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Roberto Morales: (Field Director, Bolivia)

Whoever speaks, is to do so as one who is speaking the utterances of God; whoever serves is to do so as one who is serving by the strength which God supplies; so that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belongs the glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. 1 Peter 4:11

This and many other passages encourage me to share the Word of God. It is He who does the work through us; we are the instruments for His glory.

God permitted that the month of August be very saturated as far as the teaching of His Word in the country of Mexico. Two brothers from Bolivia accompanied me: Eliseo Noha and Pastor Ignacio. Carlos Téllez from North Carolina joined us for the first workshop and John Wry from Canada came for the second workshop.

I arrived in Mexico on August 4th at about two in the afternoon and headed directly to the church to get everything ready for starting the teaching of Romans 9-16 at Good Shepherd Evangelical Church in Mexico City. There were about 30 brothers and sisters who participated. They received the teaching with much joy. They saw once again how many times Bible passages are used out of context. The testimonies they shared at the end were a great blessing to us.

On Tuesday, August 12, we traveled to León, Guanajuato to the First Baptist Church of León. Because of the amount of people who attended, it was a very different experience. There were about 75 people, mostly older and the majority pastors from other churches. We taught Romans 1-8, beginning Wednesday, August 13 and ending Sunday, August 17.

The testimonies at the end were amazing. Through tears many shared that it had been a long time since they had had a delightful opportunity like this to sit and study the Bible verse by verse. They were very grateful.

You are part of all God is doing with DM2 Bolivia; that is how we see it. And He is taking us places we would not have thought of going. We just always want to be prepared and ready to move forward. Brothers and sisters in Christ, I appreciate God's Word and thank you for the support you give us.

Workshops 2014:

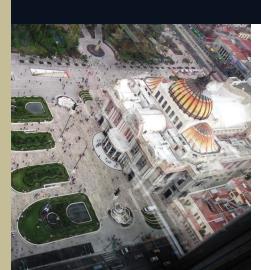
Oct 21 – 26 Oct 27 – Nov 2 November 7-9 November 5-9 November 12-19 November 20-22 December 5-14 December 26-29

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Prayer Requests:

Pray for curriculum development. We are working on the Panorama of the End Times, which includes the book of Revelation. This is a major undertaking and needs divine intervention. Pray concerning the Ebola virus in Liberia and Sierra Leone. Our trips to those two countries this fall have been canceled. Pray for the protection of Michael Turay and family. Pray for the health of Bret Nazworth as he came home from Zambia this last time with malaria. Pray for the opening of Brazil this month and the possibility of doing workshops in Poland in the future.



Curricula Translated in:

English

Simba Guaraní

ру́сский язык

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українська мова

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Bolivia reaching Mexico

Carlos Tellez (Regional Ministry Director): The

Romans 9-16 workshop in Mexico City at Good Shepherd Evangelical Church went well. It was exciting to teach shoulderto-shoulder with our DM2 partners from Bolivia. A part of the curriculum covered the past, present, and future of God's dealings with the nation of Israel. We cannot thoroughly understand today's spiritual and geopolitical issues with Israel unless we pay attention to the Biblical record of the promises of God for Israel since its inception. This teaching included the clear distinction between God's plan for Israel and His plan for the church. We also covered the Christian life, including how we serve in the church, in society, and one another in Christ.

Throughout the week of teaching, three people trusted Christ as Savior, being convinced of having received eternal life and pardon for sin through faith alone in the Gospel of Christ.

At the end of the workshop, we had testimonies of how attendees from a previous Romans 1-8 workshop had been reteaching the material over the past six months. This is the most encouraging news as this is our ultimate goal: making disciple makers. We heard from one woman who became a believer in Christ during our prior workshop and has since been teaching twenty other women in her home. We also heard from a pastor who has been teaching Romans during his Sunday school hour, clarifying what the Gospel is and the assurance of salvation.

Please pray for our family as the opportunities increase to minister through DM2 locally and internationally. Thanks for being a part of our ministry.

Pastor Ignacio Palachay (Bolivia): God gave me the

privilege of preaching the Gospel in Mexico. Our arrival was very emotional because there were people waiting for us at the airport even though they did not know us. We were treated with kindness, taken to where we needed to be, and made to feel very welcome. I gave thanks to God for this wonderful blessing.

When Eliseo and I arrived from Bolivia, Pastor Roberto and Carlos had already started the workshop. We had never worked together with Good Shepherd Evangelical Church before, but there was good coordination and everything went smoothly. I learned a lot from these believers and that challenged me to help others grow. It is wonderful to see the people learn and want to learn. That motivates me and challenges me to return and do it again at another opportunity.

I am praying to be able to return and do another workshop, even though I may not be the best choice since there are others who are more knowledgeable than I and who do better work. But God allowed me to go this time and I am ready to do it again if God allows.

The next workshop at the First Baptist Church of Leon (founded in 1900) was another marvelous experience. This church was more comfortable and the brothers and sisters were more biblical, but they were very legalistic and confused in the area of salvation. The leaders came from other denominations. They had very deep-rooted preconceived ideas. It was a bit hard, but God guided us to be able to respond to every question that was asked. It was a lovely experience. It was a wonderful blessing for me to feel useful and helpful, being able to clear up for others the same doubts I once had. Now, having worked through those same questions, I can explain the answers from personal experience. This was very emotional for me. I realized that there are things I still do not understand, but even so I can still help others.



John Wry (Regional Ministry Director): Our

recent trip to Leon, Mexico was full of big expectations. Pastor Roberto, Eliseo Noha, and Pastor Ignacio Palachay from Bolivia met me at the airport in Mexico City. They had just wrapped up a Romans 9-16 workshop the week before. I could tell they were tired, especially Roberto who had been sick.

Right away we headed for the bus terminal where we immediately boarded the bus for Leon. After a six-hour ride, we got to Leon where we had to contact someone to pick us up. Brother Saul arrived an hour later. By then it was late at night, but he insisted we needed to eat. We walked for what seemed like hours and finally found a hot dog stand near the town square, but because of his illness, Roberto could not eat hot dogs off the street. So Saul decided to take us to his house. By then it was midnight. Nevertheless, his wife prepared us all a meal and an hour or so later we arrived at the hostel where the church had arranged for us to stay. The next morning at 8am they had a banquet prepared for our breakfast.

The whole week was like that. Every day we visited a different home and each seemed to want to outdo the other. I wanted to say, "Please, no more food," but did not dare risk offending them.

The workshop itself was held in the afternoons. Not enough hours had been allotted to finish the material. This is quite common for first-time workshops. They always think, "Surely we don't actually need 30+ hours to cover the material." But as the workshop progressed they realized they would have to make adjustments, only to find it would take a miracle to finish.

We were unable to finish chapter eight, although we did introduce the wonderful doctrine of glorification: Our future in Christ is guaranteed and secure! Many wonderful things have been predestined for those in Christ, and though difficulties are guaranteed to come our way, they are nothing compared to the future glory of the believer.

At the end of the workshop many stood up, one right after the other, to share how the workshop had been a great blessing. Some even said that after decades of being believers, this was the first time they understood the book of Romans.

I cannot go without thanking God for his grace and love in permitting me to be a part of the DM2 Bolivia team. Coworkers of Jesus Christ, these humble men from Bolivia have the immediate goal of reaching South America with the Gospel. Maybe they will invite me to join sometime in the future; I would be honored.

Also, thank you to those people who faithfully support the DM2 ministry. I would not have travelled if it were not for you. God bless.

The steadfast of mind You will keep in perfect peace, because he trusts in You. **Isaiah 26:3**

Pray for Sierra Leone:

The three-day lockdown aimed at reducing the Ebola virus epidemic, which was termed the most extreme strategy employed by a nation since the epidemic began, ended when authorities claimed it was a success. We stayed home during that time while volunteers circulated to educate households as well as isolate the sick and remove the dead. About 132 new cases were discovered and 92 dead bodies were recovered across the country by the end of Saturday. People in some of our villages were keeping the infected dead bodies under their beds thinking they would bury them at night. Some of the corpses were left on the roadside. Sadly, some of the rice provided by the government for the people in areas that were quarantined was stolen by those responsible for distribution. Some people are now using the situation to make themselves rich. When you hear of financial help coming to us, please don't be fooled, as those who suffer do not even have an iota of that reaching them. It's a sad situation we have out here. How we pray that we will have a couple of more leaders like our President, who has a fatherly heart and a vision for his people and nation.

Since the day the lockdown was announced, prices on basic commodities went up. The prices of goods continue to go up. Businesses are closing down very fast and a lot of people are losing their jobs. Things are getting hard and difficult.

The worst part of the situation right now is the fact that a lot of people have put down their guard and are not taking the preventive measures seriously anymore. A so-called "man of God" made a declaration on national radio that after the three days of lock-down everyone should go out of their houses and shout the name of Jesus to bring an end to the epidemic. So that's what a lot of people did and now believe, but in fact the situation is getting worse. At least 562 people have died in our country and we are still counting the dead. The situation nationally in our country continues to deteriorate with a sharp increase in the number of newly reported cases in the capital city. What a sad situation.

Our President, Ernest Bai Koroma, has widened a quarantine to include another one million people in an attempt to curb the spread of Ebola. The northern districts of Port Loko and Bombali, and Moyamba in the south will in effect be sealed off immediately. There is a rumor that the government might lock the nation down again, this time for a whole week. This would hurt our economy yet again, causing a lot of chaos, with more inflation of prices for basic daily commodities.

The church continues to meet for worship on Sundays and by God's grace we continue to have a good time in the infallible Word of God. We continue to study the book of Daniel. My family and I are well as we try to serve our people, yet be careful not to contact the virus. Thank you so much for your love, care, and prayers. We need more of your prayers.

In Him Alone and For His Glory, Michael Turay (Sierra Leone Field Director)