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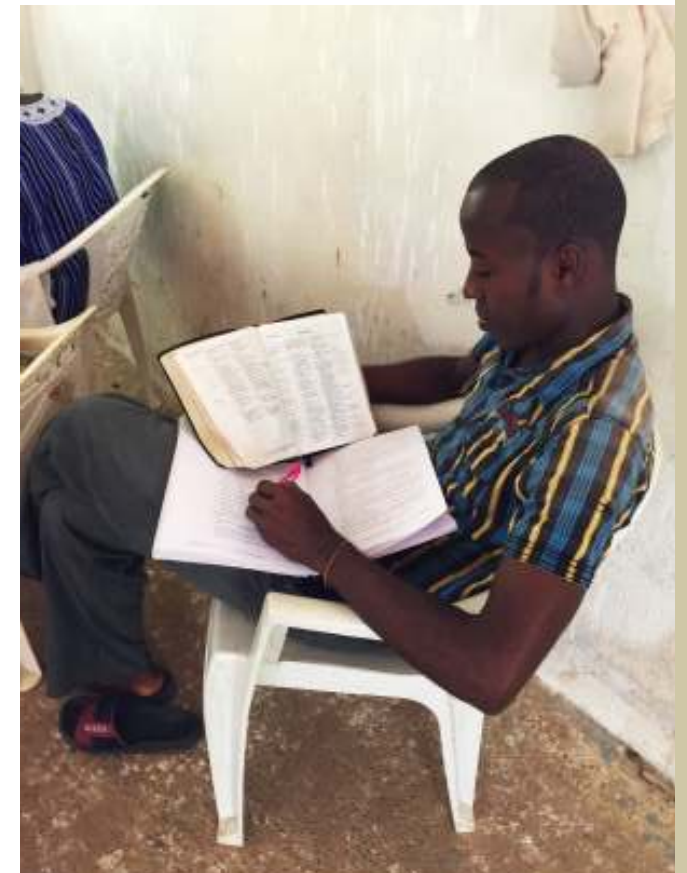


I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always offering prayer with joy in my every prayer for you all, in view of your participation in the gospel from the first day until now. Philippians 1:3-5

Thank you all for your financial support, prayer coverage and direct participation with DM2. Your investments in making disciple-makers are so essential. Once again we were reminded of the effectiveness of the prayers of God's people as our Liberia team experienced a trip where if it could go wrong it did go wrong. Throughout this letter you'll see and appreciate the answered prayers and rejoice to see how God worked victoriously.

It think it is often difficult for those who do not actually go and participate in workshops or overseas conferences to see how their part in disciple-making is real or valid. While it may seem that your prayers or support is not as important as actually going and ministering, let me validate what you do. Our international teams survive on the support and investments of many people who pray and give. The success of our efforts depends on God who in turn commands us all to participate in some way or another. You make up part of the DM2 teams that go. This cannot be emphasized enough and you therefore cannot be thanked sufficiently. The Judgment Seat of Christ will sort this all out but as Paul said to the Corinthians...

Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your toil is not in vain in the Lord.



Workshops 2016-2017

- April 5-12 **BARYSHIVKA, UKRAINE - Life of Christ workshop**
- April 10-15 **CAMPOBELLO, NEW BRUNSWICK - Colossians workshop**
- April 20-28 **FREETOWN, SIERRA LEONE - Revelation workshop**
- April 20-30 **KASAMA, ZAMBIA - Panorama of the New Testament workshop**
- May 1-5 **UNDISCLOSED, ASIA - Romans 9-16**
- May 1-12 **MEXICO (Bolivian Team)- Romans 1-8, 9-16**
- July 24-28 **BEAUMONT, TEXAS - Colossians Youth workshop**

Prayer Requests

Pray for teams heading to Sierra Leone, Liberia, Mexico (a Bolivian team), and Myanmar. Pray for the Ukraine efforts, Canada, and various USA workshops. Pray for individuals that are doing disciple making. Pray for the logistics of the summer youth-workshop. Praise the Lord for successful workshops in Liberia and Ukraine (women).



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Liberia

Missionary: Rob Armstrong

We have just returned from a DM2 workshop in Careysburg, Liberia. John Clark and I spent six days teaching the Panorama of the Old Testament to a group of 48 pastors, teachers and church leaders from various regions and remote areas of the country. During our trip we experienced one situation after another where God's power and grace were evident.

It was especially encouraging that most of the attendees had completed one or more of the previous DM2 workshops. Based on our interactions with various individuals (as well as their answers to the survey questions), it is clear that a lot of learning has taken place over the years that DM2 has been active in Liberia. I sensed a great passion for the gospel of grace and a real love for God's Word. Personally, I have never experienced more eagerness for God's truth anywhere else I have been involved in ministry.

I would be remiss if I failed to mention that we also experienced some delays, conflicts and opposition at times. All of us who are a part of DM2, whether as teachers, behind-the-scenes workers, prayer partners or financial supporters are working together to take the precious cargo of the grace of God to the world. As a result, we can expect resistance from our enemy. But praise God, His work will not be thwarted and "the Word of God is not bound."

Approximately 12 days before our trip, I got a severe case of the flu that persisted almost right up to the day we were scheduled to depart. I was on my back or otherwise indisposed for extended periods, with no strength and no desire to do anything, let alone travel to Liberia (a flight marathon usually lasting over 24 hours one way). Thanks to the prayers of God's people and the response of God, I recovered enough to travel on the scheduled day of departure. And, amazingly once I arrived in Liberia, my symptoms were gone and my strength was back to 100%. This was an incredible blessing, as we had to teach for six hours a day in a very hot and humid environment (humidity is typically right around 95% in Liberia).

When we go to Liberia, we stay at a large farm. As a result, we are constantly interacting with the workers and the security personnel who work on the farm. I was informed that these workers earn approximately 75 cents a day (U.S.), Liberia being the third most impoverished country in the world. We had several opportunities to share the gospel with many of these workers and I passed out approximately 20 pocket-size copies of the Gospel of John and six New Testaments (I brought the New Testaments for six of the guards I had shared the gospel with on our trip last October). Most of these men expressed assurance of salvation through faith in Christ alone, and a desire to study God's Word and grow in their relationship with the Lord. One of the guards shared with me how he had survived the civil war by living in the jungle with his family and eating nothing but leafy plants, roots and bark. This man told me that two of his eight children died from malnutrition during this war. He also said that he had been regularly praying I would return with a Bible since my last visit in October.

We also had extended conversations with two young men at the farm who had come to faith in Christ and were asking us about how to grow in the Christian life. John was able to give them mp3 audio files of all the prior DM2 workshops that they could listen to on most phones that take a miniature SD card.

Please continue to pray for our ministry in Liberia. False teaching has permeated the country and even "faith healers," "deliverance preachers" and other so-called "ministers" are regularly taking financial advantage of the people. In essence, people are being told that if they want a miracle, they need to "pay for it." The teaching of works-based and obedience-based salvation has wreaked havoc in Liberia. Meanwhile, the message of salvation by grace, through faith in Christ's finished work alone, has been mostly abandoned. As a result, people are left wondering if they are committed enough, obedient enough or surrendered enough to be saved. In addition, most churches teach that you have to have a mystical experience to receive the Holy Spirit and that you can lose your salvation. Sadly, much (or most) of this teaching originated in the U.S. and has been propagated by Christian missionaries and others. In spite of these critical issues, we know that the gospel "is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes" and we are seeing this clearly demonstrated in the lives of many men and women in Liberia. We would invite you to come and go with us, or pray for us, or support others to go in order to see God's work through DM2 continue in Liberia.

Regional Ministry Director

John Clark

Having been to Liberia several times already, I had a pretty good idea of what to expect from the trip: a long 24 hour day of travel, either in an airplane or in an airport with stops in Newark, NJ; Brussels, Belgium; a brief touch down in Freetown, Sierra Leone; and then finally on to Monrovia, Liberia. However, nothing about this trip was normal or standard. When my family dropped me off at the Atlanta, GA airport on Thursday around 1:30pm, I had no idea that the next 48 hours would be a constant bobbing and weaving through unforeseen circumstances, a true zigzag of a pathway. However, the zigzag of a path to Liberia from a human perspective turned out to be a straight line from God's perspective.

After my flight out of Atlanta was delayed, I attempted to switch airlines to still try to make my Brussels flight to Liberia the next day. Unfortunately, the second airlines would not issue me a boarding pass due to an undetected visa issue. Thus started a day and a half of zigzags. Around 10:30pm Thursday night I boarded a flight to Newark where I rented a car to drive 4 hours to Washington D.C. in order to be at the Liberian Embassy in the morning when it opened. I got to my hotel in Washington D.C. around 3am Friday morning, after having miraculously rented a car without my driver's license (yep, left that at home). The Liberian embassy does not typically process visas on Fridays, but they made an exception for me and processed it in less than 50 minutes! While at the embassy, I was able to share the gospel with a college-aged girl who "just happened" to be in the waiting room at the same time as me, and who "just happened" to be interested in what I was doing in Liberia and why I keep going back.

After leaving the embassy, I drove back to Newark to try to find my luggage which was now officially lost. The airline did not know if my luggage was still in Atlanta, in Newark, in Brussels, or on the way to Liberia! After about 3 hours, I gave up, went to my hotel room and decided I would go



back to the airport early the next day to work on it some more. After waiting an additional 3 hours for my luggage to show up the next day, I went ahead and checked in for my flight to Brussels and while waiting, another airline texted me and said they thought they had my luggage. I told them to go ahead and send it to Liberia. I was hopeful I would eventually unite with it when I got there. I did eventually unite with both of my bags...but not until Wednesday. Needless to say, by then my one shirt and one pair of pants (which I wore for seven straight days) were pretty "ripe!"

I arrived in Liberia on Sunday night, and the following day we began teaching the Panorama of the Old Testament. Roughly 50 pastors and church leaders attended the six day workshop and sat through long hours of teaching. As always, it was amazing and encouraging to see these men and women sit and faithfully take notes and interact with the teaching of God's Word. For many of them, this was the first time they had ever studied the Old Testament in much depth, or at all, apart from some of the more popular stories. To watch them learn and get excited about God's Word was incredibly encouraging to me, and made all of the trials on the front end of the trip worth it. Some of the comments from their closing surveys were:

"I got to understand from this study that they (Old Testament saints) were saved by faith just like us." Pastor

"This study laid a clear foundation for my study in the Old Testament. Glory be to God. That is what I really liked!" Teacher

"My knowledge of the Old Testament has increased. There were many things I never knew or heard about. The materials were presented in a clear and precise manner. This is a new discovery in my life which has changed my course of life." Pastor

And finally, as one young man who has already taught six Romans 1-8 workshops with two of his friends, put it to me, "I never thought my life would be like this. Now, I cannot think of anything else I would rather do. My plans for teaching this Old Testament material is to study it more and be able to teach it to reliable men and women according to 2 Timothy 2:2."

Wow! Let's pray with him according to that end.