

## August Newsletter

### Greetings,

Our trip to Bolivia in June was a great blessing! Pastor Ismael (left), who has attended all the seminars over the past four years, shared:



“Honestly, before you all came and started teaching us we did not really understand the Gospel. Many of us say we taught the Gospel, but that is not really the case. I would stand up and give sermons that I pulled together, but I really didn’t know how to teach the Word of God. I did not even know how to understand it. Thanks so much for what you have done.”



I sat with tears of joy as I heard this testimony from Pastor Ismael. He spoke for a great many of the pastors there and was so grateful for the investment we have made into their lives.

The ministry of DM<sup>2</sup> is taking off in Bolivia. The national pastors and leaders are beginning to take responsibility in replicating our efforts. Apart from us, they have formulated a practical strategy for training leaders throughout their country: one group will work in the southern part of the country near Argentina, while the other group will begin in the east, about 350 miles from where we have based the conferences. (Pastor Robert Morales, the Bolivian field director, with his wife, Raquel, right.)



Upon returning from Bolivia in June, our plans were to move into a more permanent home in Norman, Oklahoma. We had decided Norman would be a good place to headquarter DM<sup>2</sup>. Things do not, however, always turn out as expected. The Scripture says, “*A man’s heart deviseth his way: but the LORD directeth his steps.*” (Proverbs 16:9) This we witnessed firsthand.

In July, our family attended a Bible conference at Pleroma Church in Tennessee. Just a few moments before we arrived at the conference, we received word that the sale of the house we were planning to buy in Norman had fallen through. This was a sudden and surprising turn of events. It certainly forced us to look to God for direction, since, upon our return to Norman, we had three days to move out of the house we were renting.

We had prayed for God to guide us and keep us from making a wrong decision, so despite our surprise at this news, we believed it was God shutting the door. We did wonder what He had planned! We prayed together as a family and trusted in His Word:

*“For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.” (Isaiah 55:8, 9)*

Our friends at Pleroma Church had previously invited us to move to Tennessee, but it had not seemed like a doable option. Through the course of events, however, God made it abundantly clear that He was moving us to Tennessee.

This has not been an easy move, but through the gracious help of our brothers and sisters at Pleroma, God has given us the strength to make it happen.

Now we are finally settled, and thanks to the Lord, DM<sup>2</sup> has a place to flourish. God has worked out all the details, both great and small, every step of the way. He has provided a lovely home for our family, has worked out the many particulars for our children, and has given us a loving home church.

What are the plans for DM<sup>2</sup>? Over the next few months, we will be doing training conferences in Sierra Leone and Bolivia. As always, we will certainly need your prayers. In Sierra Leone we will be training pastors and leaders from October 6-17. Pastor Clay Ward from Pleroma Church and I will teach a chronological framework series covering Creation to the cross. In December, we plan to return with a team to Bolivia to continue to train the pastors and leaders there. (Pastor Michael Turay, the Sierra Leone field director, with his wife, Georgiana, right.)



Thank you so much for your prayers for us, and for the work of DM<sup>2</sup>. We trust that together we will see Christian leaders all over the world equipped to teach and disciple faithful men in their respective countries. To God be the glory!

### **Needs:**

Prayer partners who will consistently lift us, and the indigenous leaders we work with, up in prayer.

Pray for the financial support needed for our field director in Bolivia, Roberto Morales, so that he can fully concentrate on the ministry of DM<sup>2</sup>.

Pray for our field director in Sierra Leone, Michael Turay, as he seeks to faithfully carry out his ministry.

Pray for regional ministry directors who can open up and manage fields in new geographical regions.

Pray for regular monthly supporters for DM<sup>2</sup>. We need churches and individuals, who have a vision for training and mobilizing leaders in third world countries, to partner with us in making disciple makers.

### **Grace and Peace,**

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