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**UKRAINE**  
Mark Musser:

We finished the Panorama of the Life of Christ in Lviv, Ukraine and then Romans 9-16 in another former Soviet country. Though the groups were not large, averaging about 10-30 people depending on what time of day it was, it was a fruitful time of great blessing for all the participants involved. When we finished, both groups asked us, "What's next?" This is really good news. We are looking forward to returning next fall and then again next spring with more disciple making workshops.

What I thought was really special this last time in Lviv was that the teaching team started the Panorama of the Life of Christ on their own. Vasya Munko, the pastor of Lviv Bible Church, did almost all the legwork to organize the workshop. I did very little, except to help pay for the expenses, which have come down considerably since the Ukrainians are essentially putting on the workshops themselves now. I am noticing this happening in all of the places we are involved in at this time. The only real costs I have are translation of the materials and travels costs, which are large expenses to me, of course, but as far as everything else goes, the workshops are relatively cheap to do.

We have people coming from five different churches in the Lviv area. We thus have a wide outreach in spite of the somewhat small group. One lady came all the way from Uzhgorod on the Hungarian border about 275 kilometers to the south.

The teaching team in Lviv improves every time. Gloria Verhola, the Ukrainian translator of DM2 materials, also continues to do a great job. She squeezes translating into her already busy schedule because she enjoys the workshops so much and can see the fruits of her work.

After we finished in Lviv it was off to another former Soviet country to do Romans 9-16. Vasya Munko took time off of work and went with me to help teach. It was a real blessing to partner with Vasya again on another missionary trip outside of Ukraine.

While the country we visited is repressed and will thus take some extra effort to get the DM2 process going, this last visit went better than last year in that people are beginning to see the point of what DM2 is all about. Next spring we will return to present the Panorama of the Life of Christ Part I, with more help coming from the local leadership to help us present the material. We are looking forward to our return; everyone is awaiting us yet again! Please pray for me especially to be able to receive a VISA one more time.

We are looking forward to more plans for the future in the former Soviet Union. Please pray that the door will remain open for us there (Revelation 3:7). Pray for our protection as well.

**Workshops 2016:**

July 15-26  
August 1  
August 2-6

**BOLIVIA - Galatians and Colossians workshop**  
**HARLINGEN, TEXAS - Women of the Word workshop**  
**HARLINGEN, TEXAS - Romans 1-8 youth workshop**

**Prayer Requests:**



We would appreciate your prayers for continued curriculum development. We just finished the Colossians curriculum and are now working hard to get it translated into Spanish for the workshop in Bolivia in July. We are also editing the 1 Corinthians curriculum and trying to finish the second half of the Hebrews curriculum. These curriculums are being used all over the world to train future disciple makers. Pray they would clearly and accurately communicate the truth of God's Word.

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# DM2@work

## Rob Armstrong

I have had a deep concern that more and more churches are abandoning actual Bible study for share groups and entertainment style worship services. I am even more concerned by the fact that almost all the churches I have been to, or that I have researched online (including those considered to be evangelical and Bible believing), have adopted what I call a “human effort Gospel”. By this I mean that these churches, regardless of denominational ties, preach and teach that in order for a person to become a Christian, he or she must believe in Jesus Christ plus make a commitment to obey Him, and/or make a public profession of faith (i.e., by walking forward in a church service or evangelistic crusade, etc.), and/or make a decision to surrender themselves fully to God (by making Him the “lord” or “master” of their life), etc. I am convinced that this “gospel” (so called), which stresses personal dedication, devotion, and discipline, is what Paul describes in Galatians as “another gospel, which is really no gospel at all”. Although this teaching is sometimes presented by true believers (legalist teachers, etc.), I believe that it is a counterfeit gospel that distorts the message of grace, minimizes the cross, and causes great confusion and despair among believers and unbelievers (see Gal. 1:6-9).

For some time I have been praying about the opportunity to serve as a teacher as part of a foreign missions organization or here in the United States. Approximately 6 months ago, I was introduced to DM2 by Carlos Tellez. I was visiting a church in our area and during the service, Carlos presented a video about a

workshop he was participating in for DM2 in Bolivia. I was pleasantly surprised that the DM2 teachers in the video were giving a clear presentation of the Gospel of the grace of God and were actually teaching through a book of the Bible. Afterward I talked to Carlos about the possibility of teaching with DM2. Subsequently, I had another meeting with Carlos and a lengthy phone conversation with Bret Nazworth.

My first DM2 trip was to Campobello Island in New Brunswick where I attended the Romans (Part 2) workshop. I was personally enriched by the teaching of Bret, Carlos, Keith Nazworth and John Wry. I was also very much encouraged by the Christian fellowship and camaraderie that I enjoyed with these men. I felt their shared passion for spreading the true Gospel and their love for God’s Word. The trip was nothing short of fantastic for me personally!

My second DM2 trip was to Inwood, West Virginia, where for one weekend I shared the teaching responsibilities with Keith Nazworth. It was exciting to see the attendees with their Bibles open and ready to learn. Many times their faces would light up as Keith and I shared extensively about God’s grace from the book of Galatians. Tim, one of the teaching elders at the church, was very encouraged by the teaching. We had great participation and enthusiasm from the other attendees as well. I cannot say enough about how wonderful this opportunity was for me and about my growing friendship with Keith and DM2.

# BOLIVIA@work

## Dr. Marvin

April 4-10 we did a Romans workshop in Puebla, Mexico. We had from 80-100 believers in attendance. We thank the Lord for this time as we witnessed His power and the work of the Holy Spirit in the lives of believers who for a long time had been having doubts and gaps in their understanding of the book of Romans. We thank God they were able to understand God’s grace for the salvation of all humanity.

We had the opportunity to visit and pray with the different families who had us over for meals every day.

One day we visited a community that the church we were at has adopted as its mission. Two ladies from the church [practicing what they had just learned in the Romans workshop] presented the Gospel of grace to an older gentleman by the name of Ramiro, whom they had always called “brother” as he had prayed the sinners’ prayer many times in previous years. But this time it was clear that the Holy Spirit was convincing the man of sin. Through the work of the Holy Spirit, Ramiro [clearly] understood the Gospel [for the first time] and believed in the Lord Jesus Christ. Even he rejoiced for what God did in his life that instant.

We thank God for the good reception we had from the believers; before the week was out they affirmed they wanted us to return to continue the study of Romans.

I thank God we were able to enter Mexico even though they detained me for a bit to question me. For a moment I was afraid they would not let me enter because of other countries I have visited, but thanks to God I had the correct visa and God worked so that they let me through.

We are praying concerning the opportunities God is providing outside the country [of Bolivia] as well as within our country among other groups of believers. Many are confused concerning the Gospel of grace. Thank God for this opportunity and thank you for your prayers.

## Pastor Ismael

I have been thinking about the church and how we exist to fulfill the vision of Christ for His church and should move ahead on the basis of the Great Commission.

We are having a workshop for Sunday school teachers and Awana leaders here at the church. There are about 40 leaders who serve the Lord in these two ministries. In the workshop, we have focused on the vision and mission of Christ as explained in the DM2 Making Disciple-Makers Manual.

We appreciate your prayers. We are also praying for you all as you continue going throughout the world making disciples, as there are so few who are doing this; many only evangelize and nothing more. I have come to realize that making disciples is so fundamental.

Just this last Friday I finished teaching Revelation to a group of nurses and this Friday I will begin teaching Romans 1-8 to them.

“Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were making an appeal through us; we beg you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.” 2 Corinthians 5:20

Be encouraged. We (Bolivians) are personal representatives of the Lord and are ready to go to the entire world with the most important message that needs to be preached.

*“...and attaining to all the wealth that comes from the full assurance of understanding, resulting in a true knowledge of God’s mystery, that is, Christ Himself, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. I say this so that no one will delude you with persuasive argument.”*

**Colossians 2:2b-4**

