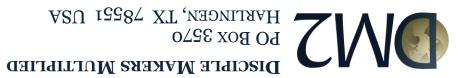
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### WINTER-SPRING 2014 CALENDAR

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

MARCH 20 – MARCH 30 UKRAINE Several Romans Workshops

MARCH 20 – MARCH 30 UNDISCLOSED, ASIA Romans / Discipleship Workshops

MARCH 28 – 30 NEW BRAUNFELS, TEXAS Romans 6-8 Workshop

MARCH 31 – APRIL 4 LIBERIA, AFRICA Romans 1-8 Workshop

APRIL 25 - MAY 4 ZAMBIA, AFRICA Panorama of the Old Testament Workshop

MAY 9-13 SIERRA LEONE, AFRICA Panorama of the New Testament (Part 2) Workshop

## **PRAYER REQUESTS**

- We request prayer for ongoing curriculum development and translation projects, which require enormous investments of time and energy.
- ♦ We ask you to remember the teams that will depart for Liberia, Sierra Leone, Asia, Zambia and Ukraine in the spring of this year. We seek God's guidance, wisdom and safety for each team member who travels to teach the Word of God.
- Workshops continue to spring up here in the USA. Please be in prayer for the organization of workshops and for those who attend to take the challenge to go forth and teach others.

"...brethren, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may have free course, and be glorified..."

2 Corinthians 1:11a



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# "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son"

John 3:16a

## **BRET NAZWORTH**

**PANORAMA** OF THE

**NEW TESTAMENT** 

**Upcoming** 

Workshops:

**PANORAMA** 

OF THE

LIFE OF CHRIST Spokane, Washington

February 13-15

Fort Collins, Colorado April 30 -May 3

**PANORAMA** OF THE **OLD TESTAMENT** 

**Duluth, Minnesota** May 8-10

Pray for these upcoming workshops.

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By the grace of God, this past year we sent nine teams to the mission field and taught hundreds of people!

It is difficult to convey the power of making disciplemakers in a few words, but here's a real life scenario that will give you an idea. Over the past four years, in the country of Bolivia, we have taught eight workshops, one every six months. These workshops are aimed at a core group of faithful men and women For the last three years, this core group of faithful servants has gone out and conducted around two hundred workshops. Just this month alone, they taught at least three workshops that we know of. When you consider how many believers this core group has empowered in the last few years, and how many workshops have been conducted by these new disciple makers, you begin to get a sense of the enormousness power found in making disciplemakers.

In 2013, we had the privilege of initiating disciplemaking in two new fields: In an undisclosed Asian country and in Ukraine. Not only did we begin conducting workshops in these countries, but two men, Mark Musser and Brad Rigby, have committed to see the work of DM2 come to fruition in these countries during the next ten years. Mark Musser will be our RMD (Regional Ministry Director) to Ukraine, and Brad Rigby will be our RMD to the Asian country. One of the main challenges for Mark and Brad will be overseeing the translation of written materials into these countries' languages. Please pray for these

DM2 also continued its disciple-making efforts in Zambia, Sierra Leone and Bolivia. We conducted workshops every six months in each of these countries. In Bolivia, our teams taught 1 Corinthians 1 -8 and 1 Corinthians 9-16. In Sierra Leone, we taught Romans 9-16, Disciple-Making, and the Panorama of the New Testament (Part I). In Zambia we taught Romans 1-8, Disciple-Making, and Romans 9-16.

If the Lord allows, we hope to take initial "survey" trips to Uruguay in July and to Vanuatu in August in order to ascertain the possibility of ministering in these two countries. We also plan to open up the country of Liberia by conducting initial DM2 workshops in March and November. Of course, all of this is because of your partnership with us in prayer and sacrificial giving.

Some have asked how much money it takes to send a team to a foreign country to conduct a workshop. The average cost for us to get a three-member team to a field is just under \$11,000.00. Please keep DM2 in prayer as we continue to open up new fields. God is bringing us more teachers and more willing workers who are eager to make disciples of all nations. We stand in awe as we watch God provide so that His word can go forth in multiplying power!



**CARLOS TELLEZ** 

On our most recent trip to Bolivia, we had the opportunity to teach God's word in two locations- Sucre, in the South, and Los Negros. In Sucre, we taught Romans 1-8. I was touched watching the majority of the pastors be transformed by the Word

At the beginning of the Sucre conference, many attendees were confused about how to be saved and were living in fear of losing their salvation. During the workshop two people in particular, a brother and sister, testified that they are now sure of their salvation. For the first time in their lives, they know the only prerequisite for salvation from their death-deserving sin is to personally believe in Jesus Christ and his death and resurrection, just as the scriptures state. Two of the pastors who attended the workshop were so touched by the teaching about justification and sanctification by grace that during lunch one day, they asked: "Brother Carlos, we recognize we have been teaching the wrong way in our congregations; what should we do?" Specifically, they realized they were putting people under the law instead of teaching the grace of God. To the glory of God, we were able to encourage them to change their teaching to correctly reflect the Word of God. Also, three DM2-trained Bolivians taught the curriculum alongside us. I was encouraged and impressed by their solid ability to communicate the truth. This reflects the fact that they have been greatly impacted by our training these past few years.

After finishing in Sucre, we travelled down the mountains to Los Negros for a second week of teaching. This workshop, covering 1 Corinthians 9-16, was aimed at our core group of disciple makers. This teaching brought clarity on certain important issues to the pastors. We were also able to refresh these leaders' memory of 1 Corinthians 15 (a chapter we have used many times when defining the gospel). We explained to them why Paul defined the gospel yet again to the Corinthian believers, and why he emphasized to them that he had received the gospel directly from the Lord. We explained how Paul emphasized the resurrection of Christ to the Corinthian church, because this church was surrounded by a pagan culture which did not believe in an afterlife. One Bolivian pastor reflected on the importance of sharing a clear gospel in spite of the persecution Bolivian churches experience when they uphold it. He summarized the week by saying: "We have learned of Christ in these days... We have studied the Word of God... I am so thankful for this group (the DM2 team), and for what we believe now after these four or five years [of DM2 workshops]... Now we continue to have the opportunity to study the Word of God... And the Bible says, "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel of peace, who bring glad tidings of good things!' It is not easy! It was never a popular message. The gospel has always been persecuted, and there is much persecution yet today, but it is the message we have received from the Lord and we have to take it and give it just as the Lord gave it to us." The pastors demonstrated their gratitude for, and commitment to, the gospel by graciously giving an offering to the work of DM2 around the world.



At the beginning of every Romans 1-8 conference, we pass out a questionnaire. One of the main questions on the questionnaire is, "What must one do to be saved?" We give thirteen possible answers to this question, but the fifth answer, Option E, is the only true answer ("Believe that

Christ died for your sins and rose again"). We were startled to realize the attendees (at the Sucre workshop) felt there were not enough "ways to be saved" listed in our options, because many of them penned in additional roads to salvation. Though many people circled Option E, they circled other options as well, demonstrating their understanding that simple belief in Jesus Christ was not sufficient to bring them salvation.

About half of the attendees were either graduates of the seminary (now pastors) or current students. The rest of the attendees were church leaders and members who came to the conference with their pastors. It was clear to me we were teaching faithful men who were diligent in the study of God's word; yet no one could provide a clear response to the most fundamental question in the Bible: "What must I do to be saved?" This was saddening, given the Bible clearly provides the answer: "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and you will be saved." Surely, these men were aware that Christ did not claim, "I am one of the ways to heaven," but rather, "I am the way, the truth, and the life." There could be many reasons as to why these men had no clear answers to the question, "What must I do to be saved?" But, ultimately, as God's word reminds us, we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities and powers; we wrestle an enemy who is cunning, deceitful, who does believe the truth, and who has twisted the pure gospel. I thank God for His grace toward us in allowing us to preach Christ in Sucre. He provided for us in every way: strength, health, and wisdom to teach His word.

At the end of the five-day workshop, we passed out the same questionnaire we had begun the conference with. This time around, most (greater than 70%) circled only one option in answer to the question, "What must I do to be saved?": option E! We were surprised when we reviewed one survey, to see that after all our teaching one pastor had penned in a few of his own words under the question, but our frowns turned into smiles when we read those words. Beside Option E, he had penned in, "And this, by grace through faith". To that, I say, "Amen." To God be the glory! 2 Corinthians 3:5

TEAM WORK — BOLIVIA

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The workshop in Sucre

brought a mixture of emotions and experiences because many dynamics were involved. This was the first time we had taught in Sucre, and the event was held in a seminary rather than in a church; we did not know how many attendees there would be; and for the first time the teaching team was a diverse mixture of four North Americans and three DM2trained Bolivians. Being on a team with our South American disciple makers was amazing. Sharing in the teaching, praying and having evenings with the team was a highlight of my experience. Despite the sometimes-difficult circumstances, we stood as one with one message and one spirit. This was evident to all involved in the workshop.

At the beginning of the conference, not all the attendees were excited about our being at their seminary. It became evident to us, about half way through, that several people were quite skeptical about the teaching. We have experienced this in the past. Often, when we first teach "What the Gospel is Not" it removes many safe and familiar bases (or props) for salvation from people, placing them in unfamiliar territory. The truths "trust only in Jesus", and "faith alone in Christ alone," sound picky to some, especially when they hear them for the first time. This was the case for a Sunday School teacher in attendance. At the conference, she placed her faith in the person and work of Jesus Christ. Though she was a Sunday School teacher, for the first time in her life she understood the gospel clearly. While the teaching in Sucre was new for so many, and hard for some, DM2 was invited to return. So, yet again, we watched grace win people over.

The workshop in Los Negros was simply amazing. We continued teaching 1 Corinthians, starting with chapter eight and finishing with the closing greetings in chapter sixteen. This workshop proved to be a wonderful time of fellowship in God's word amidst men and women of like faith. Many attendees expressed gratitude for the clear teaching on love, commenting on the lack thereof in their own ministries. They excitedly spoke of taking the teaching back to their churches and carrying on with the discipleship process.

JOE AGUILAR



As I write this letter concerning my recent trip to Bolivia, I am searching for the words which will describe not only what God has done for my brothers in Christ through DM2's teaching, but also how He has taught me and grown me spiritually. June of this past year marked my first trip to Bolivia. It was an exciting trip that opened my eyes to how much the clear teaching of the

Word of God is needed and cherished by people all around the world. It was a trip where I got my feet wet pretty fast. This time around, I traveled alone. Prior to my departure, I experienced a full month of trials. I don't mind saying, then, that I was a little anxious about this

The morning after my arrival, I joined Carlos Tellez and John Wry in Santa Cruz. We joked and laughed and soon found ourselves on the way to Los Negros. This time we travelled in the back of a pickup truck driven by a very loving and special man by the name of Larry Depue, who is a missionary living in Bolivia. The trip through the mountain roads of Bolivia was fun and full of catching up with John Wry and his wife Nelly, as well as Ismael, one of our trainees. We eventually arrived in Los Negros, finding Bret already there and settled in. The schedule for this week of training was just as it had been back in June with classes starting at 7:30am and lasting until 10:00pm. We presented our teaching, and the students were given the opportunity to ask questions to clarify issues afterwards. Bret always led the inquirers back to the scriptures for the answers. We also gave the attendees a chance to share their testimonies. This time really opened my eyes to how God works through His people. The testimonies came from people who had themselves begun to go out to other parts of Bolivia and South America to teach the Word of God and to make disciples. There was nothing more rewarding than hearing stories of what each group of teachers encountered and how God showed Himself strong in their lives. In God's own time, He made it possible for these men to go forth and present to others a clear gospel and clear teaching of the scriptures. Disciple-making is a work which God has called us to perform for His glory, and there is no greater task.

On top of the testimonies, it was a joy to sit with the different students and hear about a couple who started a ministry for children. They began with nine children and now have forty, whom they teach three times a week. These children in turn recruited their parents to hear the gospel. Other workshop students told how they were in the process of reaching out to indigenous groups in the area. A youth group from another church attended the conference, and I had the opportunity to teach them how to use a "survey" as a tool for evangelism. I can't wait to hear their stories of the outcome of presenting the gospel. Each of these people have invested their lives in ministries that let others know Jesus has paid the price for their sins, and He wants them to trust in Him for eternal life.

For many years, though I was a Christian, I did very little in the way of sharing the gospel or teaching others the Word of God. I decided one day to ask God to use me and sure enough, He did. Doors began to open for me to teach the Word of God, both with DM2 and in other venues. In spite of the fact that there were sometimes obstacles to my doing God's work, He removed them. Though this latest trip was wrought with obstacles and pressures, God used it for my benefit. I now see God in a different light and find my dependence on Him increasing as I find myself doing something the world would think is insane. I look forward to God teaching me through trials, knowing they will benefit me, and, more importantly, to glorify Him. My prayer for all who read this is that you would ask God to use you and to open those doors that lead to doing His work. There might be obstacles, but know that God will remove them for the benefit of His church. Trust Him, and watch Him work through you.