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FALL 2013 CALENDAR

- OCTOBER 16-20 DENVER, COLORADO** Panorama of the Life of Christ Workshop
- OCTOBER 24-26 HOUSTON, TEXAS** Romans 1-8 Workshop
- NOVEMBER 7-18 SIERRA LEONE, AFRICA** Panorama of the New Testament Workshop
- NOVEMBER 8-17 ZAMBIA, AFRICA** Romans 9-16 Workshop
- NOVEMBER 21-23 DULUTH, MINNESOTA** Panorama of the Old Testament Workshop
- DECEMBER 6-15 BOLIVIA, SOUTH AMERICA** 1 Corinthians 9-16 Workshop

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Pray for DM2 workshops in Denver, Colorado, and Houston, Texas that are being conducted as this letter goes to press.
- Pray for our teams as they travel this November to Sierra Leone and Zambia and in December to Bolivia to teach key pastors and leaders.
- Pray for the Sierra Leone leaders to have a good strategy for reaching all of their country with a clear gospel and sound doctrine.
- Pray for the Zambian leaders and the translations of materials into their local dialect.
- Pray for leaders in Ukraine as they plan several workshops for the springtime.
- Pray for leaders in Asia to take the Romans teaching to their world.

"You also helping together by prayer for us..."

2 Corinthians 1:11a



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NEWSLETTER



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"Trust in the LORD with all your heart; and lean not unto your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths." Proverbs 3:5-6

BRET NAZWORTH

Upcoming Workshops:

PANORAMA OF THE OLD TESTAMENT

Duluth, Minnesota
November 21-23

ROMANS 1-8

Houston, Texas
October 24-26

Pray for these upcoming workshops.

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This issue of our newsletter highlights God's work in an undisclosed Asian country. I will not use much ink here in order to leave as much room as possible for the reports. Keep DM2 in constant prayer as we seek God's will for the future. Scores of fields have been opened to us and we continue to seek faithful people who can step through these open doors.

"I learned about the gospel of salvation and eternal security more clearly from the DM2 workshop on Romans 1-8. The truth of eternal security keeps my hope alive and it gives me peace in my inner being. Now I hold that truth and will teach others and learn to live in God's grace in my Christian life. Many thanks!" **Biak Zom Thang (Bible college student and part-time evangelist)**

"Through this DM2 workshop on Romans 1-8, I know how I should preach the gospel to the unbelievers. I learned that I must preach about Christ's death and resurrection when presenting the gospel, and believing in that truth alone can save sinners. Your challenge makes me bold to preach the gospel to the lost. Thanks for your workshop!" **Aa Tawn (Sunday school teacher)**

"Many Christians in my country do not understand clearly about the truth of eternal security. Many teach salvation can be lost if one lives a sinful life. Through the DM2 conference I realized clearly about God's grace and eternal security, that we will remain saved in God's hand eternally. You taught what our

nation needs. I hope you will teach us Biblical teaching again next time. Please pray for me that I may teach the truth. Thanks for your teaching!" **Rev. Lal Lian Khup (Pastor, Church of Christ)**

"Thank you for your visit to us from another part of the world. I know you invested much of your time, money and energy to teach us the truth. Your teaching empowered me so much. I like the subject you teach, but you did repeat some. The repetition takes time. We should have finished all the lessons. I learned about the truth of eternal security more clearly which makes my hope firm. I would like to learn more from you. Please come again and teach us." **Thian Uk (Sunday school teacher)**

"You did teach the truth of the sin nature in man, God's grace, and eternal security very clearly. I hold that truth and will continue to teach the truth that we are saved by grace alone through faith and eternal security. I love to study more with you in the future. Thanks for your teaching." **Muang Maung (Evangelist, the Truth Evangelical Fellowship)**



ROM 1-8 ASIA - BRAD RIGBY

From north to south, the country was dotted with temples to a man who died and remains dead. Under the tenets of this religion, there is no eternal God and if you live a moral life, you can become a god yourself.

However, in the darkness of such falsehood, there is at least one area in which there shines a light for Christianity. Among the people of that region, we taught principles contrary to the status quo. They heard about the eternal God, the Creator of the universe and the Creator of mankind, who became man and dwelt among us in the person of Jesus Christ. And while being both God and man, Jesus Christ delivered Himself up to death on a cross to die for sin as the substitute for all of mankind. Unlike the “god” who remains dead in his tomb, God the Father demonstrated his power over death by raising Jesus Christ on the third day. For this reason, Paul unequivocally stated in 1 Corinthians 15:3-4 that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, was buried, and raised again on the third day according to the Scriptures.

Meanwhile, before we were able to teach these truths in that unique city and to those believers, God allowed this rag-tag team of teachers to exercise faith in a deeper way than we have had to do on previous trips. For starters, in Houston we were almost prevented from leaving the U.S. because we did not have a visa stamped in our passports. (We had understood we could obtain a visa on arrival.) As a team we prayed and trusted that since God had commanded us to “go make disciples of all the nations” and since He has “all authority” we should go ahead and move forward by faith. Many of you prayed, and we can say that God intervened. After a considerable challenge by the airline, we were finally allowed to leave the country without a visa. Amazingly, in the two ensuing airports when we changed flights, the personnel never checked our passports for the required visas!

We faced our next challenge when we arrived at the country of our destination. The young immigration officer looked our paperwork over doubtfully and then questioningly showed it to his superior. All three of us stood there and silently prayed. The supervisor glanced at us, casually leafed through the documents, and then nodded approvingly as if not wanting to be bothered. Minutes later, we all had our visas and were in the country. This was an amazing moment of divine intervention. At that point, we thought our challenges and obstacles were over, but they had only begun.

Since the Romans workshop we had gone to present was slated to begin Monday morning in a town to the north, we immediately made our way to the national airport. We were told there were no flights on any airline into that area until Monday afternoon. This was not good since we only had 5 days to present our workshop. So, by faith we took a flight to the closest city. This did take us closer to our final destination geographically, but not time wise.

We had left our homes on Thursday, and we arrived at this interior location on Saturday evening. We were exhausted, but after some research we were told there were no connecting flights available to our last stop for two more days. The training was to begin first thing Monday morning. That night we earnestly prayed again for the Lord to provide the way for us to arrive on time. The way God provided was not in a way you’d wish even on your enemies.

After a much needed night’s sleep in this town, we again moved forward by faith. We took a taxi that took us to a bus. As the bus meandered throughout the countryside, we became doubtful we were heading in the right direction. We were supposed to go north and west, but, according to the sun, we were obviously going south. Since we did not speak the language, questions were useless. We continued to pray and journey onward. Finally, through broken communication, the locals instructed us to get off the bus in a small town. Then they hauled us to another bus station in a motorized rickshaw. We were told to wait all that day and that the bus would leave at 5:00 PM Sunday afternoon.

Later that evening, our bus arrived and we began an unforgettable fourteen-hour overnight ride. The bus was packed with locals and their goods. Our journey took us along a one lane road through the steep mountains and over deep gorges, dodging other buses, motorcycles, and vehicles all the way. With each turn in the mountain road, the bus swayed precariously. At one point, we stopped on a spill way and were guided by men with flashlights. When bridges were out, the bus braved the waters of the rivers, with the water rising above the level of the tires. Needless to say, we all got caught up on our prayer life!

Amazingly, after a sleepless night, we arrived at our destination with thirty minutes to spare before the training was scheduled to begin. We were soon checked into a hotel, and after quickly bathing and changing, we went straight to the place of training. We had not eaten anything of substance for more than 24 hours. Nonetheless, we started the workshop by 8:45 AM, probably a record for a first day on-time start anywhere that DM2 goes.

We completed teaching Romans chapters 1-7 and part of 8 and challenged the attendees to become disciple-makers. The Lord provided approximately 20-25 students each day, consisting of four or five pastors, three church elders, and about sixteen Bible college students. The students, both old and young, sat for over seven hours of teaching each day on low hard benches to hear God’s Word. Matthew, a teacher at a local Bible College, was our translator for the week. The teaching was well received and the people were very appreciative.

Following the training sessions, our challenges were not over!

The word I kept repeating throughout this trip was “wow”. During this initial trip to this undisclosed country, the Lord kept amazing me with His abundant provisions. It most certainly was a difficult trip in many ways, but it also proved to me that we can walk by faith in our daily lives and specifically as He uses us to fulfill His Great Commission. I cannot adequately explain it, but the following are just some of the examples of His work.

Before we even left, during our 10 hour layover in Houston, the Lord provided the information we would need to acquire our visas upon arrival into the country. Next, He provided a key person at the ticket counter who, upon reviewing our documents, approved us for travel. Once in the country, God provided buses when there were no planes, and the wisdom to know where to get on them. He provided people to direct us to those buses when we had no human way of finding them. Finally, after a 14 hour overnight bus ride (over 75 hours of travel overall) through the forest and mountains on a dirt road, He got us to the workshop just in time to teach as scheduled.

God then provided students who were eager for His Word. Many of these were leaders with the ability to make disciples once properly equipped. He gave them all the physical strength and willing spirit to endure long hours of teaching in difficult conditions, and He gave us the ability to effectively communicate through the language and cultural barriers.

On the way back, He provided a man at the airport, whom we

First of all, we had to choose between missing a day and a half of teaching and getting a flight out. We chose to stay and teach, not knowing how we would get back to the capital airport and dreading another bus ride. Thankfully, the Lord provided a flight on a government airline, which prevented us from suffering the long mountain bus ride again. The forty-five minute flight cut out many hours of travel. Providentially, the Lord provided Alfred, a retired pastor, who was traveling on the same flight with us. Amazingly, he guided us as translator the rest of the way back to the capital, changing his travel plans in order to accompany us. We did have another long bus ride as part of our return trip, but that trip was on roads that were much better than the first trip we took.

This trip was not for the faint-hearted! In all, getting to our destination took over three days of difficult travel by planes, taxis, buses, and motorized rickshaws; however, this trip challenged me as a teacher of the Word to apply moment by moment the very principles we teach. I can say that the Christian life is truly a walk (ride) of faith. God directed our paths, but we had to trust Him at every turn. Proverbs 3:5-6

WOW! BY CRAIG NORTHCOTT

had never met, to escort us to the international airport from which we were to begin our flights home. Since we were not able to get a flight to the capital city, we needed this man’s help to know where to go to get a bus to take us to where we needed to be. Not only did this man help us, but as it turned out, he is a former pastor at a church that has a solid Biblical foundation and great connections in the local community. He could be a very valuable resource as DM2 looks forward to ministering in this field over the next 10 years. The Lord then got us to Houston an hour early, just in time to catch early flights home and avoid a long layover in the Houston airport.

Wow! We have an amazing God. I thank God for this opportunity to see Him at work. I thank everyone for their prayers and support. I thank Bret for his leadership and dedicated service to the Lord. I thank Brad for his friendship and his commitment to disciple making.

