

Lost Sheep Ministry News

February 2018--Nicaragua

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. 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 ministered at the Hodera (Alcohol and Drug Recovery Center) in Nicaragua from February 2 to February 12, 2018. Jon Friesen has accompanied me on several International mission trip and several times to Nicaragua.

This Newsletter is about Jon's impression of his return trip to Nicaragua.



Notes by Jon Friesen:

Sharing the Gospel of Jesus along with Pastor Bob Gibson and John Dainwood was such a gratifying experience during our time together in Nicaragua

Many thanks for your prayers and financial support. Together we seek to honor Our Lord and savior Jesus Christ with our time, talent and treasure. The prayers of your heart and the sacrifice of your comforts provide many open doors for us to proclaim His steadfast love and faithfulness (Psalms 92:2).

The Holy Spirit continues to use us to awaken and renew the minds of precious lost souls and heal the broken spiritual relationships in San Marcos, Nicaragua.

Let us run with endurance the race set before us and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given to us (Hebrews 12:1).

Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and **great commandment**. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two **commandments** hang all the law and the prophets.

It is evident that when we love God with all our heart we hear His will for our lives. This is the kind of love that conquers all. Through our continued ministry at the Hodera, the love of Jesus Christ was shared with our neighbors.

Day after day, the men came to us with their questions about religion, the Bible, and sin.

We testified to God's grace in our lives as we opened the Bible and explained the truth, daily their faith grew. It was evident that the Holy Spirit was working in and through the hearts and minds of each of us.

Several men approached us individually for a deeper understanding of salvation.

Towards the end of our mission trip men were excited about their new faith in Jesus Christ and were testifying publicly to this transformation of newfound hope.



The women's section of the Hodera had been closed for renovation on our last mission trip, it was now reopened. It is staffed with a culinary specialist.

After talking to Miguel (the Hodera administrator) their plans are to teach the women baking and cooking skills. I am excited about this new direction they're taking as baking and cake decorating is part of my family background.

Early during this trip, it was evident that the women were very brokenhearted and dealing with emotional scars. However, we know we serve a faithful God who goes before us and prepares us for each and every step in this journey by providing everything that we need according to His will. We give thanks as we are blessed to have the local support from our interpreter Marcos Figueroa and Pastor Jairo Sanchez of the la Roca church, Who has a degree in psychology and a background in counseling to encourage truth and healing through the word of God. Before our ministry was complete, the women were smiling. We could see a spiritual and physical change as joy and hope was supernaturally and miraculously restored.

Over 30 men and women were convicted by the Holy Spirit and spiritually healed, publicly they proclaimed their faith in Jesus Christ and were baptize in obedience to Christ's command (Matthew 28:18) to testify their believe and trust in God's faithfulness through the steadfast love of his son Jesus Christ and The comforting power of the Holy Spirit.

I was surprised by two birthday parties One at the Hodera and the other at *Pizza to Go* by the church



that wins souls is wise
Thank you all for the best birthday ever!

Psalms 9:11 *For through wisdom your days will be*

many, and years will be added to your life.

Proverbs 11:30

The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life; and he



At the La Roca church in San Marcos I am called the preacher that takes off his shoes



It was a command first given to Moses. Put off thy shoes from thy feet for the place you stand is holy ground (Exodus 3:5).

As I continue to share the 10 commandments, I'm reminded of a previous command given to Moses to remove his sandals, when we approach God we must prepare ourselves by putting off our old self before coming into the holy presence of God. Today as you start a new day coming before a holy God.

Our prayers we lay at the mercy seat of our Heavenly Father, for the Mayor of San Marcos as she was involved in an automobile accident just prior to our arrival and for the wife of Pastor William Andrade whom we visited at the hospital. Shortly after our return Pastor William Andrade passed away. May The Holy Spirit comfort those that are broken hearted as we join them in our prayers and deepest thoughts.

I had met
John Dainwood

in Texas about a year ago. It was a wonderful experience sharing our lives together along with Pastor Bob Gibson on this trip. I hope that we will be able to join with Jesus on many future mission adventures.

As Christians, there is nothing as fulfilling as sharing Jesus with others, washing their feet, serving the Lord's Supper, and baptizing them in the Name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

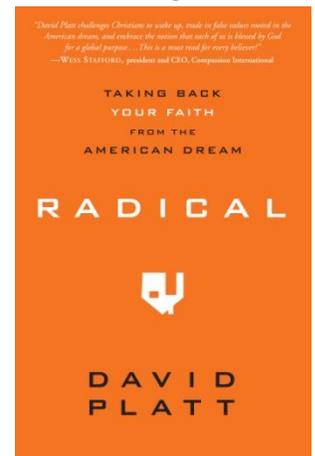
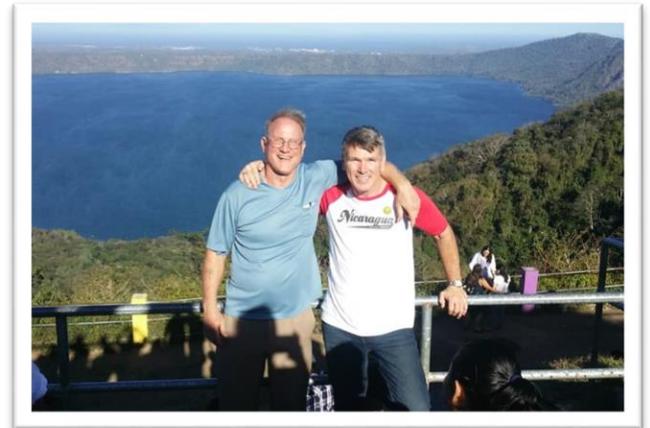
Please accept our challenge to practice these commissions and you will certainly agree with us.

Recommended Reading: *Radical* by: David Platt. It is easy for American Christians to forget how Jesus said His followers would actually live, what their new lifestyle would actually look like. They would, he said, leave behind security, money, convenience, even family for Him. They would abandon everything for the Gospel. They would take up their crosses daily.

However, who do you know who lives like that? Do You?

In *Radical*, David Platt challenges you to consider with an open heart how we have manipulated the Gospel to fit our cultural preferences. He shows what Jesus actually said about being His Disciples. He then invites you to believe and obey what you have heard. In addition, he tells the dramatic story of what is happening as a "successful" suburban church decides to get serious about the Gospel according to Jesus.

Paperback available from Amazon.com for \$10.00 and Kindle edition for \$14.99. Also available in Spanish.



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