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WINTER 2013-2014 CALENDAR

NOVEMBER 21-23 DULUTH, MINNESOTA Panorama of the Old Testament Workshop **DECEMBER 2-9 SUCRE, BOLIVIA, SOUTH AMERICA** Romans 1-8 Workshop

DECEMBER 11-15 LOS NEGROS, BOLIVIA, SOUTH AMERICA 1 Cor. 9-16 Workshop

DECEMBER 20-21 – JANUARY 3,4 NEW BRAUNFELS, TEXAS Romans 1-5 Workshop

DECEMBER 27-30 **OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON** Romans 9-16 Workshop

FEBRUARY 13-15 SPOKANE, WASHINGTON Panorama of the Life of Christ Workshop

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Pray for a special workshop that we will be presenting in Sucre, Bolivia at the SETESUR Seminary on December 2-7, 2013. We will have the opportunity to present a Romans 1-8 workshop for students and pastors opening up a new area of Bolivia to DM2.
- Pray the pastors and leaders who were taught over the last couple of months in Ukraine, Asia, Sierra Leone, and Zambia.
- Pray for the DM2 curriculum development.
- Pray for Bolivian DM2 teams that planning to travel to Peru, Mexico, and Uruguay in 2014.
- Pray for our 1 Corinthians 9-16 workshop in Los Negros, Bolivia on December 9-13, 2013.

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

2 Corinthians 1:11a



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Upcoming Workshops:

ROMANS 1-5

New Braunfels, Texas Dec 20-21 & Jan 3-4

ROMANS 9-16

Olympia, Washington December 27-30

PANORAMA OF THE LIFE OF CHRIST

Spokane, Washington February 13-15

Pray for these upcoming workshops.

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"Now [we] urge you, brethren, by our Lord Jesus Christ and by the love of the Spirit, to strive together with [us] in your prayers to God for [us]. " **Romans 15:30**

BRET NAZWORTH

When I was young I read several books and heard the incredible stories about the suffering of Christians in the former Soviet Union. In my naivety, my vision was to one day traffic Bibles into that region in order to somehow be a blessing to the persecuted saints there. As is often the case, God had other plans. Wanda and I ended up taking our family into heart of the Amazon Rain Forest, but the challenge I received as a youth never fully left. I never forgot how God had first tugged at my heart with the spiritual needs of Eastern Europe.

In January of this year, God opened a door for DM2 to hold a Romans 1-8 workshop in Spokane, Washington, and before the first day was over Pastors Mark Musser and Tod Kennedy independently approached me with something to the effect of "we've got to take this to the Ukraine." Jim Myers, a missionary and Church planter to that region has been investing in the lives of Russian speaking men and women for more than 10 years. Through his investments, there is a wonderful platform through which we could launch DM2. Therefore, in September Mark Musser and I converged in Kiev and together with the help of Jim Myers, Paul Miles and a host of nationals we taught through Romans 1-8. By all appearances, the workshop and training went really well. This issue of our monthly newsletter is

dedicated to what God is doing there. We trust that you will make this area of the world a special target for your prayers.

While in Kiev, Ukraine, we were told how even when under an atheistic government, many people were saved through the teachings of the government. One fellow conveyed to us that he knew of several who were saved as a result of what their teacher told them: "Irrational Christians teach that you are saved by trusting in Christ who they say died for our sins and rose again from the dead. How ignorant!" Through statements like this, many actually believed in Christ.

This same individual went on to tell us of his own experience. One day he returned home from school as a small child and announced to his grandma that there was no God! He said he got the beating of his life from his grandma's walking cane. When he ran home crying to his mother and told her that grandma had beaten him she asked why. He said it was because he told her that there is no God. As soon as he said this, his mother commenced to beat him a second time! Ouch. But God used that in an amazing way in his life.

We are so thankful for all of you who prayed for this trip. Pray that God will increase disciple-makers for the vast harvest at hand.



UKRAINE - MARK MUSSER

September was a real blessing in Kiev, Ukraine when the Word of God Bible College hosted a DM2 Romans 1-8 workshop. Jim Myers, Bret Nazworth, and I were joined by 9 other Ukrainian men who helped teach the seminar. It turned out to be an excellent 4 day workshop that was well attended by faithful Ukrainians who were not only excited by the teaching materials that were provided, but many are now looking forward to being involved in more workshops in the future in other parts of Ukraine.

We have already been invited by several churches to put on two more workshops in the spring, one in Baryshivka, which is about 1 hour east of Kiev, and then another in Zhitomir, which is about 1.5 hours west of Kiev. We are planning on presenting these workshops in either late March or early April. We are even looking forward to the possibility of putting on two more workshops in the summer, perhaps one on the Black Sea in the south of Ukraine and another in Lviv, Ukraine, which is near the Polish border. Please pray for these workshops that they will indeed go forward as planned and that God would abundantly provide for these endeavors. Right now, the opportunities appear to be wide open. We certainly trust the Lord to be able to raise up more disciple makers in the former Soviet Union.

With no small thanks to all the efforts of James F. Myers Ministries over the years in Ukraine (and even Ukraine Bible Institute where Jim and I taught regularly in the past before the school closed in 2004), we were able to cash in on a group of trained Ukrainian men who did a good job of teaching through the materials. While Jim Myers, Bret Nazworth and I did most of the teaching, we still invited 9 Ukrainian men to teach at least one session each from the Romans 1-8 workshop materials. This is very unusual and could not normally be done the first time of going into a new country, but because such a good foundation had already been laid in Ukraine, we were able to hit the pavement running. It also looks like we will be able to keep up this pace in the future. While a few of the men struggled at first, by the time their session was done, they became much more comfortable in what they were teaching.

It was such a great joy to see men, in whom we have invested much training in the past, to step up to the plate and do a good job teaching their assigned sections from Romans 1-8. Vasya M. from Lviv Bible Church taught two sessions from Romans 6 and Romans 8 respectively. Oleg L. taught on the great problem of the self-righteous moral sinner from Romans 2. American missionary Paul Miles of Bold Grace Ministries taught on Romans 3:21-31 where Paul presents the cross as the grace solution to man's sin problem. Sasha S. from Kharkov near the Russian border taught on Romans 5:1-11. Zhenya S., from the Living Word Baptist Church in Baryshivka, contrasted the true gospel of grace with popular gospel presentations these days that are false.

Vladimr Z. from Kharkov Bible Church did a good job teaching through the difficult section of Romans 5:12-21 on the federal headships of Adam and Christ. Sergei Y. taught on the struggle of the sin nature depicted in Romans 7. Igor K. taught an excellent lesson on the flesh and the Spirit from Romans 8:1-17. Sasha V. discussed the problem of carnality in the Christian life, which is so often denied by so many these days. Maxim G. from Lugansk closed out the workshop by emphasizing Eternal Security from Romans 8:31-39.

Please continue to pray for each one of these men as we plan to use them for future workshops. We want to coach and train them to take on more and more responsibility in teaching DM2 materials and expand the outreach into various places throughout Ukraine. Pray especially for an open door into Kharkov. Before coming back home, I traveled there to teach at Kharkov Bible Church. I had a wonderful time with them, and I am hoping to bring another Romans 1-8 workshop there too. We are also hoping to expand DM2 workshops into Belarus, Russia, perhaps even Poland as well, Ukraine's Slavic neighbors to the north, east and west. Thanks so much for all your prayers!

(Mark Musser was a missionary to the former Soviet Union and current pastor of Grace Redeemer Bible Church in Olympia, Washington. He will be serving as DM2's Regional Ministry Director in this area of the world. Pray for him.)

From Olesia: It (the DM2 Romans workshop) turned my life upside down in a good way and opened a deeper understanding of Jesus and His sacrifice. The conference gave me a chance to look at the true Gospel and true salvation. I was lucky to attend two days of the conference. During one of those days the speaker was teaching about false gospels and sin. That teaching was remarkable for me since, after being a Christian for many years, I obtained a set of false beliefs about the Gospel and salvation and I now understood why! We all tend to seek the world's view of things more than God's view. We make decisions comfortable to us but not looking at things with God's prospective. We want to find favor in the world's eyes first rather than obeying God.

The workshop gave me a systematic and complete theological presentation of the Gospel as well as understanding of what Christianity and the true Christian life are all about. The study material was very easy to understand, even without a profound theological background. It spoke to our hearts. It was not another understanding of Scripture; it was purely Scripture, speaking to us that we are all justified by faith in our Savior Jesus Christ.

I think that the epistle of Romans must be taught to every Christian in the way it was taught at this conference. And I am really glad that we have the opportunity to restudy this material in our Bible study on Fridays. Thank you!!!

From Maxim one of the Ukrainian teachers: For me it was a great blessing to participate in the DM2 workshop. First, it was another good opportunity for me to discover more about this rich, complex and even controversial book called Romans. I am also very grateful to Bret, Mark, Jim, and the other wonderful speakers for their excellent presentations. Second, it is a very big plus to have the materials all printed up, which allowed us in turn who speak and those who listen to more effectively work with the new information. I thank Bret (DM2) for providing all of these materials in digital form for free use! Third, I was also very happy to personally practice this discipleship exercise (as a teacher) as it simplified the task for me. I could readily participate. In conclusion, I would like to add that I am going to use these readymade materials. They are an especially big help for new teachers. At this time, I am continuing to work on the book of Romans to soon conduct this course with my friends and newcomers. Thank you for organizing this workshop!

From Vasya, pastor of Lviv Bible Church, not far from the Polish border: We have a saying: "All is genius – easy." [It's so profound yet so easy.] This saying is perfectly matched by the Romans 1-8 workshop. The summary of the material is simple enough to understand from the first lesson. And at the same time, it provides a good foundation for more in-depth study as it gives people a solid theology. I think it's great for the ordinary members of the Church as well as for the Church leaders.

From Sergei: The workshop was very valuable because I saw many Christians (teachers) who still believe in salvation by grace and who are not ashamed of it. In our day this is rare. Besides this, since this is just the beginning, DM2 wants to make more such disciples of grace. Now I have materials which I am using every Friday. Personally for me, I am glad that some of the people who attend our Friday night class are starting to see more clearly justification by faith and how the Christian life works

according to grace. Not only do they understand salvation by grace, but now they are trying to live the Christian life by grace as well. Great! Thanks for what you are doing. Keep pressing on!

From Vitaly, Taras, and
Natasha: Primarily we all want
to say thank you that you came
and taught us this course. It's
indeed useful material and plain
Bible teaching. I think it is a very
good style of teaching, to be
able to go through all of an
epistle verse by verse. It's really
wonderful. Thanks to God. It
was especially good that you

put in an explanation the gospel of grace. This was awesome! I loved the explanation of 3 types of sinners according chapters 1-3. It's really important to understand that, yet the most powerful thing was the teaching of grace according to Romans. I could probably add a lot of other things, but these are the key thoughts which Taras, Natasha, and I were discussing last week. May God lead you forward to spread the Good News.

From Lena one of our interpreters: Even though the teaching of God's grace and acceptance of me in Christ, as well as my identification with Him, was in my Christian background, this workshop was a wonderful reminder of the reality of those truths. It also reminded me of how some of the most important goals can be reached "in simplicity" as long as you have the Holy Spirit and the Word of God (that's where the free DM2 materials are very helpful). Just imagine, Jesus thinks that even I can be helpful for the building of His church!

From Paul Miles one of our teachers: I just went to my first DM2 workshop a few weeks ago and thoroughly enjoyed it. What a great opportunity to get together with brothers and sisters in Christ to worship the Lord through studying His Word! The materials (Romans 1-8) were challenging enough for Christians of all walks of life, yet in a format that is simple enough to allow us to stay focused on the task at hand. I am sincerely thankful to DM2 for their efforts in getting the message out and am looking forward to multiplying discipleship in future conferences.

I want to say thank you all for coming to Ukraine. I thoroughly enjoyed the brief time we had together. I believe your work here was a blessing to all. It was certainly well received and I look forward to seeing the Romans conferences being put on in several places in Ukraine. Several people have indicated that they want to do this. ... I appreciate all the work you put into this project (Romans 1-8 outlines) and think it is a valuable tool. I am sure that I will be involved in teaching this material in the future. **Jim Myers**, missionary.

