

# Lost Sheep Ministry News

## April 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:** My son Joshua and I teamed to take the

Gospel of Jesus to other nations in obedience to Acts 1:8. We returned to Nicaragua though the country was in a state of rebellion over proposed changes to social entitlements.

### Thursday April 19, 2018.

I started on Thursday 19th of April by flying to Pensacola to spend the night at Josh and Tammy's home for an early (7 am) flight back to Houston and then connecting on our flight to Managua at 9:45 am. I spent the night and we left at 4:30 am for the airport. I had the opportunity to lead a young man Nathan Morgan to the Lord after he pushed me to the gate. Wow, another soul and we are not even in Nicaragua yet. You go God!

### Friday April 20, 2018.

I was blessed to sit next to Nelson Nance, a 69-year-old retired navy veteran going to Pensacola for a reunion of former shipmates while he was in the navy being held at Pensacola Naval Air Station. We swapped a lot of "war" stories until we began our descent in Pensacola when I asked him "if you were to die today Nelson, and stand before Creator God who made you, and He asked you "Nelson, why should I let you enter my heaven? How would you answer him? He did not know, did not have an answer. He does now because as we were descending Nelson's prayer of faith was ascending. He was of course miraculously saved and so happy. I thought to myself, thank you Jesus for starting my journey with another soul for your kingdom. We boarded the flight sitting in business class. Thanks again to my dear friend Dean Lange who works at United and has made me a family friend. Well the good news is we are on the plane and ready to go and then the bad news. "Folks, we are being delayed for 1 hour by air traffic control." Problem: Our connecting flight time is 45 minutes. Oh well, pray and trust God for His will in our lives. Remember you're a missionary "STAY FLEXIBLE"! Well we made up some time leaving 25 minutes late and landed at IAH 24 minutes before our flight. We landed in terminal C and had to go to terminal E. We had a ride in a golf cart and arrived at E-22 7 minutes before the flight but the door was closed. United closes the door 10 minutes before flight time. So, we got bumped to the next flight at 4:48 PM. A 6-hour wait. Okay, let's make the best of it. We went to the United Club and waited in comfort there eating from the wonderful array of treats. We arrived in Managua at 7:50 pm. I knew before we left from my friend Marcos that there was a problem with protests being held over a social security change by the government. Don't travel through Masaya he recommended travel the other route. I checked the news while we were in Houston but didn't find anything definitive. However, when we rented our car the lady warned Josh about the protests. They are EVERYWHERE. You may not be able to travel how you want to because of the protests. Or the police may redirect you.

Protesters and fires were everywhere as we left the airport in Managua. The attendant at the car rental warned Josh. We prayed and started our journey to our hotel in Sa Marcos. We started on our adventure ride to San Marcos, which is about 30 -40 miles from the airport. I kept telling Josh I knew the way, but we did wander for a while passing 100's of fires in the road, alongside the road, and



protesters everywhere. I know Josh was nervous, since this was his first trip here, As we were driving during protests, I kept assuring Josh, “our God is able and will surround us with guardian angels” and I meant it. I was excited to experience how God would get us through. Josh had me watch a sermon from Calvary Chapel in Pensacola where a guest speaker Daniel Messiah, a converted Muslim shared. The pastor told about when his mission team was in a Moslem country ministering to children Pastor Daniel would get on his motorcycle and go to Mosques. “Daniel is NOT coming back,” the pastor would say. But Daniel kept coming back sharing wonderful testimonies of the Power of our Holy Spirit in the conversion of Muslims in the mosques. If they warned him they were going to kill him Daniel would say “that’s okay, I’ll be in heaven”. No fear Daniel, like Paul, and I and I hope you could say “for me to die is gain”. My thoughts were that God would protect us. We were lost when He guided us to a group of women, one holding a baby. We stopped and I asked for directions to San Marcos. They all were talking in Spanish and called for a young man down the street to come. He did, and he spoke English. "I will lead you to the road to San Marcos", he said as he jumped on his bicycle and rode about 1 and ½ mile to lead us to the road. When I tried to pay him, he said no, no, no. I believe he was God’s angel for us.

Josh and I arrived at 10 pm.

Hotel *The Place*, San Marcos, Nicaragua. What a wonderful place to stay. We enjoyed awesome, friendly, helpful staff. You just got'ta love 'em. We are safely here tucked in and tomorrow I will share how God protected us, guided us, and sent an angel to guide us. Thanks for all your prayers. Good night.

**Sunday April 29, 2018:** This morning I attended Pastor Jario Sanchez' church la Roca in Fatima. I then went to the Hodera (Addiction Recovery Center to meet with Miguel Lopez, Hodera Director, to schedule our plans for the week. We purchased a piñata for the family member's children. Thank you Jon Friesen for having this wonderful idea several trips earlier. The children love it. The parents love it. The patients love it. Moreover, I love it. I shared the gospel with the men and their family



members. About 30 responded by praying to receive Christ.

We then had a great time watching the children, parents, then several clients FINALLY break the piñata. The candy rained down. It was awesome to see the joy on their faces. I went back to our hotel about 1 pm. All the shops are closing and boarding up to prepare for riots tonight. Joshua returned about 2 pm from his fishing trip with Marcos' brother. Joshua said we have to stay hunkered down today and tomorrow. Okay that is what we are doing. The men at the Hodera watched *The Passion of Christ* since I left our equipment there for them to do so. We also left the equipment for the men each night. Of course, we are trusting God and listening to advice from our friends here. We will not travel at night. We plan to drive to the Managua airport on Thursday morning from 6:30 and 8 am. We are being told that is a safe time to travel.

**Monday**, Tuesday, & Wednesday we had Bible study from 9 - 11 am and 2 - 4 pm at the Hodera.

If the rioting continues to grow, we will try to change our tickets and come home earlier.

I hope you will continue your prayer covering over us and for Nicaragua.

### **My message this morning -- Scriptures to Pray for Ourselves:**

- I Timothy 2:1-2 - I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people— for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness.
- I Peter 2:17 - Show proper respect to everyone, love the family of believers, fear God, honor the emperor.
- >Romans 13:1 - Let everyone be subject to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. God has established the authorities that exist.
- Jeremiah 29:7 - Also, seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have carried you into exile. Pray to the LORD for it, because if it prospers, you too will prosper.
- II Chronicles 7:14 - if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land.

### **Scriptures to Pray for our Leaders:**

- >Psalms 2:10-11 - Therefore, you kings, be wise; be warned, you rulers of the earth. Serve the LORD with fear and celebrate his rule with trembling.
- >Proverbs 11:14 - For lack of guidance a nation falls, but victory is won through many advisers.
- >Proverbs 21:1 - The king's heart is a stream of water in the hand of the LORD; he turns it wherever he will.
- >Job 12:23-25 - He makes nations great, and destroys them; he enlarges nations, and disperses them.
- >Proverbs 2:1-8 - My son, if you accept my words and store up my commands within you, 2) turning your ear to wisdom and applying your heart to understanding— 3) indeed, if you call out for insight and cry aloud for understanding, 4) and if you look for it as for silver and search for it as for hidden treasure, 5) then you will understand the fear of the LORD and find the knowledge of God. 6) For the LORD gives wisdom; from his mouth come knowledge and understanding. 7) He holds success in store for the upright, he is a shield to those whose walk is blameless, 8) for He guards the course of the just and protects the way of his faithful ones.



May we be faithful, informed, and thoughtful when praying and talking to others about our politics, and as we ask for God's wisdom and righteousness to be evident in our nation's policies and leaders.

**Wednesday 25 APRIL 2018** just want my friends and prayer partners to know what is going on with Joshua and me here in San Marcos, Nicaragua. We are about one hour travel time to Managua. The riots are

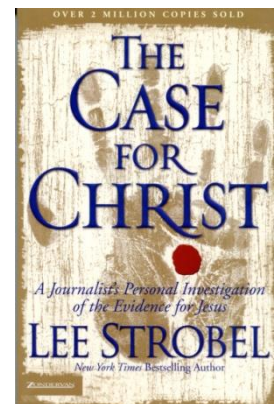


expanding so we are hunkered down in our hotel. Our friends keep checking on us via telephone. The man & wife team who manage the hotel are really wonderful. The man is a retired police officer and both Joshua and I feel safe here. We cannot leave because the riots are in the streets. We decided it best to leave early as the riots were increasing. We caught a return flight to Houston on Wednesday. Though our stay was cut short, we did leave many new Brothers and Sisters

in Christ throughout our trip. I was especially blessed to witness my son Joshua leading others to Christ.

**Recommended Reading:** *The Case for Christ* by: Lee Strobel. Retracing his own spiritual journey from atheism to faith, Lee Strobel, former legal editor of the Chicago Tribune, cross-examines a dozen experts who are recognized authorities in their field of history, archaeology, and manuscript studies. Strobel challenges them with questions like how reliable is the New Testament? Does evidence for Jesus exist outside the Bible? Is there any reason to believe the resurrection was an actual event?

**Personal Note:** I have been aware of Strobel's writings but failed to read them since I strongly believe faith should be exercised over seeking proof for Christian issues. However, I did read *The Case for Jesus* and recommend it to all Christians. It uncovers many fascinating facts about Jesus, the culture in which He lived while amongst us and the great difficulties He experienced in bringing in the New Covenant (John Overton).



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