

Inspiration from a couple in Texas

From the husband:

Greetings to all our brothers and sisters in Christ. I pray this letter finds each of you not only blessed, but very much so.

It has been close to a year since I last traveled to teach the Word of God. I had the pleasure of teaming up with several Bolivian DM2 colleagues. We went to a small town in Tlaxcala, Mexico and had a wonderful time teaching Romans. We were well provided for by the pastor of the church and various families. The Lord caused some exciting spiritual growth among the members. Glory to God.

Through Christ's sufficiency and strength that He provides in all things, the Lord has continued His work through His servants during this trying time of pandemic. I wondered how God would use me, and as usual, He has been faithful. He provided opportunities for me to assist in making disciples through the internet and opened doors to present the gospel.

Through the online DM2 seminars I am involved in, I have had the opportunity to meet the family of Christ in different parts of the world. Currently, I am assisting in teaching Revelation and Colossians in Spanish. It is a great joy to make new friends I otherwise would not have known. It is exciting to watch and hear of their growth in Christ. I pray the Lord will use them for His glory.

This has been a year of drawing closer to my Savior through the knowledge and wisdom God has provided in His Word and through the things He continues to do in my personal life. It would take more paper to write of all the great things God has done. Suffice it to say, He has been faithful. We may be going through trying times, but the victory has already been won. I urge everyone to put an emphasis on their relationship with Christ. When you love something, you get excited about it. You sacrifice other things to spend time with that one thing you love. Scripture says, *"that man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by everything that proceeds out of the mouth of the Lord"* (Deut. 8:3). There is a simplicity in going to the Father and asking Him to use you and make you more like Christ. Try it. Live your life by reading His Word and trusting the Lord in all things. Do you wish to know what our salvation is all about? Why we want others to be saved? The apostle John makes it clear: *This is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent* (John 17:3). God wants us to have a relationship with Him. Being saved by the Lord and then getting to know Him is the one thing you can offer to anyone in the world. Make it a point to be His ambassador. I pray you make Him first in everything. You are in my prayers each day.



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Praise:

- For a successful 1 Timothy winter youth workshop with almost 90 participants
- For God's provisions for Bibles, curriculum manuals and printing accessories for various fields
- That disciple-making continues to flourish online and locally around the world even though we have not been able to travel

Prayer:

- Pray for DM2's bold initiative to start a one-year training program for young adult disciple-makers. By God's grace we plan to launch this program in September 2021.
- Pray for God to provide teachers, students, finances, and facilities. God is already opening doors, for which we are very excited.
- Pray for the many DM2 workshop attendees in Zambia, Liberia, Sierra Leone, Myanmar, Bolivia, Venezuela, Mexico, Argentina, and Costa Rica whom we have involuntarily abandoned due to Covid-19
- Pray for disciple-making to continue to flourish despite our inability to travel

At the start of the pandemic, this man's wife broke out of her comfort zone and began teaching a group of ladies in a nearby community. Due to interest in the end-times generated by the pandemic, she decided to teach the book of Revelation using the DM2 curriculum. Following are some of her comments regarding this life-changing venture.

From the wife:

I have always been uncomfortable in confrontations and my greatest regrets stem from times I did not speak up in the past. Now, I have to rein myself in. I have to speak the truth.

I have taught in-depth Bible studies in the past, but there's something about believing in and teaching about future events that has emboldened me. You either stand for God or you stand with Satan. Somehow, it's not the same as teaching systematic theology or some academic course. You teach by standing in faith. It just seems different to me.

The ladies in the class and I agree that studying Revelation changes the way you look at the world. Because we have been studying for over 5 months now, "the things of earth grow strangely dim in the light of His glory and grace." Knowing that this earth is currently ruled by Satan, why do we even want to be a part of it? I long for Christ's return. I realize that this earthly plane is what we know, but I regret going along with it. I regret choices I've made. I long for so much more. I've always known "all that glitters is not gold," and now, I realize in a deeper way that gold is only glitter.

Last fall I saw a quote that says, "God often has good things He wants to give us, but our hands are too full to receive them." That thought was one of the many signals God used to make me want to retire. And now as a retired public-school teacher, I still get to do one of my favorite things: teach!

A few of the ladies I teach want to be trained to share the gospel. We are always praying for God to show us what to do and how to do it. We are really focusing on redeeming the time God's way. Would you pray for us?

Work shops conducted during 2020



Bolivia



Venezuela



Zambia



**1 Timothy winter youth workshop
Dec 29, 2020 - Jan.3, 2021**