

Lost Sheep Ministry News

Back to West Africa - EXTRA

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:

Friday August 29, 2014: I am writing this at an altitude of 41,000 feet on a United flight to Lagos, Nigeria with Pastor Tony Okeke, and Jimmy Stanfield. I will write a separate trip report but wanted to share with you all what has been happening before I boarded this flight last night.

Busy month of August: August has been another great month serving the Lord. I have been helping Pastor Tony Okeke in his endeavor to fill two 40 foot containers with ministry items to ship to Nigeria: ***Mission accomplished!*** Wow; I cannot describe all that is in those containers: Welding machines; medical equipment; hospital beds; furniture; a lot of computer equipment; books; bibles; and lots of Christian Bible Study materials; and even a 1999 Ford F-150 Lariat pickup truck!

While we were in Victoria, Texas loading the containers I had the privilege to lead Debra the clerk at the Salvation Army Thrift Store to the Lord. That lady was so happy to know that she is a daughter of God and will go to heaven. Folks, I keep telling you “If you want to be a soul winner, go and tell lost people about Jesus Christ!”

August started out with Carol and me flying to Detroit so we could attend my 84th family reunion in Pinconning, Michigan. Carol remained for an extra week so she could attend her 50th high school reunion. The first two weeks of August was a time of rest. I was able to visit the Galveston County Jail on several Mondays and share the Gospel of Christ with the men. I believe seven were saved in the jail. I received a phone call from a man who had been released to thank me for my visit on Monday night and tell me how much it meant to the men in his pod. It’s always encouraging to get such responses.

Pastor Lee Balinas invited me to share a message at FBC Hitchcock, Texas on *Church Sent*. God has always used sending to accomplish His mission. God sent: Angels; Abraham; Moses; the Prophets; John the Baptist; Jesus, Holy Spirit; Church; and me!

I brought tracks to distribute to the members with a challenge to pass them out the following week. I look forward to hearing about their testimonies from Pastor Lee. We enjoyed lunch with Pastor Lee, his wife, and the former pastor's wife and daughter. At the restaurant I had the honor to lead Rachael Gigilio, our waitress, to the Lord. When Rachael knelt down to pray between Pastor Lee's wife and me, both Rachael and Pastor Lee's wife had tears streaming down their cheeks. I love those "wet births". I believe Pastor Lee and the folks at FBC Hitchcock will do a good job ministering to Rachael.

Return to Nigeria, West Africa: While helping Pastor Okeke collect stuff for the containers, Pastor Bill Purdy and I delayed our plans to fly to Brazil until November. That change allowed me to schedule this return trip to Nigeria, West Africa with Pastor Tony. My dear wife Carol will no longer allow me to travel alone and so I called Jimmy Stanfield and he quickly replied, "I'm ready, let's go".

Friday, August 29th: Well, we are now 1 hour 45 minutes from Lagos, Nigeria and here comes breakfast. So I close with this admonition: ***ARE YOU FAITHFUL?***

Saturday August 30: I'm now at the Bluenest Hotel in Lagos, Nigeria. It's 6:30 PM here and 12:30 PM in Houston, Texas. I will do my best to keep you informed when I can get on the internet. Probably will be less frequent when we get to Nnewi, Nigeria. Jimmy Stanfield and I will leave tomorrow and fly somewhere closer and Tony Okeke is travelling by car with the 10 bags of luggage.

We went to the domestic airport at 5:30 AM for an 8 AM flight to Enugu located about a 2 hour drive to the King's Palace Hotel in Nnewi. Except for attending 3 churches on Sunday morning we remained in the hotel room. I wish I could describe the 4 days alone in the hotel room where I went from pouting to praising. I spent hours listening to 200 Hymns and praying and praising and praying and praising and I stopped to listen to God. He has revealed to me His future plans for me. I wept and wept some more and then wept again. Tears of Joy, Joy, Joy. I just want to say that spending these days alone in my hotel room took some getting used to but when I finally realized I'm never alone and began to pray and worship then I BEGAN TO LISTEN! As I read through scripture, listened to scripture and gospel music I began an extended time of fellowship with my Abba Daddy, and it was really special. Tears and laughter flowed freely, and then more tears and laughter erupted uncontrollably!

Thursday, Sept 4th: I am now in Nnewi, Nigeria at a cyber shop. It is my first opportunity to get on the internet.

Friday, Sept 5th: Today the *Save the Lost* Pastor's Conference began and Jimmy and I shared with about 60 pastors. Tomorrow the number should grow to just over 80. We need to "kindle the fire" in these men and women.

Note from wife Carol: *"Bob, I as your wife, am so glad that you have been given 4 days of rest and meditation time. I am also thankful that Jimmy had this time as I felt that he had a heavy heart about something when he left. God is good and has seen the need for both of you. God will watch over both of you until we see you again. Your family and friends love you and are praying for a refreshed Bob to get off that plane. Be careful out there! Love," Carol*

The Save the Lost Mission pastor's conference has started and will last until Sunday. We served during two sessions each day from about 8 to 11 and then 3 till 6. After sharing on producing fruit by abiding in Jesus I decided to go tell lost people about Jesus Christ. During the 4 hour break I had the honor to lead 5 people

to Christ: Three worked at the hotel restaurant, and two worked at the Cyber Café. I printed 3 copies of a Spiritual Birth Certificate for the ladies at the hotel. When I shared what I was doing with a young man and lady at the Cyber Cafe, they wanted to be

born again so I shared with them and John who works at the Cyber



Julie Onwuaso & John Anama @ Cyber Cafe

Center will print birth certificates for himself and the young lady. I left singing "I Feel Good!"

**Sunday afternoon
3:00 PM**



Ester, Pastor Bob, Ester, Pastor Okeke



Well, I'm drinking from my saucer cause by cup keeps running over! I really cannot express the joy and happiness in my heart. I left early this morning to travel to Awka where Pastor Michael's church is located. It is a young church with the



most awesome choir I have ever heard anywhere. These robes were donated by Pastor R.L. Calhoun from New Life Fellowship in Texas City, TX.

After the service I taught the

Training Student Trainers (TST) course developed by John Overton to about 40 people. About 20 were young students and we had 5 other youth pastors there in attendance.



Pastor Michael has been appointed National Youth Director with Save the Lost Mission. He is a dynamo for God. I really believe they will implement this TST curriculum for the young students to take into their schools. After hours of praise and worship a young lady came up to me and hugged me and said "Pastor Bob you baptized me in 2003 in the river in Nnewi. Do you remember me?" Her name is Obasi Chismsks Confidence.

Well I didn't remember her as we baptized 167 that day. But what joy I had in my heart. I was on a spiritual high the entire ride back to Nnewi.



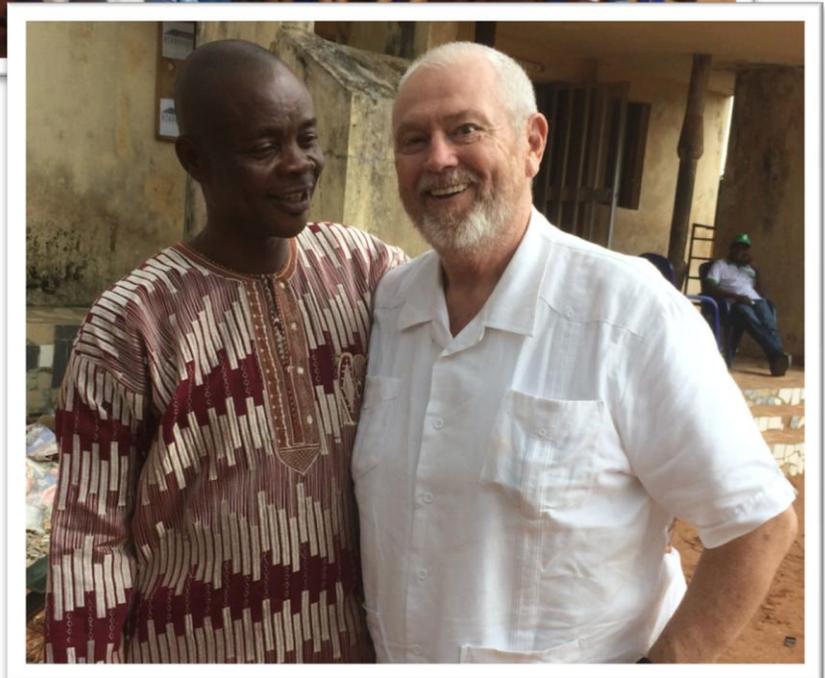
Then God put the icing on the cake (over filled my cup to overflowing) when who is sitting there waiting for me than Tony. The drunken bar tender I led to the Lord in 2003. I also had the honor to lead his wife Ruth to Christ and baptize both of them the same time I baptized Confidence. Lost Sheep Ministries than paid for



Tony to attend Bible College for 2 years. He is an ordained Pastor/Evangelist being used greatly by God here in Nigeria.

I need a nap but before I take it I also want to mention an e-mail I received from the young lady I led to Christ at the Cyber hotel yesterday. She just wanted to thank me for helping her to receive

Christ as her Savior and have a Spiritual Birthday of 5 September 2014. Then we arrived back at Save the Lost Mission there was my Timothy (Tony who I led to the Lord in 2003 along with his wife Ruth. Also baptized them the same time I baptized Confidence the lady in Awka. Lost Sheep Ministries paid for Tony to attend the Bible College for 2 years and then we jointly ordained him (Lost Sheep & Save the Lost Mission). He is an evangelist.



Tuesday Sept. 9th, morning 9 AM: I'm now at my kitchen table in League City, TX --PTL! We left Nnewi at about 9:30 to drive to Enugu to catch a flight to Lagos. We missed the 1 PM flight and I was upset. But wait God is in Charge Bob. The next flight out is at 4 pm. What's the difference we either wait in Lagos at the airport or here in Enugu. But wait, Tony told Emmanuel our driver to put us in the VIP room. Alright now we're talking. Jimmy & I lounged around till 4 pm in a lovely room with plush furnishings, CNN, and refreshments, etc. OK, this is the life.

I shared with Peace, the lady running the VIP room, and she is already saved so I prayed for her and her family. At 4:40 we left Enugu with a kid crying for the entire flight of 50 minutes. That's ok, we're going home.

We breezed through the airport at Lagos. United employees remembered me from April when I led some to Christ and prayed for all of them. I had some good Christian literature to share with all of them. They were happy! We had a wonderful flight home with the typical great dinner. Lamb tonight and then of course my chocolate-caramel sundae. I watched the movie *Son of God* and then went to sleep at about 1 AM. We arrived at 4:40 AM. Carol picked us up and I am home blessed, blessed, blessed.

Thank you all for your prayers; God really used Jimmy & me to encourage the pastors during their convention, to encourage the churches we spoke at, start a TST movement, and of course those new baby Christians. All I can say is wow God and here am I send me again **PLEASE!** I always say the last mission trip is always the best one until the next one! Thank you Lord for calling me, choosing me, and sending me! **The urgent need for student disciples of Christ:**

The greatest ministry need and opportunity is all around us in our schools. Each town and village has multitudes of students that will be parents of families and members of our churches in just a few years. We are commissioned by Christ to make disciples of them but instead, we either ignore them or at best try to compete with the world with entertaining games, pizza, movies, and lots of fun. We should know by now that this strategy is a loser!

Lost Sheep Ministries has developed a training course for students. It is called Training Student Trainers (TST). It is based upon *T4T*, A Discipleship ReRevolution by Steve Smith with Ying Kai and *The Seven Checkpoints* by Andy Stanley and Stuart Hall.

The seven discipleship emphasis are:

- Authentic Faith (make sure they are saved)
- Spiritual Disciplines (daily prayer, study and journaling)
- Moral Boundaries (Where to draw the line)
- Healthy Friendships (In the world but not of it)
- Wise Choices (Foolish or wise choices that set destinies)
- Ultimate Authority (parents, teachers, law officers, God)
- Others First (Deny self and prefer others)

The Introduction and eight Power point presentations and student manuals are on our web. Select the Training Student Trainers (TST) tab on our home page and then view or download the course.

Additionally, LSM has prepared a book for students entitled ***Abstinence Beats Recovery***. The book is a collection of true stories provided by alcoholic and drug addicts that want to help students avoid the poor choices they have made which has lead to poverty, homelessness, broken relationships and inability to hold a job.

RECOMMENDED READING: *The Lost Art of Disciple Making* by LeRoy Eims

"Every believer is Jesus Christ deserves the opportunity of personal nurture and development" says author LeRoy Eims, "but all too often the opportunity isn't there." We neglect the young Christian in our whirl of programs, church services, and fellowship groups. And we neglect to raise up workers and leaders who can disciple young believers into mature and fruitful Christians

In simple, practical, and Biblical terms, LeRoy Eims revives the lost art of disciple making. He explains:

- How the early church disciplined new Christians
- How to meet the basic needs of a growing Christian
- How to identify and train potential workers
- How to develop mature godly leaders.

We highly recommend the study and application of this book.

Lost Sheep Ministries (LSM) was founded in February of 1992 by Evangelist Bob Gibson. Our primary goal is to demonstrate our obedience to the Great Commandment by our obedience to the Great Commission. Brother Bob may be reached at brobobatlsm@gmail.com

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