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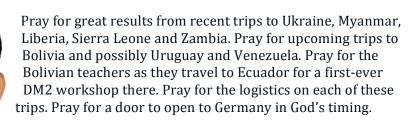
December 14-18 January 18-29 LIBERIA, AFRICA: Romans 1-8 SIERRA LEONE, AFRICA: Galatians ZAMBIA, AFRICA: Life of Christ

BOLIVIA: Hebrews URUGUAY: Romans 1-8

VENEZUELA: Romans 1-5 (Yanomamo), Romans 1-8 (Spanish)

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**Prayer Requests:** 

### November 2015





## **BRET NAZWORTH:**

Getting ready to travel overseas is never without its challenges. Each time we pack bags and get ready to travel we are reminded of the difficulties, sacrifices and labors necessary to reach people with the clear teaching of the Word of God. We also remember that this is not a one-man show, nor is it played with a one-string banjo. This is a concerted effort. Whether you pray, go or give you are part of everything that is done through DM2, and there are few things out there that give you a bigger return on your investment.

I recently received a note from Pastor Ismael in Bolivia, a man who has been under the teaching we provide for more than 5 years. Since becoming a disciple-maker, he has taught multiple workshops to hundreds of people. His short, unsolicited note included here reflects what I mean by a return on investments.

To be able to report here is a pleasure, knowing your courage and boldness as servants of the Lord. We are doing well, thanks to God and His great love.

Recently we had the opportunity to be used of God as instruments of righteousness for the spreading of the Word of God in Paraguay. Things happened while we were there that only God could do. We ministered in a very Catholic region, teaching at the only evangelical church in the area.

One evening while we were there we were stoned, giving us the privilege of experiencing the sufferings of Christ, a little. Yet in spite of the challenges, the people in the church were greatly impacted by the Word.

When we see each other again we will have to talk more about what happened, but just a word to say thanks for being disciples of Christ to the nations. The church here in Bolivia is growing in every way, thanks to God.

Pastor Ismael - His disciple.

I assure you this example is not unique, and you are part of this through your cooperative efforts in spreading a clear Gospel. Thanks for being a part of what God is doing!

## California

# Southeast Asia

#### **DENNIS AND KAREN MARIOTT:**

The DM2 Romans 1-8 workshop in Auburn, California was our third opportunity to attend a DM2 seminar. Each time we have been challenged in our thinking regarding things we have believed for years.

In 2013 in Olympia, Washington we learned that the true Gospel is the following: Jesus Christ died in our place on the cross taking the penalty we deserved for our personal sin. He was buried, then rose again and is seated at the right hand of the Father making intercession for us. Using phrases that take the focus off the person and work of Christ and putting the focus on what an individual must DO, such as asking Jesus into one's heart, confuses the true Gospel message.

In 2014 in Harlingen, Texas at the Galatians training workshop for college-age students, we learned what it means to walk worthy of, and in fellowship with, our Savior. What is grace? And how do we live expressing God's grace through our lives in everyday situations, such as when we face a tragedy or when people devastate us with things they say or do? God is still teaching us regarding this one.

This year at the Auburn workshop, we learned the importance of the three phases of salvation and making sure we know which phase is being addressed when we are reading God's Word. We also learned what God intended when He used the word "repentance." This one has been extremely troubling. The Greek word in its original use, *metanoia*, simply meant to change one's mind about something. Realizing that the original meaning of that Greek word was changed during the 4th century by Jerome to mean "penance or being sorry for one's sin" has been a shattering revelation.

The thing we are most thankful for is the team of teachers God Himself brought together to teach us. When we first started thinking about the possibility of DM2 in Auburn, we selected certain men we hoped would come. BUT GOD in His omniscience and sovereignty had a different plan we could not see. It was evident that each man God sent not only had an understanding of the original biblical language and was a gifted teacher, but even better than that, handled every challenge with

GRACE! We all like to talk about grace, but in our own lives, have we learned how to express it daily?

Over the months of preparation and introducing the work of DM2 to numerous pastors and friends in Auburn and the surrounding areas, there were numerous challenges and even disappointments, BUT GOD! We stood in awe as we watched God at work bringing together a very unique group of believers to fellowship around His Word and become EMPOWERED DISCIPLE-MAKERS. Even after the registration deadline, God brought more people. There were 81 people here for part or all of the sessions, half being from the host church and half from surrounding churches, some driving almost an hour to attend. We are rejoicing that several have already started to make disciples using the DM2 curriculum. God continues to open the door to build His people into mature believers who are functioning in light of Paul's exhortation to Timothy in 2 Timothy 2:2: The things which you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses, entrust these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.

#### LINDA:

The seminar in Auburn, California was the first I've ever attended where there was strong emphasis that all believers who feel called and are willing to teach the Word, with God's help, can and should share with others. The detailed teaching on Romans 1-8 made me more aware that when I have shared a little of my faith with others in the past, it has been with God giving me the words. I need to seize the opportunity to do so more from now on. The example given by Bret and Jaime near the end of the workshop was really helpful and showed how anyone can ask questions and, based on the receiver's answers, lead them to Christ.

I woke up this morning feeling excited about sharing my faith with others. I now feel that with God's help I can. I just need to take a deep breath, pray, trust and see where God leads

Thank you to those who stepped out in faith and organized this valuable seminar.



#### **BRAD RIGBY:**

On our fifth and most recent trip to Southeast Asia, Drew Smith and I flew around the world in two days and then "taxied" for fourteen hours over mountains, rivers and serpentine roads. Averaging forty people each day, we taught the Panorama of the Old Testament Part 1 (Genesis and Exodus) for four days with over 25 hours of teaching. Due to uncompromising flight schedules, the workshop was cut short by a day.

Older men, younger men, older women and younger women were exposed to the truths of God's Word as we learned to daily trust Creator God who delivered Israel and remained faithful to His promises to them just as He remains faithful to His promises to us in the church. With each workshop, we see the fruit produced in the thinking of the people and in their lives. Many were overjoyed with the teaching and expressed, "We have never had teaching like this before."

One of my favorite moments was teaching the Tabernacle. Drew had taken his book, *Rose's Guide to the Tabernacle*, which contains beautiful illustrations and overlays. We displayed these and explained the individual articles of the Tabernacle and each one's connection to Christ. During these lessons, the people were completely astonished.

Each evening we conducted a second workshop on Romans 1-3, along with "What the Gospel Is and What the Gospel Is Not," for another group of people of a different language. This was our first time to teach this small group of about thirty people, some who attend Bible College and others who live in a children's home. For four days we taught 8 hours a day to this wide-ranging age group. The pastor packed the small, dimly lit room with everyone he could find from his wife, several small children, to students and professors. Drew also invited a local businessman from the lobby of our hotel. The teaching was well-received and the pastor and students invited us back for additional workshops.

#### **DREW SMITH:**

As Regional Ministry Director Brad Rigby described, we recently concluded the fifth workshop held in Southeast Asia. The ministry is yielding fruit and growing. Our translators showed signs of personal growth, the students were eager for the Word, and at least one young man has been using previous materials to teach others.

Some local teachers have been altering Scripture with fabricated myths and fables. In their tribal culture it is difficult for younger ministers to challenge these teachers, and since many believers cannot or do not read and study Scripture on their own, the teachers continue to teach these falsehoods. For this reason it was a joy to teach Genesis and Exodus from the text, demonstrating that there is no need to add to the Scripture allegories and stories passed down from tribal traditions. Pray for courage for the younger leaders to exhort the older men to stay true to the Word.

One afternoon Brad expressed a desire to visit the sick father of one of the seminary students. Our translator made the arrangements, and together with the extended family, we spent an hour at the father's bedside. Since Westerners in a small hospital in a remote town are unusual, a crowd soon gathered from the other beds in the large communal room. Our prayers and encouragements were being translated, thus we eagerly hope that the Gospel was furthered through this spontaneous action. (Pray for the recovery of this man who may have had a serious stroke.)

Each trip yields new connections with other ministers, often with opportunities to help each other. By just lounging in our hotel lobby for a few minutes we have been blessed to meet local Christians from nearby seminaries, as well as other English speaking missionaries. The Holy Spirit seems to cross our paths for sharing cultural insights and edifying fellowship.

Christ has assured us that He will build His church (Matt. 16:18). A short term mission trip with DM2 is an excellent way to watch Him at work. Packed into one week is the chance to experience the joy of teaching believers in other countries to observe all that God has commanded (Matt. 28:20) as well as receive mutual encouragement from their faith (Ro. 1:12).

#### **TESTIMONIES:**

First and foremost I praise God who has revealed Himself through the teachers of DM2. I received great spiritual benefits from the Panorama of the Old Testament workshop. For a long time I have known many stories of Genesis and Exodus but I never knew the stories clearly. I thought they were some kind of stories that gave no benefit for me. Now through this workshop, I have learned these stories chronologically. I learned how God worked throughout human history and how God dealt with the Israelites. Your workbook is excellent and your teaching was very clear. I hope to see you again and study the Word with you. Thank you very much.

As a result of attending this Old Testament workshop, I understood Old Testament events chronologically. Now I know the very origin of all things. I know the truthfulness and the importance of the Bible, God's plan for humanity and God's dealing with humans in general, and specifically, with Israel. I am very blessed. I look forward to studying the rest of the Old Testament with you. Thanks for your teaching. **Anonymous** 

Thank you very much for sharing the Word of God. I am encouraged through this workshop to know the truth that Christ is the fulfillment of the Law and that He is our Passover Lamb. Christ is our substitute who redeemed us from the slavery of sin. I am now in Christ by faith, not under the Law, which cannot give life.

Church Elder

Much thanks to the teachers of DM2. By studying with you this week I got a clear understanding of Old Testament events and their big ideas, especially concerning Abraham's life and the fact that the Abrahamic Covenant is an unconditional covenant. Thank you for your teaching and clear explanations. **Caleb** 

Through this workshop I realized the Creator-creature distinction. God as the Supreme Being exists by Himself without depending on anyone else. He is Omnipotent, Omnipresent, and Omniscient. I realized that Creator God is superior and that man must worship his Creator only. I also learned the connections of each story of the Old Testament and its big idea. Much thanks. Hope to study the rest of the workbook with you.

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