



**Lost Sheep
Ministry News**
Thanksgiving 2014
*Be Thankful:
Enjoy Him more than
His Benefits*



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:



It is wonderful to be recovered from my surgery and enjoy another visit to Natal, Brazil with Pastor Bill Purdy from November 13th thru the 22nd: My wife Carol drove Pastor Bill Purdy and me to the Houston airport. We experienced no problems checking in at the United counter. We are on standby for a first class seat flying to Sao Paulo, Brazil. We are in first class seats 2C and 2H, thank you brother Dean Lange.

We enjoyed an easy flight to Sao Paulo arriving at noon on Friday. We travelled to a hotel and waited until 9:30 PM for a 12:05 AM flight to Natal, our ultimate destination. Three and a

half hours later we landed in Natal at 4 AM . Tacyla, Talyta, and Francisco were there to pick us up. We then drove about 1 hour to Francisco's home where we are staying. Great accommodations with a large bedroom with two beds and attached bathroom. We crashed until noon and then travelled to the home of Carlos Philo where we finalized plans for the upcoming week. Carlos just returned home from Denver, CO where he has undergone training for YWAM (Youth With A Mission).

Talyta has prepared a tentative schedule for us to review and change as necessary. Wow it's



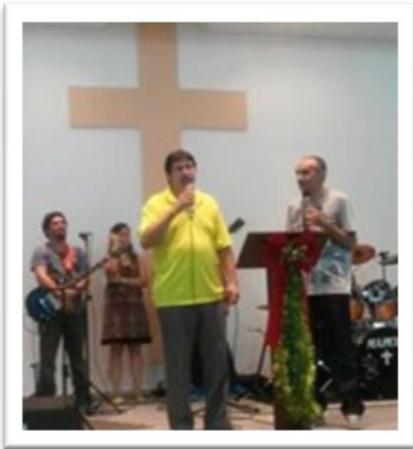
great to have organized people on the team!

This evening we visited with Pastor Luis-Carlos and his family. We went out for pizza and ice cream and I had the privilege to lead the pizza store owner to Christ. His name is Severino Farias Regis.

I continue to be amazed by God's Holy Spirit as He draws people to Christ. I said to Severino "I am from Houston, TX and I am a man of God, sent by God, with a message from God. How many men live in Natal? I asked him. Thousands he answered. Well sir, here I am with you with a message from God. He has chosen you if you are interested in hearing the message. He sat down and after hearing the gospel he prayed to receive Christ. Luis-Carlos is going to follow up with him. I am going to print a spiritual birth certificate and bring it to him tomorrow.

A great first day serving Jesus Christ "*King of kings*" in Brazil. We look forward to each day being dead center in the middle of His good plan for Bill and me. Good night!

Tuesday, Nov. 11, 8 AM I will try not to wait so long between writing but here it is 2 days later. Sunday we shared at churches in the morning and



evening. We had a good response to an altar call for those willing to say to God, "Here am I, send me". A lady came and shared with me that God had used me to speak to her today. When I shared my testimony how my mother-in-law prayed for my soul for 8 years and I would take her in the kitchen and tell her to leave my soul alone, I will take care my own soul. Then at the age of 30 I was "born again" into God's family answering the prayers of my mother-in-law.

"Pastor Bob that is what happened to me today with my 21 year old son. He was raised in the church but now has no desire to be a part of it." He yelled at her and told her the same thing I said to my mother-in-law. "Leave me alone, I'll take care my own soul". Then she said when I shared that along with getting saved she said to Jesus if you did it for Pastor Bob you will do it for me. My son will be a fisherman with Jesus someday. And peace came over her heart she said. What an awesome God we serve. He cares and uses each of us to encourage others. Are you encouraging others?

Yesterday we travelled to a small village as I wanted to visit an old lady I met on my last trip. Her name is Lydia and she is a prayer warrior. She will be 92 years old next month. She was introduced to me by members of the church describing her as Lydia the prayer warrior. Well, I wanted prayer so I visited and asked her to add me to her prayer list. I believe she had 14 children. Well, she was no longer staying there but had moved to live with a different daughter. But several of her daughters were there and were happy to see me. They remembered me and went to a drawer and pulled out a tract I had given them.

The one sister was ill and asked me to pray for her. Of course I did and then they told Talyta that during the morning prayer time she was given a revelation from God from another prayer warrior that God was going to send a man of God to pray for her today. Yup, I was that man!

While sitting outside I notice 4 men just next door so I went and shared with them. One was a Christian but the other 3 were not. They gladly prayed to



receive Christ. Then I looked the other way and there were 2 men there. So I walked over, introduced myself and told them I am a man of God, sent by God, with a message from God for them.



Would they like to hear the message? One of the men spoke English. He had lived in Boston until he was 18. He is 47 now. The other man, Jose, is 52 years old and didn't speak English but said, "No I don't want to hear the message from God. Not yet, I will go and get my daughter." So he left and returned with his daughter and his daughter's girlfriend. God welcomed them into his family as they prayed together to receive Christ. It was wonderful to see that man holding his daughter's hand and praying together to be "born again" into God's family. Pastor Luiz instructed them on Believer's Baptism and will follow up with them. We got their names so we can print Spiritual Birth Certificates. I continue to be amazed by the power of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Last night we began the Training for Students class. We are training 12 young people. All college age to conduct TST classes targeting students both high school and college age. It



was wonderful to hear them share their reasons for being there and taking this class. Each of them shared a deep desire to do more for God in His kingdom work. At the end of this week we will break them into 3 teams of 4 and each of them will invite 2 to join with them. That will give us 4 teams of 12 to start the training in January. I am humbled to be used by God in equipping these soldiers for Christ.

Thursday morning 6 AM We went to the Fort on Tuesday afternoon. When we got there I



learned it was a long walk to the park so I opted to get a chair and sit while they went to the Fort. But God sent a government car driving to the Fort to pick up workers and the driver agreed to give me a ride there and back. Thanks God. Anyway I had the honor to escort him into God's family. He

was really excited. Then after touring the Fort I rode back to the parking area. I sat by a coconut stand. When the team arrived we all had a coconut and I led the 26 year old man selling coconuts and another customer who was there to the Lord. 3 souls at the Fort. You go God!



We had lunch with Pastor Luiz and another pastor at a fancy restaurant. We are being treated royally here and why not? We are ambassadors for Jesus Christ the "Kings of kings".

The TST class went well on Tuesday night. I can really sense the students desire to serve



God. They want more than just attending church on Sundays and Wednesdays.

On Wednesday we had a picnic in the park to eat breakfast. It was wonderful. A nice breeze and children everywhere laughing and having fun. We sang praises to the Lord as Licia led us playing the guitar. I love the fellowship that these young folks have with one another. Oh and I forgot to mention I led an 86 year old man to the Lord. He was sitting on a bench with another

man and I sat down between them and began to witness to them. The man on my left got up and left stating he doesn't believe in a God. "The fool has said in his heart there is no God!"



After lunch we went to the dental school where Francisco graduated and had a Bible Study with the students there. We had Carla this time lead the worship and Bill and I shared with the group.



It was exciting to hear their testimonies. I left feeling really blessed to have the opportunity to further equip them for service to Christ. You are a saint, soldier, priest, and ambassador for Jesus Christ I told them. You have been bought with a price, the blood of Jesus Christ. Therefore glorify God in your body and soul!

Last night we travelled for about 1 hour to another town. We enjoyed dinner with the pastor and his wife and then went to the church which is an almost new large structure and a crowd of believers. So many young folks. PTL! After sharing my testimony I concluded

with a message I learned years ago when Pastor Richard Scott of *Family Unity Church* in La Marque, TX:

Isaiah 6:1-8 reveals 4 important points:

1. Isaiah recognized his “maker” (Creator God) verse 1
2. Isaiah recognized his “malady” (Sin) verse 5
3. Isaiah received God’s “mercy” (Forgiveness) verse 7
4. Isaiah responded to God’s “mandate” (Here am I send me.) verse 8

Friday, November 21, afternoon 4 PM We spent this morning at the beach. Very relaxing to just sit there listen to the waves and feel the breeze. Thank you Lord for this time of rest.

We enjoyed lunch at Licia’s then said goodbye to Carlos & Talyta. Tacyla already said her goodbye yesterday with Francisco. I’m packed and ready to start the journey home. We will leave for the airport at about 8:30. We have a 3 ½ hour flight to Sao Paulo. Then an 18 hour layover before our plane leaves for Houston. We will stay at a hotel for the day.

Saturday 22 November 2014 11 AM A long flight or it seemed long last night. We departed at 12:45 AM and landed in Sao Paulo at 5:10 AM. We caught the bus to the hotel at 6 AM and we are comfortable now. We will leave the hotel at 8:30 PM to the airport to catch our flight to Houston at 11:30 PM.

I did have an opportunity to share Christ with Natalie last night before we left Natal. She is Francisco and Lucia’s cousin. She is an 18 year old college student. After she prayed she went in the kitchen to tell Licia’s mom, her aunt, the good news. I am a Christian now, I have been born again into God’s family, today is my spiritual birthday. Wow, the screams of joy came from the kitchen as they hugged and danced around the kitchen floor. I continue to be amazed at the power of the word of God.

I am looking forward to arriving in Houston, rejoining my family, and making plans for Lost Sheep for next year.

I have really experienced the reaction of youth for Christ. The term “Radical” is used over



and over again by them. They truly want to be “radical” for Christ and need the equipping!

I want to thank all who pray and pay which allows me to travel and be a “drill instructor” for Jesus Christ training His soldiers!

Our future is with our Students. Those we equipped in Brazil are such an inspiration and encouragement; I just can't wait to return to see how they have applied TST in their schools.

Post Script: Mammy and I love and are especially proud of the Magnificent Seven that we have prayed for daily since we met them in Texas. You continue to serve our Christ by equipping yourselves for His service. You do not keep the Good News in your mind but you obey Him by taking in your heart and sharing it locally in Brazil and other nations as you have been Commissioned to do. John and Mammy Overton

Recommended Reading: *Desiring God* by John Piper. Satisfaction, Happiness, Joy. According to John Piper, the pursuit of pleasure in God is not only permissible, it's *essential!*

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"What man among you, if he has a hundred sheep and has lost one of them, does not **leave** the ninety-nine in the open pasture and **go** after the one which is lost until he **finds** it?

"When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing. "And when he **comes home**, he calls together his friends and his neighbors, saying to them, '**Rejoice** with me, for I have found my sheep which was lost!' "I tell you that in the same way, there will be *more* joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance. Luke 15:4-7