

Lost Sheep Ministry News

August 2019—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: August 16 -25 2019:

Jimmy Stanfield accompanied me back to Nicaragua. We have made this same mission trip together several times but it is always a new and refreshing experience to witness God's work in the lives of people seeking hope..

Sunday 18 August 2019 Yesterday we travelled to Masaya in the morning to purchase a cane at the Masaya marketplace. I left my cane in the car at the airport on Friday morning. Anyway, we got one for only \$10. We passed out almost 100 free Jesus film cards there and the people gladly received them. At 3:00 pm we met with Miguel Lopez the

director of the Hodera to review our desired schedule. I have been visiting there since November 1987. I led Miguel and his wife and two children to the Lord back then. Miguel came to Houston and I baptized him at Sagemont Church. Anyway, I have always had free reign to do whatever I want at the Hodera. There are 35 men and 2 women at the Hodera now. We will minister there on Mon, Wed, Thu, Fri, from 9 – 11:30, 1:30 = 4, and 6:30 – 9. On Saturday we will baptize and have a pinata for the men. On Sunday attend Family day to meet the families and have a pinata for the children. On Tuesday we will go to another drug rehab that Pastor Jairo arranged for us. It will be my first time there. There are forty-five men are there with no women.

After meeting with Miguel, we went by to visit Margarita. This lady who is now 81 years old is a dynamo for Jesus Christ. Oh, how I love her and her family. I met a young pastor there who was visiting and committed to visiting his church at 5:00 pm on Sunday afternoon. Bethel Baptist Church is a startup and I'm unfamiliar with it. But he did attend Baptist Bible college in Managua in which I am very familiar with having shared there many times over the years. God is expanding my borders. Thank you, Jesus,

Jimmy is ill so he stayed at the hotel and Marcos and I attended a youth meeting at La Rocca at 5:00 pm. Linda, Pastor Jairo's daughter is the teacher. With three guys and two gals she is reviewing the plans for them to be clowns at the upcoming children's outreach.

I shared with them with words of encouragement. Linda and another young man believe that God is calling them to be a missionary. Well, they came to the right place because I am one!

I spent some time with them and prayed with them for God's clarity on the call for their life's.

Today Jimmy and I will be at Pastor Jairo's La Rocca church. Jimmy Gifford and I ordained Pastor Jairo about ten years ago, I don't remember the year.

Monday 19 September 2019 Yesterday was a good day serving the Lord in San Marcos. We attended La Rocca National in Fatima which is near San Marcos.

Praise and dance worship were outstanding. Almost an hour long and the praise team, praise dancers and congregation were really into praising God! I shared a message on God using sending to accomplish his mission.

God sent: Angels, Abraham, Moses, The Prophets, John the Baptist, Jesus Christ, Holy Spirit, the church and ME!

Jimmy shared a message after I told him go fishing. He preached a powerful Holy Spirit inspired message and 4 adults received Christ as their Savior. Marcos who was translating said to Jimmy WOW that was a powerful message. I thought I was Goliath standing next to David!

At 5:00 pm we attended Iglesias Baptista Bethel. It was my first time visiting there. I met the pastor yesterday. We were really blessed to share with the congregation. I gave the pastor 200 Jesus Film cards and distributed pens to the folks. During my sharing I had a young boy read from Isaiah 6 verses 1 to 8. I pointed out 4 important points from these verses.

1. Isaiah recognized his creator, his maker. Verse 1
2. Isaiah realized his malady his sickness his sin. Verse 5
3. Isaiah received God's mercy, God's forgiveness. Verse 7
4. Isaiah responded to God's mandate, answered God's question. Verse 8

Today we will start our ministry at the Hodera.

Thursday 8/22/19 I pray every day to be obedient to the Holy Spirit's leading in my life so that I may put my head on my pillow at night and pray what Jesus prayed in John 17:3 "Daddy today I glorified you in my body and accomplished all you have given me to do." (Ephesians 2:10 AMP For we are God's [own] handiwork (His workmanship), recreated in Christ Jesus, [born anew] that we may do those good works which God predestined (planned beforehand) for us [taking paths which He prepared ahead of time], that we should walk in them [living the good life which He prearranged and made ready for us to live].

Yesterday Pastor Jairo and Jimmy shared powerful messages and another eight came forward for salvation! Jesus said in Matthew 4:19 AMP And He said to them, "**Come after Me [as disciples--letting Me be your Guide], follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men!**"

I was taught by Pastor Fred Harrison (the Pastor who led me to Christ and disciplined me at Bethany Baptist Church) "Bob, if you aren't fishing you are not following Jesus!"

So, I ask you, have you been fishing? Cause if you're not fishing, you're not following!

In the afternoon we had a long two-hour thunderstorm while I was teaching a lesson on **My Position in Christ**. But the thunder was so loud it made it impossible to hear so we cancelled until last night. We showed the movie **Something to Sing About**. We discussed the movie and then read together The Resolution: I do solemnly resolve before God to take full responsibility for myself, my wife/husband, and my children.

•I WILL love them, protect them, serve them, and teach them the Word of God as the spiritual leader of my home.

•I WILL be faithful to my wife/husband, to love and honor her/him, and be willing to lay down my life for her/him as Jesus Christ did for me.

•I WILL bless my children and teach them to love God with all of their hearts, all of their minds, and all of their strength.

•I WILL train them to honor authority and live responsibly.

•I WILL confront evil, pursue justice, and love mercy.

•I WILL pray for others and treat them with kindness, respect, and compassion.

•I WILL work diligently to provide for the needs of my family.

•I WILL forgive those who have wronged me and reconcile with those I have wronged. •I WILL learn from my mistakes, repent of my sins, and walk with integrity as a man answerable to God.

•I WILL seek to honor God, be faithful to His church, obey His Word, and do His will.

•I WILL courageously work with the strength God provides to fulfill this resolution for the rest of my life and for His glory.

•I WILL teach them Honor your father and your mother, as the Lord your God commanded you, that your days may be prolonged and that it may go well with you in the land which the Lord your God gives you.
Deuteronomy: 5:16

As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord. – Joshua 24:15

We went with Linda Sanchez (Pastor Jairo's daughter) to regather to resume English training. While

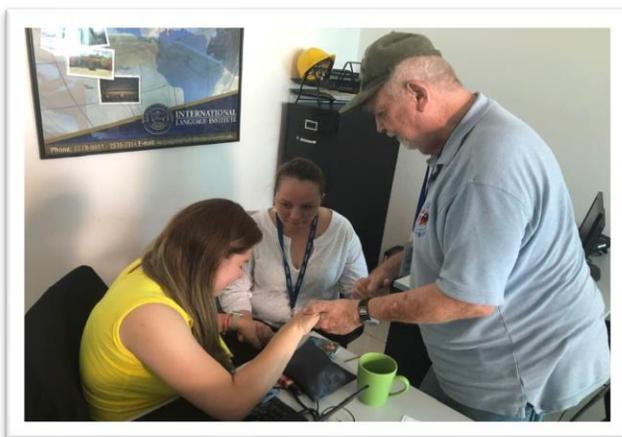


visiting with registering team I led both of them to the Lord! Selquia Rivers and Sharashy Garcia had their names written in the Lambs Book of Life today. August 22, 2019 is their Spiritual Birthday. PTL!

I'm still praying for two more willing to invest \$155.00 for Linda to complete the course. Her desire is to be a missionary. If you choose to invest in God's kingdom work, please contact me and I will send you Lost Sheep Ministries mailing address.

FRIDAY 8/23/19 Yesterday morning I competed the training on My Position in Christ. In the

afternoon we brought drink and cake and ice cream for a celebration. A local old priest, Pastor Robert, was there sharing with the men, so I recommended he complete his lesson and share the treats. Pastor Robert is in his 80's I left the Hodera to meet Linda at the Kaiser University to register her for three months of training. We encountered a problem in that she has completed 11 weeks of the 16-week course, but her last class was eight months ago. So, she must be tested today to determine what month she can restart. We are praying that it will be where she left off at lesson twelve. Oh,



the good news is that the two ladies that were helping her Selquia Rivera and Shorashy Garcia both prayed to receive Christ as their Lord and Savior. Another wet birth as they wept while praying. I like that. Last night I showed the movie Escape from Hell. I had never watched it or shown it, but this was the movie they wanted to see. I was a little concerned until while it was playing, I went outside into some light and read these two quotes on the box. "Escape from Hell is a great movie, a thriller, and masterfully produced! Jack Van Impe, Jack Van Impe Ministries. FOUR STARS! If this doesn't get a non-believer to think about life without Christ nothing will! Dr. Jerry Falwell, Jerry Falwell Ministries. So, I was relieved. If it's good enough for Jack Van Impe and Jerry Falwell it's good

enough for me. We sang some great praise songs before and after the movie and I want you to know they sing loud with fervor. I told them after the movie how I wish some of the churches I visit would sing like that! One of the men came up to me and said I need to be born again so I figured there must be more than one, so I gave an invitation and two more men joined him with Pastor Jairo to pray to receive Christ. PTL!

Today I will pass out Bibles donated by the Gideons. And distribute the Salvation certificates and review the Baptism certificates with them in the morning. I will travel to Jinotepe in the afternoon to try to find a child's pool to use for the baptismal. In the evening I will show the Jesus Film through the eyes of children and give each of them a copy of the DVD. Jimmy got a shot this morning much to his surprise.

Saturday 08/24/2019 Yesterday morning when I arrived at the Hodera there was already a group there teaching. At first, I was upset but then I noticed they were from the Baptist Bible college. Almost forty students with their professor. They took all the time in the morning but what an excellent program. Prayer, Praise, Preaching, and testimonies. They presented Bibles to all the men also allowing me to keep the ones I had to distribute until I return next month. They surrounded the Hodera residents with love, love, love. So, I'm glad my pouting session didn't last long when I witnessed this group from the Bible College truly honoring God serving Him at the Hodera.

Jairo and I traveled to Jinotepe so I could buy a swimming pool for the baptism service today. We found one which will work perfectly, just the right size. We bought it with a pump and went back to the hotel for a siesta.

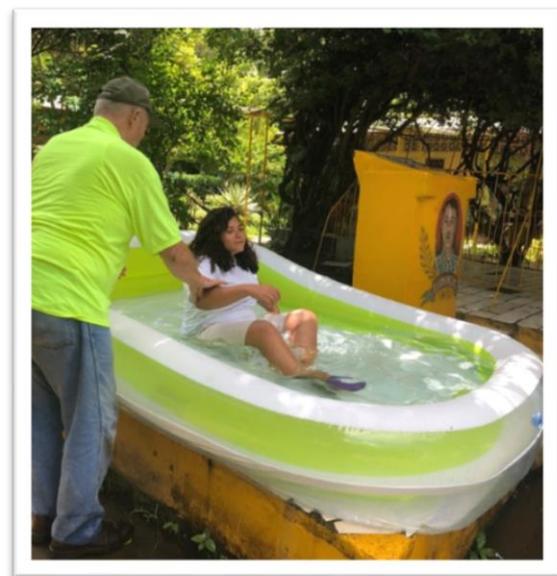
Last night I showed the *Jesus through the eyes of children* DVD and was able to give each of them a copy for their families. Tonight, we will show the *Passion of Christ* movie. Then if all goes well, we will return to U.S. one day early. Trying to get Jimmy home but he just told me he wants to come to the baptism ceremony this morning so that is good.

Miguel Lopez the director told me yesterday that some former residents who I ministered to in the past are coming to visit me and share how they are doing. PTL!

Sunday 8/25/2019 Yesterday morning we baptized two ladies and twenty-two men at the Hodera. What a special time to witness their joy when they came up from the baptismal waters. It really has been a wonderful week serving Jesus Christ here at the Hodera. You witness the power of the Holy Spirit convicting souls to receive Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.

Jimmy helped me baptize but he is still sick. We are going to the airport this morning at 10 am for a flight at 12:51 to Houston.

But as of right now there are only 2 seats available and Jimmy and I are numbers 2 and 3. That's life in the stand-by game. We pray and wait. If not today maybe tomorrow. We took the afternoon off and then showed



The Passion of The Christ last night. We closed our final meeting with encouragement for them. Asking them to email me their testimony for our newsletter and then BIG HUGS FROM EVERYBODY ONE HUG AT A TIME. What joy was in my heart. I believe we had about forty-five saved, twenty-four baptisms, and at the Hodera fifty hours of prayer, praise, testimonies and Bible Study. We literally saturate them with the Word of God.

Thanks to those who donated toward Linda Sanchez continuing her schooling at Keiser Language Institute. She had completed eleven months of a sixteen-month course. I thought and she did also that she only needs five more months which is what I asked for and received three months of support. But she had to be tested and ended up having to start again with month eight so she has eight months to go and we have raised three months so I will continue to ask for one month support in Dec, Jan, Feb, Mar, Apr of \$155 for tuition and books. I know God will provide for this young lady to prepare for the mission field.

I will be returning to Nicaragua in September from 20 to 30 September. The cost is \$1,250 pray and join me and I'll bring you to a great fishing hole and promise that you will catch fish!



I want to thank all of you who faithfully pray for Lost Sheep Ministries. God abundantly bless you all!



Recommended

Reading: *The Spirit of the Disciplines understanding how God changes lives* by: Dallas Willard. This book presents a way of living that enables ordinary men and women to enjoy the fruit of the Christian life. It contains how the key to self-transformation resides in the practice of the spiritual disciplines, and how their practice affirms human life to the fullest. The Spirit of the Disciplines is for every one who strives to be a disciple of Jesus in thought and action as well as intention.

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