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Finishing Well – Bret Nazworth

It is easy to start something, but to finish well is quite another challenge. With 2016 quickly coming to an end and the Christmas season now in full swing, we in DM2 hope to finish well. There are a lot of encouraging things we want to share with you.

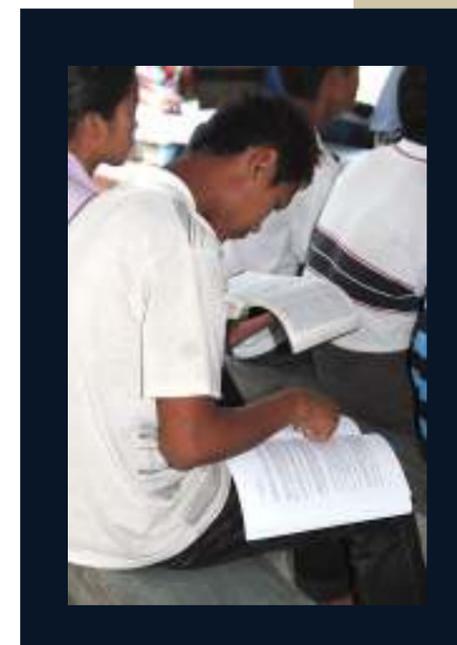
Workshops were held on each of our various fields, resulting in thousands of people being effectively taught and strengthened through the life-giving Word of God. DM2 salutes all the men and women who were part of these out-reaches, especially those who formed teams, prayed and gave financial support.

For those of you who prayed for me personally, I continue to improve steadily. Barring any setbacks, I plan to resume normal ministry activities, including foreign travel, sometime during the first half of 2017. Thanks to all of you for your prayers!

Sadly, we had to cancel two mission trips during the last half of 2016, but that did not stop the impact of DM2. In Zambia for example, when the leaders heard we were not coming, they wept, but immediately responded by planning regional workshops to redeem the time. Likewise, though the normal workshop in Bolivia was canceled, the remainder of the team refocused and went to a brand new area. As a result, there was a successful startup and a new group added to our disciple-making efforts in that country.

We also rejoice because in 2016 God blessed DM2 with new supporters. Without any solicitation, three churches added DM2 to their missionary giving. This was a tremendous encouragement to us, since so many ministries are languishing financially at this time.

We love having you as part of the DM2 team. Thank you! Have a blessed Christmas season.



Workshops 2016-2017

March
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April

LIBERIA, AFRICA – Panrama of the Old Testament workshop
KIEV UKRANE – Women of the Word workshop
LVIV UKRANE – Women of the Word workshop
SIERRA LEONE – Revelation workshop

Prayer Requests

Pray for God to open doors in 2017 for training in the USA and Canada. Pray for more churches to become involved in forming teams to go overseas and make disciple-makers. Pray for ways to broaden the impact of DM2, especially among young adults. Pray for DM2 curriculum



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DM2Ukraine

Mark Musser - RMD Ukraine

The ministry of DM2 in Ukraine is alive and well. Disciple-making is thriving in Baryshivka, Irpin, Lviv, and Kiev.

In October we had a wonderful workshop in Baryshivka at the Living Water Baptist Church. Though somewhat remote and economically challenged, the church in Baryshivka provided great hospitality and encouragement to the participants. During the workshop, we taught the first half of the Panorama of the Life of Christ. Even though the attendees were not great in number, they represented several churches. God also provided a strong team of Ukrainian nationals as instructors. These teachers skillfully differentiated the gracious ministry of our Lord Jesus Christ from the philosophy of the self-righteous leaders of Israel who had rejected Messiah for legalistic religion. When we finished the workshop, the attendees made it clear they were looking forward to our return in the spring to conclude the teaching.

One of the most exciting things about this trip was seeing a dear brother in the Lord, Victor Munko, teaching once again. Even though he was one of the very first graduates from the Word of God Bible College in Kiev, he had not been teaching in a formal setting for nearly three years. Financial difficulties had forced him to return to secular work and to also move outside of Kiev to the less expensive community of Irpin. Not only is Victor getting back on his feet financially, but more importantly, he is getting back into ministry. He did an outstanding job teaching his sections of the Life of Christ curriculum. Back home in Irpin, he also started a DM2 Romans 1-8 study with a home group from his church. There are about 15 people who attend, with more who would like to join. While there, I was privileged to visit and share God's Word with this small group. It was a wonderful time of fellowship. Would you pray for Victor? He could easily experience opposition as he boldly teaches grace.

Considering Victor's success, I have often thought how the DM2 curriculum and teaching style could revolutionize home group ministries in churches everywhere. If you could take home group leaders and train them in how to disciple using the DM2 method and curriculum, I believe a major spiritual renewal would take place. Once trained, home group leaders could go to



their respective groups and repeat the teaching, deeply impacting lives. Courtesy of the Word of God, many believers would come to understand for the first time God's true grace relative to their salvation (justification, sanctification, and glorification). Invigorated by grace, those trained in home groups could readily spread the teaching to friends and families. Potentially DM2's method of disciple-making could spark revival.

I would ask you to pray for us because in the early spring we would like to continue teaching the Panorama of the Life of Christ in both Ukraine and a nearby former Soviet country. God willing, Pastor Vasya Munko from Lviv will join me in these endeavors. Also, we have disciple-making plans for yet another former Soviet country, where much prayer is needed since denominational leaders are not in favor of our grace emphasis. Finally, I would ask prayer for my daughter, Rachel Musser, who plans to go and conduct Women of the Word workshops in Lviv and Kiev this coming March. Please pray for funding for these trips.

MyanmarDM2

RMD Asia - Brad Rigby



Wednesday, we sat down to a very cordial meeting. Even though these same leaders had approved the curriculum before our trip, they asked us to skip the section. We told them we could not do so with a good conscience. We were not willing to disregard something we believe to be inherent to the Gospel. We offered a few options, but these were rejected. At about that time, I feared the workshop might come to an abrupt end. I explained to them that even if we skipped that section the subject would again resurface in the remaining chapters of Romans. Some of the leaders then agreed that we should indeed teach the section. Sadly, the leaders who disagreed most had avoided the meeting. After a full discussion, we finally came to the conclusion that they should give a disclaimer prior to our teaching on the subject. This made them happy and the disclaimer actually lasted only a couple of moments. God then opened the door for us to give a two and one-half hour message showing no less than 34 passages of Scripture that teach the doctrine of eternal security.

As with all teaching, we realize we cannot convince anyone. That is the job of the Holy Spirit and the Word of God. The situation turned out for good because it gave the students more boldness to ask several good questions of clarification on the subject. Remarkably, they received the teaching with overwhelming gratitude.

Through this challenging experience, I myself have come to a new appreciation of the eternity of my salvation and I now appreciate to a greater degree the fact that all this is a free gift from our Lord Jesus Christ. Jesus understood exactly what He was saying in John 3:16 when He promised eternal life to all who believe in Him.

When we finished our teaching there was an overwhelming response. Everyone wanted pictures with us. They assured us they would go on and teach the book of Romans to others. Would you pray for these students to be good Bereans and examine the Scriptures to see whether these things are indeed so? Pray for them to embrace the amazing grace of God as seen in the eternity of our salvation.

On our 8th trip to Southeast Asia, Drew Smith and I were given the amazing opportunity to renew friendships, make new ones, and face difficult spiritual challenges in our mission to teach the life-giving Word of God. As it turned out, this trip would be about communicating the truth of the eternal nature of our salvation to doubtful hearts and minds. Even though we taught Romans 1-5 a year ago, without us realizing it, the church leaders had disagreed with us concerning our salvation being secure forever. We remembered having gotten a few questions about this subject, but we never knew how strongly the leaders disagreed.

During the second day of teaching, our translator told us we needed to let him know prior to teaching the section on the security of our salvation. I told him that most likely we would cover that just before lunch on the morning of the third day. This is where our difficulties began.

We agreed to meet with the leaders of the church before teaching that section. At about noon on

For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.