both in good times and in bad.

An example of the effectiveness of this indigenous model can be seen in a recent email from Joseph Chama, the DM2 field leader in Zambia [edited for clarity].

Good afternoon. How are you doing today? How was the trip to Fiji? Hope it was fantastic. Our Lord is keeping us well here, though we lost the pastor's wife at the church where we had a couple's workshop with you, and our Copperbelt bishop lost his wife, too. These couples have been committed DM2 members. We are praying that the Lord will strengthen these pastors. I am on the bus now coming from the eastern province town that borders the country of Malawi, where I was training leaders and promoting DM2. I taught them from the book of Romans. Now I am going to Mufulira to do the same. I will be in Kasama on Monday, March 23.

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We continually hear similar testimonies from DM2 workshop attendees around the world who are teaching children, doing home Bible studies, boldly going into dangerous neighborhoods and teaching in churches. Some teach locally, others reach out to new areas in their respective countries and still others go beyond their borders. These are faithful men and women who take God at His word and trust Him to provide their needs. This has been DM2's goal: to train leaders to be fully independent disciple makers in their local communities and beyond.

In the past few months we traveled to more countries than ever. Our last overseas outreach was to Fiji and Papua New Guinea. Although, for now, we have had to put the opening of these fields on the back burner, we trust that having a few months to regroup, revise and create new courses will be helpful in the long run. We thank God for each of you and for your partnership in the gospel. Pray with us as we labor to "fully carry out the preaching of the word of God (Col. 1:25)" in every place under the sun.

In summary, here is a quote from Oscar Portes, the DM2 field leader in Venezuela:

We are in a pandemic and statistics are being widely used. According to the news, in less than three months more than 500,000 people have been infected worldwide. This global pandemic all started with a few people in a distant land. Imagine if we made the gospel viral and instead of counting fatalities, we counted the redeemed?



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