

Lost Sheep Ministry News

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The Great Commission: Matthew 28: 18 - 20 is a commission for all Christians to go, *make Disciples*, and *teach* them to **OBEY** all that I have commanded you. 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 Brother Bob:



Pastor Bob has been travelling to Nicaragua since March of 1997. He first travelled to Nicaragua with General Charlie Duke the Apollo 16 commander and a leadership team from Campus Crusade for Christ Canada. During this trip Pastor Bob met with political, economic, and military leaders. President [Arnoldo Alemán](#) was in office. From 2002 -2007 Enrique Bolaños was president and in 2007 Daniel Ortega became president. Pastor Bob has been with and prayed for each president of Nicaragua since he started visiting their country. He has great favor with the Sandinista Party and many leaders within the party. Pastor Bob has travelled more than 30 times to Nicaragua and has ministered

on the Rio Coco to the Miskito Indians on the Atlantic Coast to the Creole people (Black English speaking) and on the Pacific coast to the Spanish speaking folks.

Tuesday June 17, 2014 I returned to Nicaragua on Saturday, June 14, 2014 with team members Lillian Brown, Arturo Aguado, and Kevin Sutherland. We visited with Maria Palacios on Saturday night. She is the pastor of Puerto de Ciello church in Sandino. Actually she pastored with her husband Silvio Palacios. He is a longtime friend of mine dating back to 1997 when he asked me about spiritual warfare.

He is the highest decorated man who ever served in the Nicaraguan army. A hero recorded in their history books as being part of “Palacios Assault” on the palace. Unfortunately, he has abandoned his wife, his family, his church. Please pray that God will bring Silvio to “his senses”.

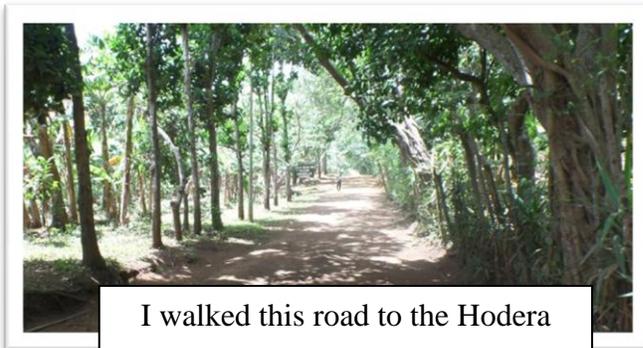


We attended church on Sunday morning. A wonderful time of reunion, prayer, praise, preaching and loving one another. Lillian Brown who travelled here with Jaleh Borden 12 years ago helped launch the Praise Dance Team at this church. This morning, she was crying as she hugged the dance team. Many were little girls back then and today are young ladies. Dance is a big part of praise here and is really beautiful. As I watched them, I realized that they are not dancing to entertain but to praise God!

Sunday Evening we attended church at Bethel. This church is where Alberto Williams was the youth minister. Alberto was our first interpreter in 1997. He is now pastoring a Methodist church on El Camino. Oklahoma. After services we returned to the airport to check on some "lost" baggage with my camera and computer. I keep praying, praying, praying. "Daddy" I called Father God on this father's day you know I need my computer to play the movies, my camera to record your "deeds", and all my bible lessons I have prepared for our Philippine/Vietnam trip next month. About 5 AM back at the hotel I asked the Holy Spirit please tell me where my camera is. I got a reply "in the projector bag". I jumped out of bed and opened the projector bag and there was my camera. Thank you, thank you, thank you! I had put the camera in the projector bag which Carol had packed in my suitcase with my clothes. Anyway a long story to suggest to you that our Heavenly Father cares about even the little things in our life.

Monday we visited my friend Margarita and her family in San Marcos before going to the Hodera (drug rehab center). She is 76 years old and a mighty woman of God. She stood down thieves in Guatemala who robbed the bus she was on. They could not shut her up even after tying her hands. They were going to rape two young girls but Margarita kept crying out to God to stop them. They left without raping the girls and didn't get Margarita's money. I had her call her pastor asking for permission to baptize the men & women from the Hodera that accepted Christ on an earlier visit. We will share on Sunday morning at La Roca at 10 AM on Sunday. Then at 4:00 PM we will share at Palabra de Vida where I first met Julio Cuadra and his family. We will baptize after the service.

Hodera – is a drug and alcohol recovery program located in San Marcos which is about 45 kilometers from Managua. I was sent there on my first trip by Bolaños who was VP under Aleman. His nephew was an addict and VP Bolaños asked me to visit him. I did and began a longtime friendship with Miguel Lopez the director who I led to Christ on that first visit. Because of that first meeting I have had



I walked this road to the Hodera

the privilege to lead Miguel's Lara, son Jonathon, and daughter Johanna to the Lord and baptize the entire family. The program uses the standard Alcoholics Anonymous 12 step program but identifies Jesus Christ as the "higher power".



We visited the Hodera for about 3 hours. Lillian & Kevin shared with the women and Arturo and I with the men. I showed the movie *Courageous*. Wow, what an amazing movie! All 28 men were saved last week when I was there. Arturo shared and we were really blessed. We will teach 1 hour each week discipling these men and ladies. We will be at Hodera this morning and sharing tonight at a new church for me located in Sandino.

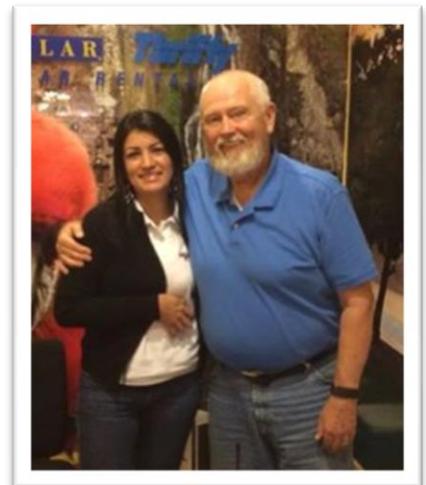
Wednesday 8:00 AM. Yesterday was another awesome day serving Jesus Christ here in Nicaragua. Arturo and I spent about 2 hours with the men as Arturo began to teach them from their new Bibles.

What a blessing to see these men turn to the verses and underline them and make notes in the notebooks. I got a list of names for their Spiritual Birth Certificates and Baptismal Certificates. We visited with the pastor at Palabra de Vida and arranged for the baptism Sunday evening at 7:00 PM after the service. We contracted for a van to pick up the folks at the Hodera at 3:30 PM and return them after the service. Lillian & Kevin had the same amount of time with the ladies. I know that John & Mammy Overton relate to this wonderful opportunity to share the word of God with men and women who want to learn. Last night we ministered at Philadelphia Church in Sandino. This was a result of a man from that church seeing us pray at Pizza Hut on Sunday. He invited us to come to his church on Tuesday night and share. Wow, wow, wow, what a Spirit filled church. About 80 were in attendance. Wonderful praise time, and then Lillian ministered with a praise dance, Arturo delivered a powerful message from the Word of God. Then prayer time began. We were able to pray for many for healing, 3 for deliverance (and we saw it happen before our eyes). I want to mention Pastor Skip Smith who has been a mentor for me for many years on Spiritual Deliverance and casting out of demons. Thank you Pastor Skip. Also thanks to the crew at Lifeway as we were able to share Bibles with all the folks at the Hodera (38). Then we gave 20 Bibles to the pastor at Philadelphia church. We also shared on Sunday with Puerto de Cielo and Bethany. These Bibles are a wonderful blessing to all who receive them.

We went to Masaya (volcano) and even being a tourist here allows us to share Jesus Christ. Raquel Mareno one of the vendors at the mall prayed to receive Christ. The interesting part of this is I was sharing with a young lady named Brenda but when I asked her if she wanted to pray she jumped up and ran away BUT Raquel who was listening came over and with tears streaming down her cheeks prayed to receive Christ. She was so happy.

We had to return to the Dollar Rental Car office tonight and get a receipt. Young Erika Castillo the agent provided our receipt and then Arturo and I shared the gospel with her and she gladly prayed to receive Christ.

We continued to teach the men and women at the Hodera in the morning. In the afternoon we visited UPOLI a university whose president Anderson keeps encouraging me to send a campus missionary to the university. He said he will provide office space for us at no charge. I have not been praying as I should have over the years for God to send someone to fill this opening. It's 10 PM and I'm tired but so blessed to experience God's love, power and provision. Good night all.



Thursday 5 PM. This morning was another great day serving the Lord at the Hodera. We had about 2 hours to share with the men and also time to explain baptism for those to be baptized on Sunday. We also had a communion service at the end of our time and it was awesome. After we distributed the snacks and Arturo started teaching we gathered up the cups, soda and cookies and walked about ½ mile to the men working in the field. They were rea



Sanchez. They are in a building structure now. No walls but a solid roof and floors. They are located in the barrio of La Fatima between San Marcos and Masatepe. They are a young church and that was a blessing to me. Maybe about 60 or 70 in attendance. Jairel was very happy to receive the Bibles and other literature. Lillian danced as did the dancers from that church. Arturo preached and then we all went forward (Myself, Arturo, Kevin, & Lillian) and had a special time of prayer. We then returned to the Hodera to teach and wait for the bus to travel to Palabra de Vida for the evening service where preparations had been made for baptism of the Hodera men and women recently born-again into the Kingdom.

Friday: We delivered 27 Spiritual Birth Certificates today and we are looking forward to Baptism Service on Sunday with great anticipation. We are providing solid Bible Study each day for these who are babes in Christ.

Monday 7 AM Of course God put the icing on the cake yesterday. We started out in the morning at La Roca in San Marcos. This church was started by Lost Sheep Ministries 8 years ago when Jimmy Gifford and I ordained Jairel

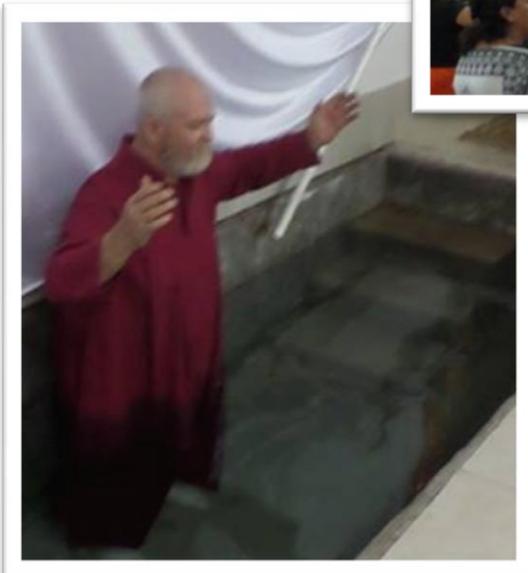


20 men and 6 women travelled with us to the church for baptism. They were so excited. I really can't describe the look on their faces.



I had the privilege to lead these men and ladies to Christ. We all had the honor to spend some 24 hours with them teaching them the Word of God. And last night after a wonderful service of praise, dance, preaching

and prayer I was honored by God to baptize these "spiritual babes" that He

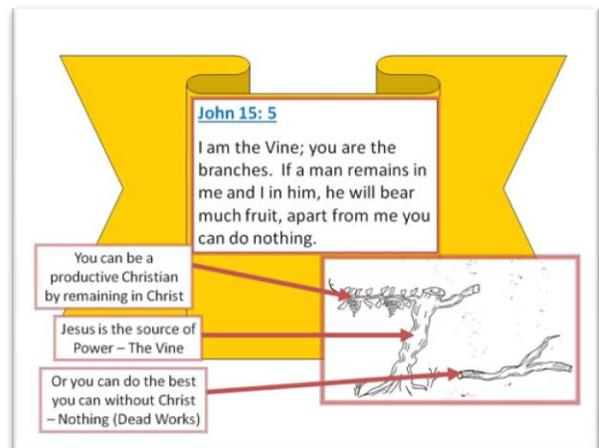


allowed me to witness being born into His kingdom. We had 8 others saved during our time there.

Kevin's favorite verses are from John 15:5- John 15:5:14 I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in Me and I in him, he bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing. If anyone does not abide in Me, he is thrown away as a branch and dries up; and they gather them, and cast them into the fire and they are burned. If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will

be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit, and so prove to be My disciples.

Just as the Father has loved Me, I have also loved you; abide in My love. If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love; just as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love. These things I have spoken to you so that My joy may be in you, and that your joy may be made full. This is My commandment, that you love one another, just as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that one lay down his life for his friends. You are My friends if you do what I command you.



God had everything so well prepared. The Palabra de Vida members had the baptism pool ready, the baptismal team helped the ladies and me get into robes and then back to the changing room. I stood in those baptismal waters with tears streaming down my cheeks as I saw the 6 ladies in line. One by one they entered and I baptized them. Then the men, I really cried over two of them who were 15 & 16 years old. I forgot to mention that before the baptism they all stood on the altar and sang a hymn of thanksgiving for the church for allowing them to be baptized at their church. It was Maynor's birthday and the whole church sang Happy Birthday to him. He was overwhelmed. God is so good!

Needless to say the trip down the mountain was filled with joy by our missionary team. Today we will return to the Hodera and distribute the Baptismal Certificates and say our good byes.

RECOMMENDED READING: *Don't Waste Your Life* by John Piper

Mammy Overton purchased a copy of this book on sale at one of our favorite Christian bookstores. I resisted even opening it but I did; then I couldn't put it down! We returned to the bookstore and purchased additional copies as gifts for friends. Too often, we let the Good be the enemy of the Best! We recommend it to all Christians.

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