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Workshops 2014/2015:

December 5-14
December 26-29
January 2-4
January 16-19
February 5-6

BOLIVIA Revelation Workshop
OLYMPIA, WA Panorama of the Life of Christ Workshop
HARLINGEN, TX Galatians How-to Workshop
SPOKANE, WA Romans Workshop
GREENVILLE, TX Regional Ministry Director Training

Prayer Requests:

www.DM2USA.org (405) 833-4432 PO Box 3570 Harlingen, TX 78551 USA We would request prayer for the door to stay open to Ukraine. Pray that the doors to Sierra Leone and Liberia would reopen soon. Pray for the many opportunities opening up in the former Soviet Union. Be in prayer also for both teachers and students in our upcoming trip to Bolivia. Pray also as we seek to give specific training to future disciple-makers in January and February.

December 2014





Anonymous (Mississippi): It was a blessing to get to participate in the DM2 study of Romans 9-11. It's an encouragement to understand that choosing God's way of service isn't a one-time choice that we can get totally wrong. Instead we have opportunities every day to make the choice to live set apart in service to God. It's amazing how quickly so many hours of study pass. Thanks so much for making this available.

David Stewart (92 years old, Mississippi): As I listened to Brad and Bret, my thoughts were, "Why do these men waste their time on such a small group of people who have little Bible knowledge and most of us attending will never be in a position of teaching?" A contrast of Israel and the church was a new revelation to many of us, as well as the blessings we have from Abraham. Also, we were made aware of our tendency to continue to revert back to the Law because we do not understand grace. There is frequently an attempt within Christianity to put us back under the Law, either through ignorance or to abuse power. The example of the three roads [from Romans 2-3] is excellent. Many of us have traveled at high speed down those roads, even changing lanes. I am looking forward for our future chance to study the rest of Romans.

Eliel (translator in Brazil): Our time in Natal and Vila Velha were very profitable. We had the chance to share solid, fundamental and vital-to-the-Christian-faith truth which unfortunately has been forgotten by now-a-day churches. Several churches from each town were represented. Everyone said how interesting and necessary the teaching was and how much of a turning point it was in what they believed. Let's now pray that those who took the training will understand how important it is to carry on and multiply it. Once again, thank you for the invaluable opportunity to take part in such a privileged and blessed project.

Vitya (Ukraine): I very much liked the nonstandard approach to the interpretation of Romans 10!!!! Usually they understand the verses 10:9-10 as a formula to evangelism but this is not what Paul wanted to say.

Pastor Zhenya (Ukraine): It is just amazing when we take a book and go verse by verse as the word of God simply cuts through your mind and you see it in all its beauty and not just scraps of the picture. When you see the whole picture, it is difficult to forget what God has revealed to you and it changes lives.

Larissa (Ukraine): I very much like the workshop!! I have known Romans for a long time but only superficially and only in general. This workshop helped to delve into Paul's rich letter to the Roman church. Once again I saw how important it is to pay attention to every word written in the pages of the message within the whole panorama of Romans and the Bible too! Thank you so much for the seminar! I am planning to begin sharing Romans 9-16 with the sisters of the church after the New Year.

Curricula Translated in:

English

Simba Guaraní

русский язык

Bemba

українська мова

Español

قيبرطا

Hakha Chin

Português

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Coming soon:

Deutsch

Ukraine

Mark Musser: DM2 workshops have really strengthened and expanded my missionary trips in Ukraine over the past year with a continuing promise of more fruitful harvesting in the near future.

We (my wife Caren and children Rachel, Alex, and Paul) were a missionary family to the former Soviet Union for 7 years. From 1995-1996 we worked in Mogilev, Belarus. Fromn 1998-2004 we worked with James F. Myers Ministries in Kiev, Ukraine.

In 2000, Jim Myers and I established a small two year Bible institute in Kiev called the Word of God Bible College. The students are taught two years of Greek and Hebrew by one of our previous graduates and Bible and theology by visiting professors. Since 2004 I have traveled to Kiev, Ukraine twice a year to teach module courses at the college. However, since September of 2013, I have also been helping to lead and teach DM2 workshops in various parts of Ukraine.

This last year I have been in Ukraine three times with significant DM2 workshops on Romans 1-8 and Romans 9-16 in Kiev, Lviv and in Baryshivka. What has been most rewarding has been to use former graduates from the Bible college for the DM2 workshops to give them a solid platform upon which to expand their ministries in Ukraine so that they too are now beginning to learn to become disciple makers. In particular, it has been a great joy to watch two of our earlier graduates, Zhenya Safchenko from Baryshivka and Vasilly Munko from Lviv, take on the DM2 discipleship mantle very effectively. Baryshivka is one hour east of Kiev in the northern heart of the country. Lviv is in western Ukraine on the Polish border.

On my most recent trip to Ukraine this last month I had a very full schedule. In addition to my normal teaching regime at the Bible college, we put on two very good DM2 workshops on Romans 9-16 in both Lviv and Baryshivka. I flew into Lviv to help Pastor Vasilly Munko, Pastor Mark Blessing, Roman Dubinets, and Vasya Chaplaev teach a Romans 9-16 workshop. We had folks from several different churches attend the workshop, but most of them were from Mark Blessing's Living Word Church and Vasilly Munko's Lviv Bible Church.

Vasya Chaplaev's wife, Larissa, has been a huge advertisement for us in Lviv. Both of them attend Pastor Mark Blessing's Living Word Church. Vasya was granted a few opportunities to teach at last summer's Romans 1-8 workshop and then again in our Romans 9-16 workshop. He did an excellent job and I am hoping to use him more often in the future. Larissa started a week by week women's group for Romans 1-8 at their church with those who did not come to last summer's workshop. She is doing great and is very clear on the law-free gospel of grace. Please continue to pray for the Chaplaev's.

Pastor Vasilly Munko is proving to be an excellent and very resourceful teacher. His friend, Roman Dubinets, also taught a few sessions. We are hoping to give him more opportunities in the future. This was his third time teaching at a Romans workshop in Lviv. He would like to start teaching Romans 1-8 week by week to his home group. (I am of the opinion that DM2 material could revolutionize home Bible groups everywhere) Roman is also trying to get Romans 1-8 into another church in town that he knows very well. The church is called Trinity Church. Please pray for Roman and his desire to teach at both his home group and also for a potential opportunity to present Romans 1-8 at the Trinity Church. Prayers are very important in opening doors for us. Please pray.

The Romans 9-16 workshop went really well in Baryshivka at the Living Water Bible Baptist Church. The whole church was involved in putting the workshop together, including the feeding of everyone on Sunday for lunch and dinner. It was a real testimony of teamwork devoted to the goal of grace. All the teachers did a great job. We had visitors, including the pastor, from a nearby church. Zhenya asked them if we might present Romans 1-8 at their church in the future. The pastor agreed, and so we are hoping we can do another Romans 1-8 at their church when I return to Ukraine in March. So please pray for this opportunity as well. If we can get Romans 1-8 into this particular church, it will not only be a real accomplishment but also a great blessing to them and to us as well.

It has been a real honor to share the book of Romans over this past year with several different groups in various parts of Ukraine. DM2 workshops have been great for discipleship, teamwork, and fellowship as former Bible college graduates and old acquaintances take up the DM2 discipleship banner. Neither the fellowship nor teamwork is superficial but something truly substantive as we share the glories of God's grace together in unique ways that build one another up in the faith. It has truly been a great blessing to see many more faithful men and women involved in the making of disciples in Ukraine.

The Russian-Ukrainian war in southeast Ukraine is heating up again after a 2 month pause of sorts. Some reports have stated that up to 10,000 people have died in the fighting in southeast Ukraine since the covert war front opened up last March. Please continue to pray for Ukraine. Please continue to pray for us as well that we can find more opportunities to share DM2 workshops in other locations. I would still like to get into Kharkov near the Russian border. We are also looking to go into other satellite nations of the former Soviet Union and would very much like to get into Poland as well.

Please join us in prayer and financial giving to get DM2 material translated into Russian and Ukrainian. It is a big job but well worth the efforts and sacrifices necessary to propagate the glorious law-free grace gospel. "Therefore let it be known to you, brethren, that through Him forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you, and through Him everyone who believes is freed from all things, from which you could not be freed through the Law of Moses. Take heed therefore, so that the thing spoken of in the Prophets may not come upon you: 'Behold, you scoffers, and marvel, and perish. For I am accomplishing a work in your days, a work which you will never believe, though someone should describe it to you.'" (Acts 13:38-41)

USA

Brad Rigby: Approximately twenty-five people [my parents and their friends] were in attendance at the Romans 9-16 workshop in Louisville, Mississippi throughout the weekend.

The excitement from the group about God's Word was genuinely refreshing as we plowed through difficult passages in Romans 9-11 regarding God's plan for Israel. As we studied verse by verse and investigated the Old Testament passages Paul cited, the group began to comprehend God's plan for Israel from a dispensational approach.

All expressed their appreciation for the teaching and its clear presentation. Some attendees reported that since our last workshop they have been going through the material with others. I am truly overjoyed to teach within this group of many experienced teachers and overjoyed by their responses to God's Word.

My personal highlight of the weekend, which was also expressed by others, was teaching Romans 12:1-2 where we were all challenged to be living sacrifices unto God, transformed in our thinking, and living sacrifices within our church, community and government.

Brazil

Jim Myers: Two weeks, two DM2 workshops! We had a wonderful time in two Atlantic coast cities in eastern Brazil. These were done in churches which have a good theological base, but have not been diligent in teaching verse by verse and categorically – even though that was their heritage. Those who came were eager to learn and we pray that the workshop on the book of Romans will stimulate them to renew their study in the Word and get back to their roots. The response from the people indicated that they really want more of this kind of teaching. I hope they will take the material presented to them and teach it to faithful men who will teach others also. We certainly encouraged them to do this in their churches, their Bible studies and in their homes.

Jeff Phipps: If I had to choose one word to describe our inaugural trip to Brazil it would be "blessed." Believers were engaged and excited about Romans 1-8 and they had many excellent questions indicating they were thinking deeply about what was taught. The response was overwhelmingly positive as we left Natal on Sunday. The question most asked was, "When are you coming back?" It was a great teaching and learning experience and our hope and prayer is that our Lord opens the door for future trips!

