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HARLINGEN, TX Romans 1-8 Workshop TULLAHOMA, TN Galatians Workshop **TULLAHOMA, TN Romans 9-16 Workshop ASIA Romans 9-16 Workshop** 

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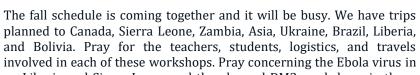
BANGOR, ME Romans 1-8 Workshop VITÓRIA, BRAZIL Romans 1-8 Workshop

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Liberia and Sierra Leone and the planned DM2 workshops in those areas. Pray for us as we continue to develop curriculum. Pray for God to raise up many disciple-makers through the various workshops. Pray for the Tellez, Wry, Musser, Rigby and Robinson families and their continued financial support.







Making disciples of all nations is everyone's responsibility. In the beginning of the church age, there were many unknown people groups in the world. No one could have imagined the extent of the job. It would have been virtually impossible for the twelve disciples alone to have fulfilled Christ's mandate. Even way back then they had to depend on spiritual networking. Today subsequent generations of believers are to pick up the baton and intentionality make disciples of all the nations. This task is a universal, church-wide responsibility.

The fulfillment of the Great Commission is founded on teaching. Jesus' words were: "Teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you." In 2 Timothy 2:2 Paul commanded Timothy to teach faithful men and women (ANTHROPOS) who would be able to teach others also. Christianity was meant to grow and expand as we teach (disciple) others. Discipleship was meant to span generations. When we fail at this task, the church in our community is destined to die. Historically, this fact has played out over and again in communities.

Paul told Timothy to teach faithful people who could go on to teach others also. Some might see this as an affront to the office of pastor/teacher, but biblically there will never be a replacement for the office of pastor/teacher in the local church. That is a gift from the Lord Jesus Christ Himself for the nurturing and establishment of the local flock. Ephesians 4:11-12 clearly teaches that the pastor/teacher is required to equip the body to do the work of ministry.

Even if you do not have the gift of teaching, God still calls you to make disciplemakers. Obviously, those who have the gift of teaching will find it more natural to teach others, but all of us are included in 2 Timothy 2:2 to some degree or another. Those who do not have the gift of teaching may struggle, but they are not exempt from the Great Commission. This is why DM2 exists and why we seek to empower local churches in the process of disciple-making.

Only let your conduct be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of your affairs, that you stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel, and not in any way terrified by your adversaries, which is to them a proof of perdition, but to you of salvation, and that from God. For to you it has been granted on behalf of Christ, not only to believe in Him, but also to suffer for His sake, having the same Philippians 1:27-30 conflict which you saw in me and now hear is in me.

#### Curricula **Translated in:**

#### **English**

Simba Guaraní

#### русский язык

Bemba

українська мова

**Español** 

العربية

Hakha Chin

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#### **Coming soon:**

Português

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# YOUTH

## Pastor Jaime Garza

Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution. (2 Timothy 3:12) As Christians we live in hostile territory, on the front lines every day, as ambassadors in a world that is under the sway of Satan, the prince of the power of the air. This hostility toward Christians is often intensified in our higher learning institutions where young believers are despised, their beliefs ridiculed, and their faith tested by fire. As a pastor and a father, this burdens me. I see Christian youth within our church and community graduate from high school and prepare to continue their education through college, where they will surely face the wiles of the devil. We know that the only remedy against falling prey to this dark world is the Word of God. That was the antidote Paul gave Timothy in 2 Timothy 3:14-15. Paul reminded Timothy to continue in the Word of God through perilous times and reminded him that from childhood he had known the Holy Scriptures.

It was not Timothy's schooling in the arts, sciences, political history, world literature, philosophy, or economics that would make him wise to overcome, but rather the Holy Scriptures. What a great motivator for parents and pastors to prioritize and teach the Word of God to our children at an early age and to continue in doctrine with youth within the church as well as with those in the community. As is always the case with each successive generation of youth, the question becomes, "How do you reach out to young people?"

There is no lack of advice on how to reach youth. A Google search for hosting successful Christian youth conferences quickly reveals that "activities" take the number one spot on the list for success. Fun and games are absolutely essential to any youth conference, and the activities will make or break you – or so they say. Also, according to the Internet, you must hire an engaging motivational speaker, someone who can really talk to youth. If you can afford it, it is highly recommended that you get a celebrity speaker or maybe someone with a unique talent that young people will enjoy. Make sure you have plenty of pizza, and under no circumstances should you ever plan on hosting a youth conference for longer than three days. This advice is for a *Christian* youth conference. Well, it's a good thing God didn't leave us to resort to Google searches when carrying out His mission. God's instructions are actually very clear when he uses Paul to encourage Timothy. Paul said very simply: *Preach the word!* (2 Timothy 4:2)

By God's grace, we had the opportunity to carve out a week in our schedule to bring the church together and team up with DM2 to host a youth conference focusing on the Word of God. Specifically, we planned to go verse-by-verse through Romans 1-8 using the DM2 outline as a tool. The proposed plan was contrary to popular opinion on the matter of youth conferences and seemed likely to result in disaster, but we trusted in God's method – *to commit the teaching to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.* (2 Timothy 2:2) In this case, the faithful ANTHROPOS were young college aged adults who had previously gone through the Romans curriculum. The schedule was for five days, beginning at 8 am and ending at 5 pm each day. There were no planned activities, no games, no gimmick speakers, nothing.

The result: God was glorified through the teaching of His Word. There were approximately 25 youth who showed up for the teaching. One young man, after hearing about the conference through Twitter, flew down all the way from Montana. The great majority of youth came from the community and other churches. The youth (ages 9-17) were faithful to the study. We actually ended the conference with more than what we started with on Monday! The mother of a young lady who attended the conference commented that she struggled only once, on the first day, to wake up her daughter. Each subsequent day, by the time she went to check on her daughter, expecting to have to wake her up, she saw her already well on her way out the door, eager to begin that day's study.

The feedback we received from the youth was resoundingly positive, with everyone thankful for the clear teaching they received. Many of them asked for copies of the material so that they might be able to teach others. I'm thankful to DM2 for providing the complete set of materials to each student along with an appeal to them to use the material to teach others also. I was encouraged by attendees who said they were looking forward to taking the materials with them to college and teaching them there. This positive response was highlighted with a prayer request I received from a young lady who teaches in the youth ministry of her church. She asked, "Would you pray for me as I plan to take this to the youth at my church?" It was amazing to see God's plan in action: He was using faithful young adults to teach other faithful teens to ultimately go on to teach other also. To God be the glory.

**Cody Hughes:** This was the first Romans workshop in which I have been able to participate. As a teacher, I gained a broader understanding of the materials, much more than I would have as a student. I benefitted significantly from this experience in both learning teaching skills and understanding the content of Romans. Above all, it taught me to trust God and rely on Him as the Holy Spirit worked through me. I love the way the teaching was orchestrated, being taught verse-by-verse, always in context, and with questions encouraged. The gospel was extremely clear. I grew stronger in my faith. It also showed me that God can work through anyone and anything can be accomplished if it is in His will. I look forward to future opportunities to be a part of workshops such as these. I love the way it was gospel centered throughout.

**Jessica Buchholz:** It was a blessed opportunity being able to teach at the Youth Romans Workshop! What an encouragement it was to see the Lord working in 25 young people who were attentive and engaged for the entire five days! At the beginning and end of the workshop, surveys were given to the kids. As teachers, we were so thankful when, at the end of the conference, nearly every survey showed each student now had a clear gospel and an understanding of eternal security. What an excitement to share this with their friends and family! Listening to my colleagues (the other college-aged teachers) teach the workshop was incredibly uplifting. By God's grace, through helping with the teaching, I came away with a more complete understanding of how to apply the principles taught in Romans 5-7! Many lifelong friendships were formed and strengthened during this week as we all grew in our understanding and knowledge of God's truths and promises!

#### John Wry – reporting from a Bolivian-led Romans 1-8 workshop in Leon Guanajuato, Mexico

It is a nice thing to experience people who are actually waiting for you, have prepared and planned for the event, and are anxious to learn. This describes our current status in Leon Guanajuato, Mexico. There are many different churches attending, spirits are high, and we're only entering chapter two. As usual, there is much confusion regarding the gospel. We trust we can be instrumental in showing the truth of what God's Word says. We'd appreciate your prayers regarding the following days that God grant wisdom and understanding and that we might be able to finish the material by Sunday night. Already they have canceled their usual Sunday program realizing it will be necessary in order to get all the teaching in.

**Margaret Nazworth:** Last January, my dad and I were walking together through our neighborhood when we both started talking about bringing DM2 material to youth. In the beginning the idea was vague, but as time went on all the details fell into place. We decided to have a Romans 1-8 youth workshop in the summer, when youth from the Rio Grande Valley would be free to come and sit through five days of intensive teaching.

At first, the idea was met with skepticism. After all, would modern young people want to sit through five full days of Bible study? Nevertheless, we went ahead with our plans and invited college-aged teachers to come and teach the youth.

Even as late as one week before we started we weren't sure anyone would come. But when the first day finally came, we had over 20 students in attendance. These diverse young people sat through teaching from 8 am to 5 pm every day. In the end, there was not one negative response or complaint. Everyone had a phenomenal time learning God's Word and fellowshipping with one another.

**Rachel Musser:** Each time I have gone to a DM2 workshop I have learned so much through the intensive Bible study, and this workshop was no different! I was able to grow in my understanding of Romans 1-8 as I prepared, taught my sections, and listened to fellow teachers. Although I had been through DM2 workshops on Romans 1-8 before, I had always been a student. Being a part of the teaching team for a workshop was an entirely new experience. DM2's outline of Romans 1-8 was life-changing for me in that it helped me better understand God's plan for the Christian life, in which we are dead to sin and alive unto God in Christ. So I was incredibly excited to be given the opportunity to help share all of the wonderful things that I had learned from Romans with everyone who attended.

I was also very nervous to teach, but as teachers we each presented our members as weapons of righteousness and the Lord gave us the strength and the words to speak. We knew that we could not be successful in our own might, but that it would be the Lord alone It was exciting to see young students learning that our salvation is through faith alone in Christ alone and that every aspect of our salvation (justification, sanctification, and glorification) points us toward Christ.

Overall, I'm so glad to have met and spent a week studying and learning more about God's Word with some pretty amazing youth. It was truly such a wonderful blessing and I am so thankful that God gave me this opportunity to be a part and share His Word!

**Bethany Clayton:** God gave me an opportunity to be used for His purposes and glory. By faith and His enabling strength, I taught at this amazing youth workshop and through it all gained so much more than I could have imagined.

God called me to be one of the teachers for the Romans 1-8 workshop and, by His strength alone, I answered. I went down to the Rio Grande Valley to teach, but I instead ended up learning a great deal about God, the Bible, myself, and how God can use even me for His purpose. One big part of what I learned was humility. Another was how my past failures and hardships can be used for His glory. I was very reluctant to share my past struggles with a bunch of kids who did not know me, but little did I know that God would use it to open the ears of certain kids to hear and find hope in God's grace through my testimony.

And the kids! Never in my life have I ever been around such a joyful and encouraging group of young people. They were all so eager to learn. I am honored and happy to have had the opportunity to teach them.

The daily fellowship I experienced with the others who taught was incredible! Obviously, God put each one of us there for different and beneficial reasons. We all built each other up and I really sensed God's joy and presence among them. I benefited from each teacher at the conference and enjoyed their different personalities and teaching styles. I am so very glad I trusted God and lived this experience!

