

Prior to the pandemic, DM2 traveled to the Colombia side of the Venezuelan border where we met with several Venezuelan leaders with the goal of igniting disciple making among them. During those days, Oscar Portes, a friend from Venezuela, provided logistical support for our team. Little did we know how key Oscar would become—not only in guiding the work in his country but also proving to be a faithful disciple maker. From that time till now, Oscar has wholeheartedly led the efforts to equip Venezuelan nationals with teaching materials, Bibles, and other much-needed support.

When the pandemic hit, Oscar quickly adjusted to training disciple-makers online. In God's providence, he has since immigrated to Canada, where his children and grandchildren reside. From Canada, he has continued to faithfully teach his students through the lion's share of the DM2 curriculum, often working long hours to translate new materials we do not yet have in Spanish. He has been key to the advancement of our efforts in Venezuela.

We share the following report from Oscar to encourage your hearts and to ask you to continue faithfully praying for him, as well as for Joe Aguilar (DM2 board member), who works hand-in-hand with him in this ministry.



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Oscar Portes and  
Bret Nazworth

*I am very grateful to the Lord for allowing us to continue teaching the DM2 curriculum during 2025. We concluded Zechariah in mid-February and began the two letters to the Thessalonians in March, concluding the first week of September. We teach on Mondays and Thursdays from 8 to 10 pm on Zoom. These sessions are broadcast on Youtube so those with electricity or internet problems can see it at another time. The first 15 minutes of connection have become a time of greeting and sharing the love God puts in our hearts as we learn together more of our beloved Lord.*

*We average between 18-34 attendees from Puerto Ordaz, San Fernando de Apure, and Caracas (Venezuela); Santa Cruz (Bolivia); Buenos Aires (Argentina); San Antonio, Texas (USA); and Toronto (Canada). The teaching has become a divine appointment where brother Joe Aguilar and I share the enriching and blessed material prepared by DM2. Joe and I can certify what a great spiritual blessing*

*it is each week to make disciples and to teach others to make disciples by example. Countless hours of study, prayer and consultation go into sharing the teaching and preparing the short tests we do for each lesson. The questions reinforce the teaching and provide an opportunity for sharing personal insights. The quiz grades are almost always close to 100%, verifying the message is understood. They are available online for a week, so they can be repeated for review, and also so that those who could not attend live can do so on their own when they are able.*

*During the sessions we try to read all the biblical quotations because we have seen this helps to understand even better the meaning of each verse and shows how the word of God always confirms the biblical truths using the same word of God.*

*The group also serves as a network of intercession as we pray for specific needs at the beginning or end of each session. We can attest to how the love of the Lord unites us more and more every day by studying his word, verse by verse.*

*At the end of each book we do a general review and a final exam of about 50 questions that ends with the testimony of each participant about the blessings received and also serves to clarify any doubts. What a joy to witness the word of God at work in their lives as they share beautiful testimonies about the peace and security only the Lord can give and as they understand the purpose God has for each of them. In short, it is a true blessing to share the word of God and feel His presence and help every day through the Holy Spirit.*

*We are currently translating the "Behold Your God" curriculum, a study for knowing God that covers from Genesis to Calvary. We pray the manuals and presentations will be available to begin the study in October, God willing.*

*In addition to the weekly classes, we recently participated in a three day retreat at Camp Kwasind in the beautiful Muskoka region of Ontario. Together with 60 brothers and sisters from Iglesia Bautista El Redentor (Redeemer Baptist Church) of Toronto, we studied a portion of Colossians with the theme "Rooted in Christ." It was a great joy to have Bret and Wanda Nazworth present to share the teaching and fellowship.*



Oscar's son-in-law, Juan-Carlos (and family), pastor of Iglesia Bautista El Redentor in Toronto

***We rejoice to see disciple-making flourish in many places and ask prayer for continued open doors:***

**Brazil** - trip with Jeff Phipps in November to check on setting up a 3D training center there

**Honduras** - Carlos Tellez would like to make a trip to Honduras in November

**Cameroon** - Brad Rigby and team are planning a trip to Cameroon in November/December

**Sierra Leone** - Tommy Northcott and Clay Ward desire to return to Sierra Leone early 2026

**Nepal** - There has been much civil unrest and believers fear being targeted in this time of anarchy

**Bolivia** - Hope to teach the epistles of 1-3 John in January

**Seattle, Washington** - A 3D training center beginning in September 2026



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