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John Wry (Canada):

Let me start by saying thank you for your prayers. Our family managed well while I was away on the Mexico trip. It was a wonderful experience to be a part of. The three who went (Roberto, Carlos, myself) had enough time to teach Romans 1-8 plus the appendix. Many leaders admitted to never really understanding the Gospel while others said that they had been teaching a false gospel. Although the time there was short, it was well spent and busy to the very end.

Right after returning from Mexico, we found ourselves getting things ready for a Romans 1-8 workshop here in Canada. This had added excitement because it was the first DM2 workshop in Canada! The event was held at a church camp on the Island of Campobello with two churches actively involved in hosting it. We had many queries and some had doubts as to the effectiveness of holding such an event. Would people actually come? People aren't used to sitting that long, could they handle the long hours? Amazingly, the number in attendance only grew as the days went by.

The teaching was split between two local pastors and myself. I thought these two pastors did a great job even though it was their first time teaching using the DM2 curriculum. This speaks volumes for the curriculum. It is excellent support for those used to expositional teaching. We are not teaching anything new – after all, the Apostle Paul taught the true grace of God as well!

On day during the conference, two pastors and a missionary from a church in Bangor, Maine came to hear the teaching. They were impressed with the curriculum and asked if it would be possible to hold a workshop in their church. These dates have not yet been established but we will update you as soon as we find out. Our desire is that a team from Canada can cover the teaching in areas nearby.

Please be in prayer when you think of Canada. This is only the beginning of much to be done. For decades the teaching of the Word has been void of a clear gospel, void of the liberating grace of God and disabling of the transforming work of God in the lives of believers.

We are looking forward the September 3-6 workshop. We intend to reach out to the whole province of New Brunswick and state of Maine.

Curricula Translated in:

English

Simba Guaraní

русский язык

Bemba

українська мова

Español

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Hakha Chin

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Coming soon:

Português

Deutsch

Workshops 2014:

April 25-27, May 2-4	LOUISVILLE, MS Romans 1-8
April 24-27	ARLINGTON, VA Romans 1-8 (Spanish)
April 25–May 4	ZAMBIA, AFRICA Panorama of the Old Testament
April 30–May 3	FORT COLLINS, CO Panorama of the New Testament
May 3-11	SIERRA LEONE, AFRICA Panorama of the New Testament (Part 2)
May 8-10	DULUTH, MN Panorama of the Old Testament (Part 2)
May 22- 24	PRESTON CITY, CT Romans 1-8
June 7-15	BOLIVIA, SOUTH AMERICA Panorama of the New Testament
July 21-25	HARLINGEN, TX Romans 1-8 (Youth)
August 21-23	CAMPOBELLO ISLAND, CANADA Romans 1-8

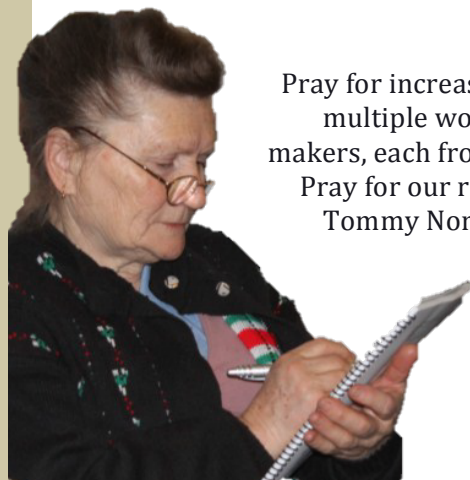
Prayer Requests:

Pray for increased financial support for the ministry. Pray for the multiple workshops being carried out by a myriad of disciple-makers, each from different walks of life and very different places. Pray for our regional ministry directors: Mark Musser, Ukraine; Tommy Northcott, Sierra Leone; John Clark and Robert Ambs, Liberia; John Wry, Canada and Northeastern USA; Carlos Tellez, Spanish Speaking world at large; David Howard, Zambia; Bret Nazworth, Bolivia; Brad Rigby, Asia) Pray for upcoming possibilities in Guatemala, Brazil and Chile.

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Ukraine RMD: Mark Musser

In late March, we had a time of great blessing in Lviv, Ukraine near the Polish border teaching a Romans 1-8 workshop. Vasya Munko, a faithful pastor and teacher of God’s word at Lviv Bible Church, organized the workshop in which Bret Nazworth, Pastor Mark Perkins, and myself taught people from 4-5 various churches in the area. We were not able to finish the workshop the first weekend, but since I was going to be in Ukraine for 3 weeks, they asked us to finish up the workshop the following Sunday. So we did. It was a time of real blessing for all those who came in spite of the long hours.

One woman by the name of Vasylyna came all the way from Uzhgorod, which is on the Ukrainian-Hungarian border southwest of Lviv. She stayed in a hotel for 3 nights to attend the workshop, and even came back the following Sunday. There was also a man who came from a Greek Catholic Church who attended the entire workshop and thoroughly enjoyed the material. He said he would certainly return the next time we are back in town. We also had Roma Dubinets teach as well, as did Sergei Chepara. Sergei did an outstanding job wrapping up the workshop by teaching the last session on eternal security emphasized in Romans 8:28-39. He is interested in working more with DM2 materials. Roma also did a good job presenting two of the sessions from Romans 6 and 8 respectively. He is a home group leader of about a dozen people from another local church in Lviv. He is now going to present the Romans 1-8 materials to his home group on a weekly basis.

Such fast growing fruit is exciting for all of us who labored in Lviv! The workshop went so well they have asked us to come back with Romans 9-16 in the fall. We are also hoping to do a Romans 1-8 workshop with another church in Lviv. Bathe these opportunities in prayer for us. They will *not* come into fruition without your intercessory prayers. There is much potential in Lviv.

“What I liked about the DM2 Romans 1-8 workshop was that it sharpened me to make Christ known to the world, that He died for our sins and rose again, believing in Him will bring salvation and eternal life.”
LIBERIAN PASTOR

“This workshop opened my eyes and understanding to explain all the wrong preaching/teaching that I have been guilty of personally! I have learned that when you teach people, HAVE YOUR BIBLE OPEN, and read the Scriptures you are teaching to the people. They need the Word of God, not our own understanding.”
LIBERIAN PASTOR

Ukraine Team: Mark Perkins

The Lviv workshop was an excellent success in the Lord. We had around 35 individual attendees. All who came were very attentive to the message of Romans 1-8: salvation and sanctification by grace alone, through faith alone, in Christ alone. There were certainly questions that needed clarification, but no one expressed open antagonism. This was likely because those in attendance saw that the message was from the Scriptures and not man-made doctrines. This is GREAT NEWS. The response at the conclusion of the workshop was very positive. One lady, who had travelled a long way to attend (200 kilometers), told me if she had a million dollars she would give it to DM2. Another man said he was very refreshed by the teaching. A man who teaches confirmation class in a Greek Catholic church told us he wants to use the materials for that purpose. That will certainly be interesting! Seemingly everyone enjoyed the workshop and gave thanks at the end.

Join us in praying that those who attended the workshop will have a heart to go out and teach the material to others. It is absolutely essential that a handful or more of those in attendance grasp the idea to develop and teach their own groups, expanding from the Romans 1-8 curriculum to reach their city and land, and indeed even other lands by fulfilling the great commission of our Lord and Savior. We made many appeals to them to do so, but what happens now, with the ministry of the Holy Spirit, will tell the tale. I am so thankful that because of God’s grace the conference didn’t depend on a handful of middle-aged men with jet lag, but on the power of the Holy Spirit and His word. “Slava Bozhe” – to God be the glory in their lives and testimonies for His sake.



Responses:

Liberia RMD: John Clark

Having never opened a new field for DM2 before, I was a greenhorn when it came to knowing what to expect. I have had the privilege to teach multiple DM2 workshops, but to do so in a brand new setting with people who had never been exposed to the teaching was brand new for me. The first day, after the first set of questionnaires came in from the participants, I was overwhelmed. All 40 participants checked multiple ways to be saved (in addition to “believe that the Lord Jesus died for my sins and rose again”). 36 out of 40 participants thought a believer could lose their salvation. A sinking feeling came over me as I prepared to teach on eternal security the following day. Would these people throw me out? Would they throw tomatoes? Would they oppose the teaching and storm out themselves? I was in a quandary feeling very helpless to communicate spiritual truth to the hearts of those attending. I tried to think of creative ways to explain the doctrine of eternal security and come up with new illustrations and stories. It was then that the truth hit me: I am always in need of the Lord to communicate spiritual truth accurately through me and the listeners and hearers of spiritual truth are always in need of the Holy Spirit to illuminate Scripture for them. This was not unique to Liberia; this is also true in the United States and anywhere else the Lord may take us. I began to earnestly plead to the Lord that those attending would embrace the truth of the Word of God as their own, that they would be freed from the false teaching they had been taught and were currently holding to, and that they would feel a load lifted once they understood the Gospel of the Grace of God. To my great encouragement, as I finished the first 18 reasons (of the 34 in the workbook) why the believer’s salvation is eternally secure, the room erupted in applause and praise! Truly God worked in a miraculous way that day. On the final survey, the consistent theme was simply: “There is therefore no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus” (Romans 8:1). Glory to God!

“After the workshop in Lviv, I came to the conclusion that the next time we do this we will need more space! Contrary to my expectations, many people came and filled the room we rented for the workshop. I was particularly struck by how they so willingly came and sat from morning until evening to listen. We not only had young people, but older folks as well. I really did not expect such a positive attitude! I am so thankful to God for this time. We will be praying for those who participated to continue to apply new spiritual truths in their lives and transmit the acquired knowledge to others in their own churches, thereby contributing to the spiritual growth of their brothers and sisters in the faith.”
PASTOR VASILLY, LVIV BIBLE CHURCH

“I want to share my own impressions about the Lviv workshop. The teaching was excellent, the material great, the study and interpretation deep. I was struck by the deep foundational truth that nothing can snatch us away from the hands of Jesus Christ. This is a finished action!”

“Through the Lviv workshop God reminded that we are already not our own, that we have been bought with a precious price, that we are obligated to the spreading of grace. Thank you for your healthy spiritual food! We will be very glad to attend the workshop for the remaining chapters of Romans!”
LARISA

Liberia Team: Ken Draper

Not only was the April 2014 Liberia workshop the first Liberia trip for DM2, it was a first for me too! Though it was not my first time overseas, or my first time to teach, it was my first teaching trip with DM2, and my first venture to an African country.

The Romans 1-8 workshop saw some 40 pastors and leaders in attendance. The common denominator in each of these people was their hunger for God’s word. There are numerous ministries operating in Liberia, yet doctrinal error and inaccurate Bible teaching mark many. All the workshop attendees had their thinking challenged as they were shown how the Bible delineates the gospel, how to become a Christian, and how to live the Christian life. After years of inaccurate teaching, imagine the freedom that dawned in the hearts of the listeners as they began to realize what God’s word really says!

Another facet of DM2 that continues to blow my mental circuits is what I call the “ripple effect.” Join me in imagining what will happen if each of the 40 pastors and leaders teaches even five people in their congregations. Then, picture each of those groups of five doing the same. Though I’m familiar with the multiplication that takes place, actually seeing it in action drove home for me the wisdom of God!

Since I’ve returned home, friends have been asking me how the trip went. I find myself searching for words to describe it. "Life changing" comes to mind – whenever we get out of our comfort zones and experience a bit of what life is like for many in third world countries, it affects our perspective. "Uncomfortable" also comes to mind – leaving our American creature comforts and expectations always shakes one up and makes one rethink priorities. But perhaps the best description is the word "fulfilling." I was personally challenged, but also grateful for the opportunity to serve others with my gifts.