

Lost Sheep Ministry News

End of Year Report December 2020

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 2 Timothy 2:2.



Notes from Pastor Bob:

I asked Jon Friesen and John Overton to share their notes along with me on our 2020 experiences. I remember my trip to Cuba in January for just 7 days as another good trip serving the Lord on the mission field. After returning COVID-19 hit us and travel was no more for 2020. I was able to communicate via email and telephone with my friends in Vietnam (Jon Friesen), Nicaragua (Marcos), Pakistan (Pastor John Yousaf), Sri Lanka (Symboline Rebecca Wille), Philippines (Pastora Kim Arceo). But I really miss them and plan on beginning my travels as soon as it is possible for me.

And now for the rest of the story.

In August I returned to San Leon Community Church (SLCC) as their interim pastor. It has really been a blessing for me, and I am blessed with a group of people wanting to serve the Lord. Pastor Rickie Harper is the associate Pastor and I ordained him way back when I was pastor there during the Ike hurricane. I called John Matteson and he agreed to be our Sunday School teacher. PTL!

So, Rickie, John and I are witnessing our sheep “grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ”!

My Baptist heritage led me to begin Sunday night services again. I grew up in the faith being in Church Sunday morning for Bible Study and morning worship. Sunday night for testimony time along with praise and preaching and Wednesday night prayer meetings with praise, preaching and prayer! Well, that’s where we are now. And we have C.O.O.L. (Christ over our life) meetings on Monday night.

We have food distribution on Wednesday morning. AND movie night on Friday night. We are reaching out and serving our community.

We did two funeral services for suicide victims for their families and friends including a great sit-down meal after the services. They were not members of SLCC and had never attended until the funeral service BUT we are there to SERVE!

Just before Christmas we returned to the streets of Houston to minister to the homeless. That’s where I began way back in 1994 when I quit my job at NASA and started Lost Sheep Ministries going to the homeless veterans on the streets of Houston. We had prepared 50 gift bags for distribution. 14 joined me on that Saturday and we met with Pastor Lee Morgan (a longtime friend who retired from Star of Hope this year). This trip really encouraged all of us who went.

There was a young lady there who sang for us and she was gifted. So, I went down there on Sunday morning and brought her to SLCC to praise with our praise team and bless us with some individual praise songs. Her name was Caress and her boyfriend was Freedom. Well Freedom prayed to receive Christ on the ride to SLCC. We took a love offering and our folks provided a \$169 gift for them. And of course, we treated them to lunch at Topwater grill.

Pastor Rickie had a hayride with Christmas caroling which really touched our community again. And at our New Year’s Eve service he will be out in the van providing free rides to those going from bar to bar or to home who are too drunk to drive.

Our weekly Zteam Family radio program is touching life's weekly. We receive many letters which the ladies at SLCC respond to. Thank you, dear ones,!

Here is list of Spiritual Birth Certificates:

Page Bennett,
Juneen Tyson,
Ariyah Nicole Grainger,
Haley Long,
Lily Long,
Catherine Cerezo,
Sydney Wright,
Matthew Tong,
Rosalinda Reyes,
Floyd Linky,

Matthew, Lancon,
Robert Coward,
Christopher Wilemon,
Sandy Flores,
Brandon Higgins,
Andrea Murillo,
Brandon, Knowles,
Gabriella Perez,
C.W. Jahn,
Miguel Hurtron

I know there are plenty more if I added the prisoners who got saved. I'm glad God is writing their names in the Lambs book of life and their salvation date is not dependent on me keeping records. I do not have the gift of administration, but God has given me the gift of evangelism and I love delivering spiritual babes into the kingdom of God!

I am grateful to all my friends who support Lost Sheep Ministries with your finance and prayers. May each of us continue to practice these 7 habits of living a Godly life:

1. Prayer
2. Trust & Faith
3. Meditation
4. Obedience
5. Dependence on the Holy Spirit
6. Giving back to God and to others
7. Forgiveness

I continue to cry out come quickly Lord Jesus but until you come here am I SEND ME!

Notes from Jon Frieson:

During a mission trip to Vietnam with Pastor Bob in the summer of 2017, I was asked to return and teach English.

I moved to Vietnam February 5, 2019. I've been here in Vietnam now for almost two years, and teaching English for the last year and a half.

I'm centrally located on the east coast in Cam Ranh City by the red China Sea.



The year began with a lot of concern as our English school closed following the "Tet" holiday (the Vietnamese lunar new year festival.) due to COVID.

Thankfully, we partially reopened with online classes after six weeks, and fully opened after about three months.

We stocked up on food and emergency supplies during this time and received some financial support from my family in the USA to assist those in need here through our local church.

In July the school opened their 2nd English center here in Cam Ranh City and another center in October in the city of Tuy Hoa, about three hours north. We also started



free online classes with a local Christian based orphanage. Now we are teaching over 2,600 students. We started with only five teachers, now have over 30 teachers, currently we have a foreign teacher from Germany, Australia, South Africa, the UK along with me from the USA. It is interesting to think that we are teaching English with teachers from five different continents.

I have been traveling a lot between each school to help promote new centers.

There were many native English speakers that left during the initial Covid outbreak and now it's unlikely that they will be able to return. There is an International airport here in Cam Ranh City, but it has been closed now for nearly a year.

During Christmas time I put on a Santa costume and gave small gifts to over one thousand children. Most of the children recognized me.

The nature of Christmas is very unfamiliar, so we teach Christmas vocabulary words like tree, star, and presents. It also brings the opportunity to talk about the birth of baby Jesus.

At the school, we put up a Christmas tree and we are allowed to play all varieties of Christmas music, while the English words are unfamiliar Christmas and Easter are the best times for me to talk openly about Jesus. I have been warned several times to control my personal beliefs and even had a government police visit.

This past week, one of my neighbors died, the Buddhist monks came and started beating their drums from 6:00 am until 10:00 pm and chanting very loudly for a week. Only to break for the occasional yelling and screaming loud enough to wake the dead and remove the demons from the house.

After the ritual people throw fake money all around for the after life of the dead person.

Christianity must seem very strange to them as well.

Please keep me in your prayers for open doors of opportunity to witness with my words and actions.



NOTES from John Overton: *Retirement Life:* The Overtons moved to their new home at The Crossings in League City, TX this year. The pandemic has imposed many restrictions ever since we moved. The new friends we are getting acquainted with assure us that life is much better when we are freer to move about and gather for fellowship.



We have started a Writers Club for the residents and have published three books since we started. One widow wrote

about her husband who was a highly decorated Vietnam pilot that her grandchildren never met. Another wrote about his early life born in the South Dakota dust bowl during the great depression and went on to make great contributions to the National Space Agency. The third man, now in his mid-90s, served on Okinawa during the 1945 invasion in preparation to invade the Japanese homeland at the end of WWII.

Several other members are working on books or stories. We distribute a Writers Club Newsletter twice a month which includes excerpts from member's writings as well as something unusual about a member in each issue. This grass-roots news is helping all of us to get better acquainted with each other.

Additionally, we will start teaching our Christian Discipleship class in January 2021. We are making modest adjustments to the materials we used at the Bay Area Recovery Center (BARC) for seven years to better address senior citizens. We are praying that the ones of His choosing will participate in this weekly class. We will not only be teaching Christian Basics and Discipleship but will assign weekly homework and hold each student accountable for completing their assignment and sharing with the class at the following meeting. The ultimate purpose for our class will be to build a closer daily fellowship with Jesus through the use of a Secret Place to study the Bible, Pray, and Journal.

So, we find Retirement Life to be very fulfilling, and gratifying.

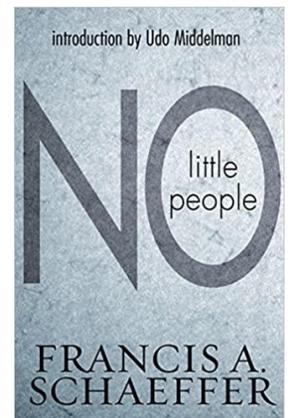
There are always opportunities to serve others. *Be available.*

Why Not start a Writers Club for church members, friends, and neighbors where you live.

There are so many stories that need to be written so following generations will get to know.

Recommended Reading: *No Little People*: by Francis Schaeffer. Most Christians take an honest look at themselves and conclude that their limited talents, energy, and knowledge mean that they don't amount to much. Francis A. Schaeffer says that the biblical emphasis is quite different. With God there are no little people!

This book contains sixteen sermons that explore the weakness and significance of humanity in relationship to the infinite and personal God. Each was preached by Schaeffer at L'Abri Fellowship in Switzerland to the community that gathered there to work, learn, and worship together. The focus of this collection is the lasting truth of the Bible, the faithfulness of God, the sufficiency of the work of Christ, and the reality of God's Spirit in history. The sermons represent a variety of styles-some are topical, some expound Old Testament passages, and still others delve into New Testament texts. *No Little People* includes theological sermons and messages that focus specifically on daily life and Christian practice. Each sermon is a single unit, and all are valuable for family devotions or other group study and worship. Readers will be encouraged by the value that God places on each person made in His image.



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