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## Workshops 2016-2017

November 4-14  
December 2-12  
March  
April

**SIERRA LEONE - Colossians workshop**  
**COCHABAMA, BOLIVIA - Romans 1-8 workshop**  
**KIEV UKRANE - Women of the Word workshop**  
**LVIV UKRANE - Women of the Word workshop**

## Prayer Requests



Pray for DM2 to have wisdom for the future. Pray for the college ministries being done in Texas and Washington. Pray for churches that are involved in making disciple-makers to be granted what they need in order to be successful. Pray for a successful Romans workshop in a new area of Bolivia in December and for those who are traveling. Pray for Rachel Musser as she plans to lead two Women of the Word workshops in Ukraine this spring, one in Lviv and one in Kiev.

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## God's Work in Liberia

Our latest trip to Liberia was a great encouragement to us since many of the pastors and church leaders have personally internalized the Great Commission. Over the course of the last 18 months, individuals who attended our workshops have now gone on to teach nearly 30 workshops on their own. These workshops have impacted roughly 70 local churches throughout the country.



Remarkably, four of these workshops were taught by a team of three 19-21 year olds who had taken it upon themselves to begin teaching youth from several churches in their vicinity. Later through great personal sacrifice they went out to teach Romans at a distant church where one of the leaders, after hearing the clarity of their teaching exclaimed, "Where in the world did you come from?"

All these workshops have been done solely through the financial provisions and manpower of Liberian congregations. One leader summarized the effect of DM2's strategy and the clear teaching of God's grace on their communities saying, "It's a movement."

Clearly these pastors now feel empowered and personally challenged by the Lord to fulfill the Great Commission in their own context. To all of this we would shout, "To God be the glory!" God is enabling and inspiring disciple-makers in Liberia. Pray for these efforts!

John Clark  
Regional Ministry Director - Liberia

## Liberia Report Rob Armstrong

During the last 25 years, I have travelled to over 40 countries and yet our recent visit to Liberia was not only eye-opening but also life-impacting for me. According to current statistics, Liberia is one of the four most impoverished nations of the world, with an unemployment rate of 50% and a meager annual income of \$934 for those fortunate enough to get work. Previously Liberia was also ravaged by a brutal civil war in which an estimated 600,000 people died. Sadly, during the Ebola crisis, Liberia suffered an estimated 10,000 cases of the disease. As you might imagine, poverty and suffering were apparent on every hand.

On the Sunday prior to the workshop, John Clark, Alan Snow and I split up to go and preach in different locations. I was privileged to speak at a small church in a rural village. Our chauffeur drove my companion, Pastor David Jallah, and me as far as the road would allow and from there we continued on by foot. On the way we had to jump a stream and then cross a narrow footbridge, comprised of two small trees lashed together, to get over a wider creek. As you might imagine, it was an adventure just to get there.

What a blessing when we arrived at the church for the first hour of teaching. I was encouraged when Pastor David asked us to turn in our Bibles to the book of Galatians. He then proceeded to teach verse-by-verse from Galatians chapter one. He was using a curriculum he had received from a previous DM2 workshop. I was blessed to hear this African pastor explain the Gospel of grace with clarity and passion. During the second hour, I was privileged to teach from Romans 3. I was impressed by the fact they had their Bibles open and followed along with great interest.

As the workshop began on Monday morning, pastors and church leaders who had traveled at their own expense began arriving from outlying districts. Some came by very humble means. I was particularly impressed because in one case three men traveled together on one motorcycle. Others hitched rides or paid taxi motorcyclists for a lift. Since there are only a few paved roads in Liberia, travel on dirt roads damaged by heavy rains and erosion was undoubtedly difficult.

As we taught Romans 9-16 it became apparent that many of those attending were well grounded in the great truths of salvation found in Romans 1-8. This is because they had already learned these truths in previous workshops. I was particularly excited to learn that many of the participants had been out re-teaching the curriculum. They were teaching not only in their own churches but also

at other churches and schools in surrounding villages. Some had even gone as far as teaching in the outlying jungle areas. It is clear to me that these men and women are intent on spreading the grace of God throughout Liberia and neighboring countries.

In spite of the fact of the number of counterfeit gospels permeating the Liberian church scene, we saw a great openness to the biblical Gospel. Because of DM2 efforts, many of the pastors under our teaching are now resting their faith in Jesus Christ alone. These who have believed the Gospel are now experiencing a great sense of relief from legalistic bondage and are therefore spreading the good news to others. Only God's grace can affect people this way.

On the Sunday following the workshop I was asked by Pastor Wellington Morris to speak at his church in Monrovia. Once again there was a

tremendous openness to the teaching of God's word and the preaching of grace. All in all I was encouraged because pastors trained by DM2 are now faithful Bible teachers with a strong emphasis on salvation through faith alone in Christ alone.

This trip furthered my conviction of the biblical mandate to *teach faithful men, who will be able to teach others also*. This is the model on which DM2 is based. I have not observed a more effective approach to evangelism and missions. DM2 workbooks that we give out free of charge are being copied and distributed to others around the country. Pastors and teachers are learning the material at workshops and then turning around and teaching it to others. For me to participate in an international workshop with DM2 was truly an once-in-a-lifetime experience for which I am grateful to the Lord.



## An Opportunity of a Lifetime Alan Snow

When I was asked to be part of the team to teach Romans 9-16 this October in Careysburg, Liberia, I went through a full range of emotions. "Can I do this?" "What exactly does God want for me?" "What about the challenges of traveling to and from Africa?" However, through prayer God made it clear to me that I must go.

What an incredible experience! I was truly blessed by this trip. Though travel is something I do frequently, this was my first experience in Africa and in a developing nation. Although my observations may seem mundane to some seasoned travelers, here's what I personally learned: 1) The poorest Americans have a far greater standard of living than the average person in Liberia, and yet we often do not even appreciate what we have. 2) Glorifying and serving God does not require electricity, automobiles, or indoor plumbing. In reality, we do not require any of these things to live for God's glory. In Liberia I witnessed how our brothers and sisters in Christ are highly motivated to do God's work despite the disadvantages of their reality.

While I enjoyed with enthusiasm the whole trip, let me share three particular ministries done by these Africans that stood out to me.

I met a couple of students (high school and college age) who have teamed together to put on several DM2 workshops for young people and adults. They coordinated and taught Romans 1-8 workshops not only in their own area but also in a town more than 30 miles away.

We also met the mother of a pastor who has run an orphanage for nearly 20 years. We were able to go visit the orphanage. When we arrived, 78 children greeted us with song and excitement as they followed our vehicle. We were overwhelmed as we stepped out of the car and the kids took our hands (I had at least 4 kids guiding me) to show us their home.

We met with the leaders of the Interior Church Planting Ministry of Liberia. These men are planting churches in rural areas of the country, where in many cases a clear Gospel has not yet been heard. One of these pastors journeyed through great difficulty just to attend our workshop.

I ask all of you to pray for the ministries outlined above. I now have a new heart for the people of Liberia. I say many thanks to DM2 for allowing me to be a part of this great ministry to Liberia.