

Lost Sheep Ministry News

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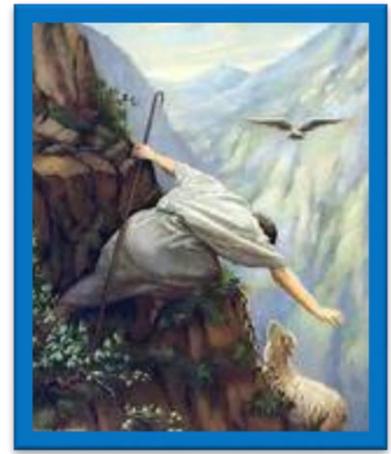
The Great Commission: Matthew 28: 18 - 20 is a commission for *all* Christians to *go, make Disciples*, baptize them, and *teach* them to *OBEY* all that I have commanded you. LSM is dedicated to evangelizing the lost and making Disciples of Christ that make Disciples of Christ according to II Timothy 2:2.

Notes from Pastor Bob: Jon Friesen, John Dainwood, and I

teamed to take the Gospel of Jesus to other lands in obedience to Acts 1:8. We will minister at the Hodera (Alcohol and Drug Recovery Center) in Nicaragua from February 2 to February 12, 2018.

This Newsletter is about John Dainwood's impression of his first trip out of the USA.

John D. has preached the Gospel to men at the Bay Area Recovery Center in Dickinson, TX USA each week since his release from the Texas penal system for over 36 years. He says he is doing a life sentence for the State of Texas, but far more importantly, he is doing a Life Sentence for Jesus Christ.

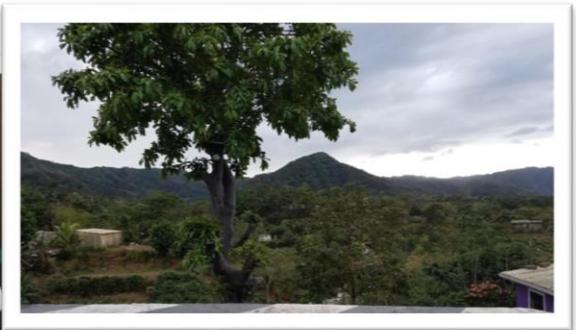


Comments by John Dainwood about his first International trip:

This is from the porch of, "The Place Inn", where I will be staying for the duration of our missionary trip to Nicaragua (except for the few nights I will be spending in the



all of the children in the church come forward and then gave witness to how my Mother loved me when I was unlovable; how she continued to pray for me when everyone else had given up on me and I had given her every reason to write me off... I preached a message on the biblical promise that if the parents will raise them up in the way they should go, they will not depart from it in their old age (proverbs 22:6). I also explained that they should not neglect praying for their children because the fervent prayers of the righteous avails much (James 5:16).



Hodera Rehab Center, with the men we are ministering to).

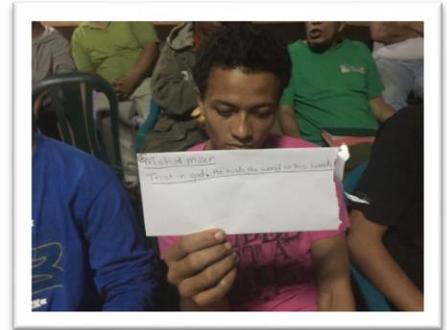
We had a wonderful worship service at The Rock Church in San Marcos and visits to The Hodera rehab center. I had

Approximately 30 men committed their lives to Jesus after two days of fellowship, witness, teaching, preaching, and hearing the Good News! Please, Y'all continue to pray for God to use us mightily! Love You All.

It is our greatest Honor, Jairo (Pastor La Roca church), and it is our greatest Joy to minister in your church and fellowship with you as you interpret for us.

Thank you and all of the wonderful people who have made us MORE than welcome...you all have accepted us as family and we love your country and its people!

The men at the Bay Area Recovery Center (BARC) in Dickinson, Texas, gave \$1.00 in envelopes with their names on the front, to purchase chips and a drink for their brothers and sisters in the Hodera near San



Marcos, Nicaragua. The people of the Hodera wrote their heartfelt thanks on the envelopes (under their names) and held them up to be photographed and to return their thanks personally. It was a Fantastic idea that Pastor Bob Gibson had!



Oh, what Joy is available because Jesus burst the sin barrier between God and man. If America...No... If the entire World would come together under Jesus, we would all enjoy God raining down the gifts from heaven.

This was also a beautiful demonstration of how the Joy of the Lord is brought forth whenever we are obedient to the instruction to not forsake the assembling of ourselves together.

Yesterday was another blessed day in the Lord and a very special day because it was Jon Friesen's birthday! He has a special connection with the people of the Hodera and Nicaragua, as does Pastor Bob Gibson. In addition, as the people of Nicaragua and the Hodera have opened up their hearts to me, I am developing a very wonderful connection as well...a relationship that is beautiful and lasting.

Last Night was another awesome Kingdom experience. Names were added to The Book of Life.

Today was another in which the Holy Spirit moved. Both Hodera women came to Jesus and I met a woman that reminds me of my late Grandmother, Stella Ann Dainwood. Little Bitty (1st in the adjacent shot), but a powerhouse that every person: big, small, in-between, groups, crowds obeys. Everyone stops and pays attention when she puts her foot down!



She met us at the Hodera, and she gave her testimony. She speaks Spanish, so the interpreters were not needed. She has a strong sweet spirit that is as tough as it is sweet. I love her dearly, though we are just twice met, with a language barrier between us!

She has a story of preventing women from being raped where it was routinely done.

This is Pastor Jairo teaching at the Hodera. He does a wonderful job of conveying the Bible lessons to the residents with compassion, with joy, and with very clear love for people.

My Life has been enriched and blessed with my new friendship with Him, our interpreter, and all of the wonderful people who have given us such great hospitality, love, and welcome.



For years and years, I slept in a cage and I dreamed of all the things I would do, If I were ever released from prison. Like most dreamers, I had big plans for This and big plans for That. I even dreamed of going to other countries (illegally, of course, because I never thought I would be allowed to have a passport and the blessings of my government). I never even considered any possibility of such a fantastic and wondrous trip abroad such as this.

For years, when I prayed, I always included the passage from Isaiah 6:8. I actually meant it in the sense of being sent to this cell or that, or this prison or that. I meant it in a way that said to God that no matter where He needed me to go, or what I had to endure wherever that might be, that I would go.



Little did I know that He would send me out into the free world, and then more than 2,000 miles from Houston Texas. I washed the feet of addicts, served them the Lord's Supper, and helped baptize them.



My prayer was

very simple, wherever I go, Lord, I will give witness to Your Love, Your Mercy, Your Grace, Your Truth. I will tell them of your Greatness and I will shine your light into the darkness of men's hearts. I will tell them that hearts of stone may be warmed and softened (Ezekiel 36:26), just as you have done for me.

I deserved incarceration and knew it, so all of my dreams were pretty much restrained to sharing the Good News and Witness for Christ in the darkness that surrounds the cast aside, the unwanted, and the unlovable. I just wanted to be able to tell them that even though the entire world may hate them, there was One who loved them without condition, without reason, without any strings attached.

I wanted to tell them and give witness to them with my own life that they not only are loved, but that someone loved them enough to sacrifice His Only Begotten Son for them.

I wanted to tell them that no matter what people say, or who says it; no matter how many times people tell them they are worthless. "*He's just like such and such, He ain't worth nothing and never will be!*" that they are loved. God, who created everything, left heaven and entered the world to suffer and die **because** they were lost and He wanted all of us to be able to come home and live with Him.

I didn't really think that I would be allowed the joy of teaming up with awesome men and women of God to serve Him through serving His wonderful people in faraway places (like Nicaragua). I never thought that I would have Love so demonstrated. Go and disciple the Nations...Me?

And then God sent me out into the free world and He put the people in my life to speak the things I needed to hear in order to truly believe...to truly know...that when we are faithful with the little God gives us, He will increase our boundaries. The more we use our gifts responsibly, the more opportunities He provides.

Pastor Bob Gibson is one of the people God sent to me. People the world over love this man (and I am kind of fond of him, myself!) because he loves God and he loves all people, the world over. I'm not sure of the number, but I think he has ministered in 48 countries. If I am wrong, it is because that number is too low. People all over the globe have been loved by this man and have given love to him. I am the least worthy of such love, but God!



Here is a photo of Pastor Bob doing what he always does: Loving and being Loved.

I am honored beyond measure to know this man. He says that two-thirds of G O D is "go" and challenged me to do so. As this was in line with the prayer I had been declaring for years and years, I applied for the passport to do so. What is impossible for man, is possible with God, and here I am, discipling the nations, in accordance with God's instructions.

I would like to stop to thank all of the Christians everywhere in the world who pray for the furtherance of God's Kingdom.

It is because of you that we (missionaries everywhere) are able to do what we do.

I would especially like to thank my Mother (who prayed

me right out of HELL), and the precious group of Bible study ladies she teaches on Thursday afternoons. Here is a picture of Mama and her old faithful companion, Skipper. He takes every step Mama takes and he loved her through the deaths of my Father and my

Brother while I was still in prison. She is making the crocheted crosses being distributed around the world and he is faithfully at her side! I



thank God for both of them!

I would like to thank John and Dot (Mammy) Overton for their unwavering support, since I was released from prison and all of the opportunities they have given me. I also thank a woman who is a second mother to me: Ms. Johnnie Duncan. Someone who knows her probably coined the term "salt of the earth!" She and the other women of Mama's Bible study group contributed financially, and prayerfully, to my being able to come to the wonderful country of Nicaragua.

I thank the people of my church, First Baptist of Dickinson, Texas, and our Pastor, Dr. Jimmy White, for their unconditional acceptance and steadfast support.

I would like to thank the State of Texas Criminal Justice System and the Officers of the Galveston County Parole Office, all of whom recognized the change God has wrought in me. Without them, doing a very tough job, and being able to make very hard decisions, I would not be here.

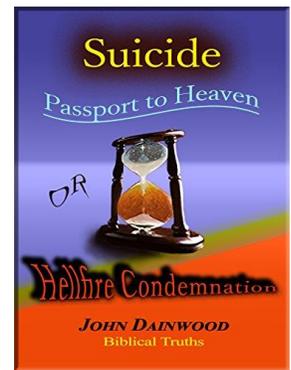
I want to thank the United States of America for its laws, which allow for the rehabilitation of the convicted and cast aside. We all know that God is the reason I am here, but He works through people, and I cannot tell you how many people He had to use to affect the changes in me that make all of this possible.



Recommended Reading: *Suicide, Passport to Heaven or Hellfire Condemnation* by: John Dainwood. This book is a comprehensive study and biblically portrayal of the soul's potential eternal destination and condition after launching oneself into the never-ending.

It is also a revelation concerning how and why God can and will use the worse things you've done for His honor and glory for the betterment of others. If you will simply believe, and follow biblical instruction, God will – by the power of your testimony – use whatever you have gone through to strengthen, encourage, and deliver others from similar circumstances.

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