

# 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:** September 25-30, 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..

Jimmy and I arrived at the Managua, Nicaragua airport at about noon on **Wednesday the 25th.**

let me share an experience I had on the airplane. I ordered a breakfast box of scrambled eggs. When I searched for my credit card, I couldn't find it! My credit cards, driver's license an insurance card are

all missing. Jimmy and I and the flight attendant helped me look for them to no avail.

I decided to pray and ask God for His help. I started my prayer like this "Dear Father God if you can help me find my lost documents, I would be very happy. And then I said to myself that's not right! I do believe all things are possible for God! So, I changed my prayer and said, "Daddy, I know you can help me find my documents and so I ask you very specifically to help me find them and I say thank you Daddy because I know you are able! I opened my eyes and placed my hand on the seat next to me in the crevice between my seat and that seat and WALA! My folder with the credit cards are in my hand! Remember when you pray that all things are possible for God.

I knew someone was picking us up but wasn't sure who. Here comes a young pretty girl smiling and hugs me and says welcome Pastor Bob. Her name is Jamin and she is Pastora Maria's niece. Our driver is another young lady from the church Melania. All is well! On our way to Sandino about a 40-minute ride. We stopped at one of my favorite restaurants Pizza Hut. We then arrived at Maria's home about 3:30 pm. We departed at 5:30 pm to travel to San Marcos to visit with our friends there.

We went to Jairol's church and they were just winding up the service. We were slow getting there as it was raining very hard and very foggy. But we saw our friends at LaRocca church and invited pastor and his family to Mr. Seafood in Daryamba.



On the way we stopped and picked up Margarita. She had already retired for the day (at 8:15 p) but we woke her up and she was happy to join us. Sister Maria and Margarita joined me on a mission trip to Bluefields (Atlantic side of the country) many years ago. I brought six ladies from Palabra de Vida and six ladies from Puerto de Cielo churches to the Atlantic coast. They were hugging and laughing, and I don't know how they had time to eat as they kept sharing with us and with one another. Oh, the family of God is wonderful to be a part of and experience!

**On Thursday** (Jamin is in college each morning until noon) After noon, we began visiting members of Puerto de Cielo church to have prayer with them. We visited a lady who is a barber. Many years ago she cut my hair and trimmed my beard (oops I mean she shaved my beard completely off as I fell asleep in the chair) I woke up to No Beard!. She is now really hurting as she is going through a divorce. I can tell you I prayed for her and held her in my arms as she cried for more than 30 minutes.

Each of our team members individually prayed for her and gave her words of encouragement. We also visited Pastor Jairol's wife Rosa who is now in the hospital. Please keep her in your prayers. She has a suspicious lump and possibly pneumonia.

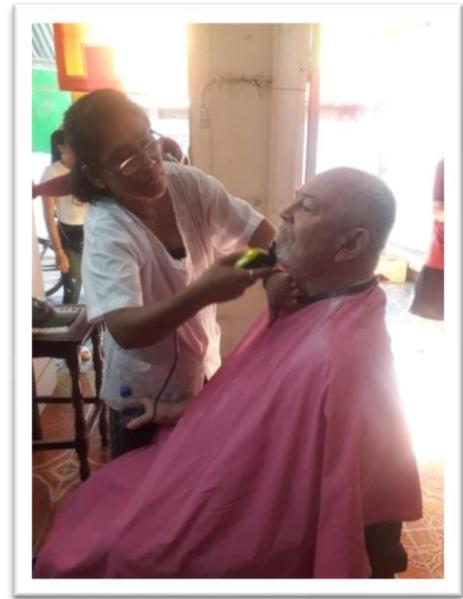
**On Friday** we continued to visit not only church members but a friend of Maria's who is also a pastor. He was discouraged and wept as he described the pain. Our Holy Spirit really gave me and Jimmy words of encouragement for him. He told me I had preached at his church many years ago. I didn't remember but we decided to have a service tonight (Saturday) at his church where Jimmy and I can bring words of wisdom and encouragement to this pastor and his church family. I felt lead by the Lord to slip a financial gift into the pastor's wife hand with the message that my wife always encourages me to bless the pastor's wife.

We left there and I went to get a haircut and beard trim. We distributed some Bible tracts in the market area and then visited one more lady in a real poor area of Sandino. I know this might sound strange, but I really could see the beauty of God's creation in the lady. We then visited a lady from the church home to visit with her 88-year-old grandmother. She has been praying for her for 33 years since she was saved as a 10-year-old. Today God answered her prayers and she witnessed her grandmother pray to receive Christ! PTL!

Last night we travelled to visit my friend pastor Pablo Garcia at Bethel Baptist church. They were celebrating 47 years as a church. Many came forward for salvation and then Pablo prayed for me for my trip to Sri Lanka next week. After the service a couple came to me and asked me to pray for them as they were starting a ministry to train Latin Americans to take the gospel to the world.

We delivered our message to the church of the pastor who was so discouraged. Tomorrow is the big celebration at Puerto de Cielo celebrating the Feasts of the Tabernacles. I want to thank Stuart Rothberg at Sagemont church in Houston, TX with providing a message he had prepared and shared at Sagemont on the Feast of the Tabernacles...

Wow, didn't visit the church but the pastor's home and had about 35 people there along with two other pastors. I shared a message on *Church Sent*. God has always used sending to accomplish His will! God sent angels, Abraham, Moses, Prophets, John the Baptist, Jesus Christ, Holy Spirit, Church and each of us individually. Jimmy also shared and both our messages touched the hearts of those who were there. I decided I would give my new projector to the pastor. He cried! I know that God used Jimmy and me to restore this man to Christian service.



**Sunday morning**, we arrived at Puerto de Cielo church at 9:00 am. The service started at 10:00 am. There was dancing, praise music for about one hour and then I shared the message on the Feast of Tabernacles. Again,

Some good teaching follows:

Are you satisfied with life? I have found the key to a satisfying life. It is this:

Be Glad About What God Has Done.

Be Glad About What God is Doing

Be Glad About What God will Do



**The following is written by Jamin, Pastor Bob's translator:**

Pastor bob gave me an amazing bracelet that shows how good and merciful God is. I plan to teach the meaning to all my classmates. Then, we went to Pastor Flor's house, they rested a little bit and we went to San Marcos. I met lovely people there. Pastor Flor and Margarita remembered their old times going to mission in Bluefields.

We ate at Mr. seafood restaurant, everything was delicious. Pastor Bob gave a message from God through a verse of the

Bible. I wanted to cry at that moment, I was so shocked about how God uses him. It's nice to share with Jimmy some words in Spanish and to hear him pronouncing it. He's really good! Well I don't know what's waiting for me tomorrow but all I can say is that I'm being blessed. Second day with the missionaries: Museum and healed I went to class in the morning about how good it was yesterday, after class I went to Pastor Flor's house. The missionaries and us went to the museum. Pastor Bob wanted us to know more about Nicaragua, so we went to National Palace. My favorite part of the tour was a painting of the day of Pentecost



represented by fire. It caught my heart because that's the way I always imagined it. To make the day even better we went to McDonalds and ate delicious burgers then we received a call from Marcos who told us that

Pastor Jairo's wife Rosa, was sick and in the hospital. We ate and then went to the hospital where we found a nurse wearing all white and took a picture with her because he said nurses don't wear white anymore in the states. A curious thing. Then we prayed for Rosa. I like to do these things; I've learned very good lessons with Bob and Jimmy.

We went to Yaneth's house. Pastor Bob said that she cut his hair years ago, I wish I had been in that time to see that. Yaneth is having a bad situation so we prayed with her the Holy Spirit really touched her that night. All the sadness was taken out of her heart. I was shocked by God's perfect timing. He sent Pastor Bob and Jimmy that night to do exactly what they did. I didn't want to stop praying, the power of the Holy Spirit touches you even if you're just translating. When we went to the store to buy Pastor Bob's Pepsi which he loves. I started to like it too.

I've discovered how important it is to write down everything you do because you capture the moment. When you write it down you notice that every second of life is important you can always do something for somebody else. Pastor Bob and Jimmy are a great example of that. Imagine how much more you could do if you start younger.

Third day with the missionaries: Haircut and visiting. We went to Yaneth's beauty salon to get Bob's haircut. He didn't fall asleep this time, so he got to keep his beard. He looks so cool now-tuany in Nicaraguan slang. I went with Jimmy to find some Pepsi around Ciudad Sandino's little market. Then we went to visit other people and friends of my aunt. Olga got saved. It's amazing how Pastor Bob is used by God, he just says something to the people and immediately they accept Christ as their savior. Then we went to Bethel church. We were getting worried because we couldn't find it and eventually, we had to look up all the Bethel churches on Facebook until Pastor Bob picked out one that he recognized from the pictures. The service was incredible. I really like to visit other churches. What I can say about this day is that no matter your age you can pray to Jesus. Young people need to know the real meaning of being saved. We ended the day by going to Tip Top. Bob told us different experiences when he was in the army and afterwards, he worked as an engineer but quit his job to become a missionary. We taught Jimmy how to say "*see you tomorrow*" in Spanish. He's good. I really like to talk to him. I don't want them to leave, I'm going to miss them so much.

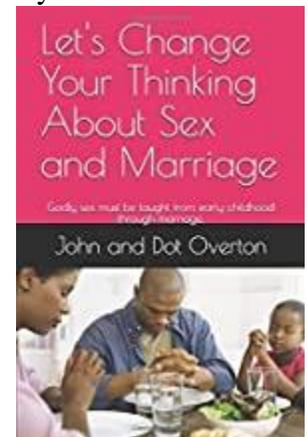
Day number four with the missionaries: Tacos and preaching. I was so worried because I was late to my aunt's house, but Pastor Bob told me to forget that. He's so cute. We went to an old photocopy place where Pastor Bob asked for 100 copies. But it was really old for a copy machine so we didn't know how much time it would take but it didn't take too long and then we were on our way.

That evening we went to Pastor Giovanni's church and Pastor Bob brought a projector that he felt led to give to the church. The next day we were at Pastor Flor's church and had a long but very good service at which Pastor Bob and Jimmy preached. I will miss them and hope they come back soon.

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**Recommended Reading: *Let's Change Your Thinking about Sex and Marriage*** by: John and Dot Overton.

A revolution started in 1960. It has been called the Sexual Revolution (The **sexual** revolution of the **1960s** and 70s largely affected the way American society is now. In the **1960s** something called "free love" came about, deeming young people as hippies. The hippies preached that the beauty of sex and love was a form of art). Having just pasted their mid-80s, they are alarmed at the cultural shift in thinking about the most taboo subject that they grew up with -- sex. They know that what they are writing is countercultural now but necessary to return to a personal state of peace, joy, and hope. Even though it may seem out of date it has worked for them and they believe it will work for everyone who tries it seriously.



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