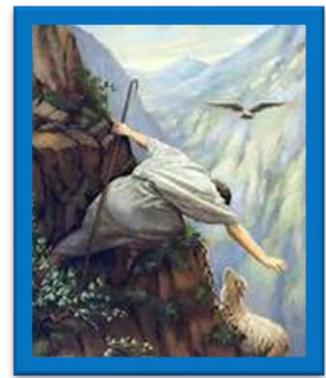


# Lost Sheep Ministry News

## November 2019—2019 in Review

**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:

#### His Steadfast Love Endures Forever

**A Psalm for Thanksgiving.** Shout joyfully to the LORD, all the earth. Serve the LORD with gladness; Come before Him with joyful singing. Know that the LORD Himself is God; It is He who has made us, and not we ourselves; **We are** His people and the sheep of His pasture. Enter His gates with thanksgiving **And** His courts with praise. Give thanks to Him, bless His name. For the LORD is good; His lovingkindness is everlasting **And** His faithfulness to all generations. **Psalm 100:1-5**

I want to share a Happy Thanksgiving with all who pray for and all who provide financial support to Lost Sheep Ministries. We serve a

faithful God!

I did not travel in November and have decided to share with you a bit of history of what God has done in our ministry as we demonstrate our love to God by our obedience to the Great Commandment and the Great Commission!

I want to also remind you all that LSM co-labors with Zeke Young, Pastor Don & Shar Owens (San Leon Community Church) and Pastor Rickie Harper on a weekly prison radio program called zTeam family radio program. It is a one-hour weekly program which airs on KKHT 100.7 FM radio at 9 pm on Sunday evenings. Zeke has been leading this effort for more than 20 years now.

So, I want to say to all of you that God's Holy Spirit is indeed leading all of us who labor with Lost Sheep Ministries in His kingdom work. Please continue to pray to the Lord of the harvest to send forth laborers. I will post in next month's newsletter my planned trips for 2020 and I invite all to pray about joining me on one or more of them.

I want to end my portion of this newsletter by praising and thanking God for my "help-mate" Carol.

**Nicaragua - Friday January 23** Jon Friesen and I returned to Nicaragua now that civil unrest has subsided. We focused our mission to the Pacific side of the nation at a drug and alcohol recovery center (Hodera) south of Managua. We get lots of support from Pastor Jairo Sanchez of LaRoca church each time we return to this part of the world.

I have been praying for an opportunity to return all these months and finally made the decision after several phone calls with my friends in Nicaragua. Pastor Jairo was at the airport to pick us up.

**Wednesday**, we returned to my favorite fishing hole the Hodera in San Marcos which is a drug and alcohol recovery center. I always began the process of earning the trust of the residents there.



**Thursday** we were at the Hodera from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. where we began with prayer, praise songs (worship) and Bible teaching. I also met with Miguel Lopez, the director, who I led to the Lord 25 years ago. He has given me carte blanche at the Hodera allowing me to set my schedule. I explained that we would baptize this coming Saturday and have a pinata for the men on Saturday and then on Sunday have one for the children who visit.

**Thursday night** we showed the *Passion of the Christ* video and then drew the net. Everyone dropped to their knees and prayed to make Jesus Lord of their lives! We closed the meeting with a candle lighting service where we gave all the men a candle then turned off the lights. Jon and I lit our candles and then went to my right and Jon's left around the circle each one lighting the candle on the one beside them. Very beautiful as we sang *This Little Light of Mine*, I'm going to make it shine! Wow, it really was beautiful to witness. We sang several more praise songs before prayers closing our time together for the evening.

**Friday evening:** we continued with prayer, praise & worship as well as showing *Facing the Giants* movie. When we offered an invitation to receive Christ as Lord & Savior, fourteen (14) men responded.

We enjoyed pizza last night provided by brother Marcos who owns *Pizza to Go*. He is truly a brother who desires to serve with us as translator, driver, and provider. We gave each resident a New Testament with Psalms and Proverbs provided by brother Cesar a local Gideon who works at Kaiser University. He has been providing Bibles for us for many years now. I had everyone stand and read several verses.

We provided the twenty who accepted Christ on Thursday evening a Spiritual Birth Certificate along with a Dove pin symbolic of the Holy Spirit. We really do saturate them with the Word of God. We invite one of them to lead in prayer each time we pray. We listen to their responses as to how the movie spoke to their hearts.

**Saturday:** Today I had the remaining fourteen certificates printed for those who received Christ last night. We will have baptism this morning then this afternoon cake and ice cream for celebration as well as the pinata filled with candy for them. Tonight, we will show the *Jesus Film* through the eyes of children and present each of them with a copy.

**Sunday:** Yesterday was another awesome day serving Jesus at the Hodera. We baptized ten men in the morning. In the afternoon we had a celebration combination birthday party with cake & ice cream. We sang happy birthday celebrating our spiritual birthdays. And then the real fun began.



Last night I met with Miguel Lopez and he shared with me his gratitude for all the years I have been visiting. My first visit was 1996. 23 years of repeated joy seeing hundreds come to Christ, baptizing them and giving them solid Biblical instructions. He told me that Francisco Lopez who is the 2nd most powerful man in this country told him "give Reverend Gibson absolute freedom at the Hodera." I led both Francisco and Miguel to the Lord

and their family members (wife & children). He told me that graduation was tomorrow (Sunday Morning at 10:00 am). He would like me to come and share with the family members. So, Jon will present the message at La Rocca, Jairo's church and I will share the Good News at the Hodera.

**Vietnam:** Jon (Friesen) left for Vietnam on the 4th of February to get married on the 24 of February. I traveled to Vietnam on the 19th to attend Jon's wedding and of course meet with my friends there, minister to them, and do all that God's Holy Spirit directs me.

I was in Vietnam 54 years ago as a U.S. soldier. Today I am here as a soldier for Christ! My reason for returning is to support Jon and marry him & Nguyet Anh Le in Vin Long on Sunday.

Last night Jon and I were able to lead two friends of Nguyet, his fiancé, to the Lord. Today I will preach the gospel at their wedding to a large Buddhist family.

**Sunday 24 February 2019** Last night we lead Nguyet's girlfriends to the Lord. Today the wedding started about 2:00 pm. The bride was beautiful as they all are. About 45 family members and friends were there. I presented the gospel before the actual exchanging of vows, ring exchange and candle lighting.

**Monday night Hong Kong airport** I'm tired but I want to try to write this amazing story of this trip. In total I distributed 100 Jesus Film DVDs. Led seven to Christ (1 Guamese, 2 Swedes, 4 Vietnamese. Encouraged 6 church leaders. Married Jon. Made friends with a Buddhist nun and gave her a Texas pin, Dove pin, and Jesus DVD. She was returning to Taiwan.



A quick recap: Japanese, Czech Republic, Guamese, American GI's, Koreans, Chinese, Vietnamese, Filipinos and one Canadian were all told the glorious Gospel message! **April 05- 15, 2019:** Jimmy Stanfield, and John and Wanda Mattison accompanied me back to Nicaragua. We have all visited churches and the Hodera



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**Saturday**, we rented a car for the day. John & Wanda shared with me how long it took for their ride from the airport to San Marcos yesterday. About 4 hours for what is normally a one-hour ride.

Wanda, John, Jimmy and I each shared what God had placed on our hearts. I was encouraged by a large sign that shared their vision for Puerta de Cielo.

**Monday**, we had a meeting at 10 a.m. with Miguel Lopez at the Hodera. I came here on my first trip in 1996 when Vice-president Bolanos asked me to visit his nephew at the Hodera. I had shared that Carol and I had a Stand Down Homes ministry for homeless veterans and were working with addicts daily.

God has given me complete freedom to serve at the Hodera for 23 years. More than 1,000 have been saved and baptized over the years. We introduced ourselves and outlined the plans for the week with the clients. Forty-nine men and four women. Oh, I forgot to mention that at our morning meeting with Miguel he stated that there are ten men on the waiting list, but they don't have beds for them. Well, they do now as our team members along with Sandra our host at The Place in San Marcos donated the funds to build the beds.

John, Wanda, Jimmy, and I shared brief testimonies. We played some praise songs and sang them. We then announced that we would have cake and ice cream on Friday, Pinata on Friday and again on Sunday at Family day for the children and baptism on Saturday.

Last night we showed the *Facing the Giants* movie. We had four men and one lady respond to my salvation message after the movie. Oops, not lady but she is only thirteen years old! She has been at the Hodera for one week. Wanda gave the three women and young girl a Teddy Bear thanks to Lifeway Christian Book Store who donated them to Lost Sheep Ministries

**Wednesday** Yesterday we were at the Hodera from 9:00 to 11:30 when I taught Basic Christianity lesson on the *Bible*. Thanks again to John Overton for his authorship of the Basic Christianity Course. And thanks to Dahlia for translating them. We enjoyed time with praise songs, prayers and testimonies. We returned in the afternoon from 2:00 to 4:30 pm with lesson on *God and Angels* and more prayers, praise & testimonies. Last night we showed the movie *Something to Sing About*. We had seven men respond to the gospel call and John prayed with them to receive Christ as their Savior.

**Return to VIETNAM:** I joined a group from Kirkwood Baptist Church in Houston, TX on a trip to Vietnam from 06/23 to 07/12/19

**Wednesday 26 June** we met for prayer at 6:30 a.m. and then traveled for about one-hour to a restaurant for breakfast before going on to minister at a drug rehab center for about five-hours. I was really blessed by the participation of our younger team members. They were singing and sharing with about 80 residents at the rehabilitation center. We returned to the hotel about 3:30 p.m. I am honored to be here.

**Thursday:** In the morning we rode about 1.5 hours to a hospital for people with mental illnesses. About 800 patients were excited to see us. We are working with a local pastor who is managing our schedule. He arranged for praise singers and a worship service. We then served them brunch. It is not possible to look out at their faces and crippled-bodies and not weep.

Then in the afternoon God put the finishing touch on our day serving Him at an orphanage run by Buddhist monks in a temple. The pastor here has developed a relationship with the monk who helped start the orphanage. *The monk testified to us that he had trusted Jesus Christ as his savior.* He also has given permission for the Christian Church to build a meeting room on the temple property. There were about 400 children ranging from newly born to teens. We had music, and dance, and praise and worship by our host pastor's church. This is really Love in Action

During the day I was able to minister to several of the church workers. One was a young lady named Emma. She is 26 years old and has been to

Madison, Wisconsin. Her English was very good, and we spent time together as I answered her questions.

She was desperately seeking God's will for her life. She wept again and

again as I sent her to the Word of God to answer her questions. I am truly blessed to be a man of God, sent by God, with a message from God and He continues to send them to me as the Holy Spirit leads them to come over and share with me. It is a great joy for this old saint to be used by



the Holy Spirit to minister to and encourage younger saints. Thank you, Lord Jesus.

**Friday,** we ministered all day at a location about a four-hour drive from Ho Chi Minh City with a medical team made up of doctors and nurses with examination cubicles along with ability to distribute medications.

**Monday,** we left at 1:00 am for Dalat. At 8:00 am we began ministering at another orphanage. We truly are doing Mathew 25 ministries. I have been in awe as I watched my teammates from Kirkwood church labor in God's harvest field. Young and old contributing by setting-up and tearing down of equipment, food preparation and distribution and clean up. They were serving God with their hands and their hearts.

**Sunday, 7 July 2019** John 21:25 "And there are also many other things which Jesus did, which if they were written in detail, I suppose that even the world itself would not contain the books that would be written. "

I was not allowed to visit two villages because of government interference. So, I decided to stand in the gap in prayer for all who would attend who had not received Christ. One person praying for their salvation.

This was an emotional trip for me for when I was in Vietnam in 1965, we hired Montagnard men as mercenaries to fight with us. They were good soldiers. Also, their dress for the women is so colorful. One of the group's part of the program is a Montagnard choir and the dresses are so varied and so colorful.

**IN SUMMARY:** *We have worked long-hour days, traveled long distances, and helped participate in medical team projects, orphanages visitation, hospital visitation, and village crusade programs. I have been told by Pastor David. we may have seen more than 5,000 people with more than 2,000 saved. Phoung, another team member, estimates the number saved to be almost 4,000. I don't know but Jesus does!*

## Notes from Jon Frieson November 2019:

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I give thanks for your prayers. I'm so grateful for the faithful friendships within the Lost Sheep Ministry family. Friends from the USA, Vietnam, Nicaragua, Brazil, Nigeria, and Pakistan contact me frequently with prayer concerns and encouraging words.

I've been living in Cam Ranh, Vietnam ten months now. The population is a little more than 120,000 people with the average monthly wage of about \$200. I see people digging through the garbage every day.

It is a rapidly growing hospitality centered community with beautiful mountains and a beach. There are many resort buildings being constructed along the beach that will increase the population about 25% within the next five years.

For the last six months I've been teaching English and hospitality in a newly constructed private school to about 400 students. Cam Ranh has a public school along with private Catholic-school and church, a Buddhist temple and a Protestant church.

Education is very important to this community. Most children here go to school seven days a week. Many of the new jobs here require employees to be able to speak English and Chinese. Many of the students wear religion symbols such as a Christian cross or a Buddhist pendant.

While I am able to have religious freedom, I have been strongly cautious not to communicate my beliefs. This is my circumstance in which I am to give thanks and be a living testimony with my actions as they speak louder than words. Rejoice always and pray continually Giving thanks for this is God's will for me and Lost Sheep Ministries.

Mark 16:15 Go into all the world and preach the gospel.

**Return to Nicaragua - 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.

Today Jimmy and I will be at Pastor Jairo's La Rocca church.

**Thursday 8/22** 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

**Saturday 08/24/2019** Yesterday morning when I arrived at the Hodera there was already a group there teaching. I showed the *Jesus through the eyes of children* DVD and was able to give each of them a copy for their families. Miguel Lopez the director told me yesterday that some former residents who I ministered to in the past our 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. 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.

**Back to Nicaragua:** September 25-30, 2019: Jimmy Stanfield accompanied me again to Nicaragua.

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.

Tomorrow is the big celebration at Puerto de Ciello celebrating the Feasts of the Tabernacles.

We 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.

**Sunday morning**, we arrived at Puerto de Ciello church at 9:00 am. The service started at 10:00 am. I shared the message on the Feast of Tabernacles. Again,

**SRI LANKA TRIP REPORT 4 -16 OCTOBER 2019:** This was my first mission trip to Sri Lanka. I accompanied Pastors Carter and Laura Ware and their team from Faith City Church in League City, TX. They have served the Lord in Sri Lanka several times, so they were a great help in introducing me to the local culture.

I arrived in New Delhi at 6 pm and my flight to Colombo, Sri Lanka wasn't until 5 am. I boarded the flight for Colombo, Sri Lanka at about 4:30 am.. I got through immigration and customs with no problems and walked outside. Two men from the church where I will be staying awaiting the arrival of the Faith City team.

**Tuesday 8 October 2019:** Yesterday was a good day of waiting and resting. Our mission house quarters here at the church are very comfortable. I got some rest before the evening service started at 5:30. It was a good service with a good response from the congregation on answering the question God asked in Isaiah "who can we send? Who will go for Us? And I said here am I send me! At 8 PM I shared with a men's group of 16 men. I am really blessed to be here and am already falling in love with the pastor and his flock!

**Tuesday night** It's been a long day as we departed at 4:30 am to travel up the mountain. It really was a beautiful journey. We stopped several times along the way to eat. We arrived about 4:30 pm at our destination city but I don't know the name, yet We checked into our hotel and I cleaned up and slept till about 7:30.

Tomorrow is the Pastor's conference which Pastor Carter will be presenting before more than 250 local pastors. I am always blessed to discover and learn about a new culture and people group and of course begin to fall in love with them. Thank you, Jesus.

**Friday night 8 pm 10/11/19** The Pastor's conference was a divine appointment. About 500 came to receive an awesome message from Pastor Carter. He shared his "Year of Job". And believe me the attendees were on the edge of their seats waiting to hear the victory that Pastors Carter and Laura received from God. The message that God laid on Pastor Carter's heart to share was the one many needed to hear. Of Course! That's our Holy Spirit who whispers in our ears His message He desires for us to share. The joy was immeasurable. So many smiles and laughter. At the conclusion of the meeting our team stood by the door and shook hands with all as they left the conference. I was able to pass out 500 Jesus film cards.



We went back to the food court for lunch. I spotted a couple of young ladies at another table and decided to go and ask them where they were from. They invited me to sit and join them and one lady was from Norway and the other from Sydney, Australia. I then shared the Gospel message and they both wanted to pray to receive Christ as their Lord and Savior! So here I am in Sri Lanka and God sends me two ladies from distant countries to lead to Christ. But I am endeavoring to win Sri Lankans to Christ also. Maybe they will all come via Jesus film cards and Chick tracts.

**Saturday 10/12/19:** I travelled about 1 hour down the mountain from where we are to Talawakele Church whose altitude is 3,930 feet. There were about 80 in attendance. I was really blessed to see their smiling faces and happiness that God has sent me to them. I shared The Bell with them:

Keep this bell ringing...pass it on "The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD turn His face toward you and give you peace. ."Numbers 6:24-26

**Monday 10/14/19:** Yesterday was two mountaintop experiences for me! We packed the car and departed Nuwara Elaya to travel back to Colombo. We dropped off Justin & Kayleigh to share at Pundalu Oya Church

and I went on to churches in Kotagala and Hatton. I really can't describe the joy in my heart. The churches were small in numbers maybe 50 to 80 but large in Spirit! I was blessed to see the smiles on the elderly who received reading glasses. Of course, suckers, tracts and Jesus film cards create smiles also. In Hatton I observed a young couple who came into the church about 15 minutes after Praise started. Anyway, I noticed that neither one sang any of the hymns. I taught a lesson from Dave Wilkerson "the 6 major events in your life". Eternity Passed (No beginning) Life (Maybe 80 years), Death (Doorway to your destination) Heaven or Hell Bema Seat Judgement or Great White Throne Judgement Eternity Future (No ending)

I decided to present very clearly the gospel message and gave an invitation. I don't do this often, but I felt led by the Holy Spirit to single out that couple. And yes, they came forward for salvation along with another couple and a single man. I am grateful that God gave me five Sri Lankan souls to go along with the two ladies from the food court from Australia and Norway. Still have two days to go so of course I'm asking the Holy Spirit for more!

The ride up and down the mountain is truly awesome filled with the beauty of God's creation. The heavens and the earth declare the handiwork of God!

Our time together the Faith City Team and our hosts team spent the day loving, laughing, and laughing some more. I thank God for allowing me to travel here with our Faith City Team and falling in love with the Sri Lankan people. Especially Neil & Rebecca and Arch & Shehnai who has spent our time together doing everything they could to make us comfortable. Of course, for me comfort is Pepsi and ice cream!

I am bringing home some tea for my support team members. Usually I bring coffee, but Ceylon Tea is a must to bring home and bless others. I am packed pretty much and watching the United pass rider list. The Business class seats have dwindled to 2 available but I don't know what number I am on the list because the United app is not working properly to show me the details. But they are enough seats in Economy to assure me I will be on the plane. As you read this please pray for me asking God to put ole Pastor Bob in Business class.

Thanks to all my dedicated prayer partners and those who financially support Lost Sheep Ministries. I was able to lead 11 to the Lord so far but believe me the Pastor's Conference that Pastor Carter presented touched the life's of more than 500. We truly did provide a drink of cold water to many, many, many Christians.

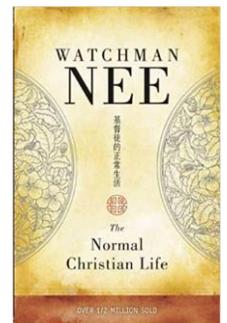
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### **Addicted to Alcohol and Drugs at Bay Area Recovery Center (BARC), Dickinson, Texas**

Though this ministry has been active for over seven years in Dickinson Texas, it really got started on a Lost Sheep Ministry trip to Nicaragua. Pastor Bob introduced us (John & Dot Overton) to men addicted to alcohol and drugs at the Hodera mentioned earlier. Nineteen men received Christ at the close of our visit and we had to leave them for a return flight to Houston. We discovered BARC in our hometown and have teaching the men there

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**Recommended Reading: *The Normal Christian Life*** by Watchman Nee. Watchman Nee (1903-1972) is remembered for his leadership of an indigenous church movement in China, as well as for his books, which continue to enrich Christians throughout the world. Beginning in the 1930s, Nee helped establish local churches in China that were independent of foreign missionary organizations and were used to bring many into the Kingdom of God. From these roots sprang many of the house churches that continued to meet after Western missionaries were forced to leave the country during the Cultural Revolution. Arrested in 1952 and found guilty of a large number of false charges, Watchman Nee was imprisoned until his death in 1972. Available on Amazon.com.



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