

Lost Sheep Ministries News

August 2015 - Part I, Moscow, Russia

The Great Commission: Matthew 28: 18 - 20 is a commission for all Christians to GO, *make Disciples*, and *teach* them to **OBEY** all that Jesus has commanded us. 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: I am joining Pastor David Mai and a group of Vietnamese Christians from Kirkwood church in Houston, TX for a mission trip to Moscow, Russia and then to Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam.



This part of our August Newsletter will be devoted to our work in Moscow and a second issue will cover our work in Vietnam. I sincerely request that you pray for me while on this extended mission.

PASTOR BOB

Sunday, July 12, Houston Bush International Airport in Houston, TX: Waiting to travel to Moscow for a week then on to Vietnam for two weeks. I am in awe that eternal destinies will be changed and our team from Kirkwood Church will be a cool drink of water to thirsty souls in Russia and Viet Nam. Proverbs 25:25.

We arrived at our Moscow hotel on

Monday, July 13. We enjoyed dinner at the Pastor's home and returned to rest.

Tuesday, July 14 we began with Prayer at 7 am as we do every day. Then we went to a very large mall with hundreds of small shops. We broke into teams and visited the ones that were operated by Vietnamese. We led several to Christ and did a good job of getting follow-up information for the Pastor.



I have been working with Man and Mai a young couple in their early 20's. They speak excellent English and of course Vietnamese.



I took the lead in several booths and let a lady in one booth and a man in another booth to the Lord. OK God this is good fishing. Then I knew it was time for me to let Man & Mai share and I would pray. What joy was in my heart as I watched this young couple go fishing with Jesus. Yes, they were catching fish (new believers” and I had joy in my heart but the old fisherman in me wanted to push them aside and say let me show you how. No, no, no, I will pray and watch them fish.

We continued this effort each day at a

different mall. Last night put the icing on the cake for me. We went to an old dilapidated apartment building. Seven stories high, which houses mostly Vietnamese refugees. I was with Don Do who has done some translation work for me with our discipleship material into Vietnamese.

After leading four or five men to the Lord, an older Russian woman sat down next to me in the hallway. I had a Four Spiritual laws tract in Russian to share with her. She read through the tract with great animation in her voice. She kept agreeing with the tract and completed by praying the sinners prayer. WOW God I just caught a Russian fish! Then it happened when we joined the rest of the group in a very small apartment for prayer and worship with eight believers.



It was AWESOME! I am in awe of God's power and love. Our team shared with them, sang with them, and prayed with them. At the end of the meeting about 10:30 pm, we broke out the oil and our team members picked someone to anoint and pray over.



Before that, I had taken my bottle of cold water and poured some into a cup, which I passed around to each resident there to take a sip of cold water. We then read Proverbs 25: 25, ***“like cold water to a thirsty soul is good news from a distant land”***. I shared that our team wanted to be a cold drink of water for them. They all smiled widely.

Wednesday, July 15 we went to a very large mall with the same witnessing agenda. I dislike going to malls and walking up and down aisle, after aisle, It was difficult for me at first. However, I love fishing with Jesus, just wish I would have had a boat to go up and down those long rows. The shop workers are mostly young. Some were polite and offered us tea and me a seat. Others rather shooed us away. Not interested in any religion they would say.



After 8:00 pm, we went to what I would call a slum apartment building. It was run down, with fading paint, and small room after small room with eight to ten living in them. We witnessed to many in the hallway since the rooms were too small for us to go into. The bedrooms had four double bunk beds, and the kitchen was very small as was the bathroom. We had great success with many praying to receive Christ. The presence of the Holy Spirit was so heavy on us that several collapsed to the floor weeping. Truly, the Spirit of the Lord was in that place!

At the time of anointing them with oil, we laid hands on them praying that they would have the mind of Christ, have the Love of Father God in their hearts, and as we anointed their eyes so, the Holy Spirit would allow them to see the world through the eyes of Jesus. Folk in the room were all shedding tears, tears, and more tears. It was a Holy Spirit time of immense love for one another. I put my head on my pillow last night and prayed “Daddy, today I glorified you in my body, and I have accomplished all that YOU prepared for me to do (Ephesians 2:10).

Thursday, July 15, God put the icing on the cake. We travelled several hours into the country to visit large farms. The workers are from



Vietnam and it is almost like slave labor. They borrow the money to come



and pay 20% interest paying back the loan. They work from 5 am until 10 pm 7 days a week. Yes, it is true. Back breaking labor bending over to harvest the plants. We were in the rows with them visiting and sharing with them. We had cookies for them and personal hygiene kits. They were happy to receive them. We joined workers working from 5 am to 10 pm daily bringing in the sheaves at a hard labor farm for Vietnamese laborers. We brought the Gospel, cookies, and personal hygiene kits. We walked up and down the rows loving them to Jesus for Jesus with the Holy Spirit guiding, directing and convicting.

But our day wasn't over as we went to three more neighboring sites with workers there to share with them. The conditions are indescribable. Reminded me of movies I say about

plantations and the homes the laborers had there. They work so very hard in order to send money back home to their families. At about 7 pm they got a short break and I was able to share with them and about 45, prayed to receive Christ as Savior. Some had prayed earlier with our team members who had been out in the field with them most of the day. Wow, what love! You go Pastor Mai and Kirkwood mission team members. You are all awesome Ambassadors for Jesus Christ.

We got back to our hotel about 1:30 in the morning. Tired but happy, happy, happy oops I think it would be better described joyful, joyful, joyful!

Friday, July 17 we went to the largest mall, which had more than 5,000 stores. We enjoyed another good day fishing with Jesus. We have Bibles, tracts and little prayer booklets to share. We also provided information on the location of church as well as getting their contact information for follow-up. Nevertheless, I sure wish I had a boat to go up and down these aisles fishing with Jesus.

That night we went to a more modern apartment building to conduct another “Home Bible study meeting”. We had four ladies and three girls (teens) They were fairly new Christians and *HUNGRY* for the Word of God. We had an awesome time sharing the Word of God with them. I love these meetings. They remind me of visits to China, Vietnam, and Cambodia. I am in awe of our God. After a wonderful dinner, God gave me a Word of Prophecy for one of the ladies there. That God was equipping her for service in Cambodia. She wept as she shared her heart's desire to serve God wherever He sends her.

Sunday, July 19. We worshipped in a large Christian church in Moscow. I was very impressed by the number of young people in this service.

I want to repeat what a wonderful job Pastor Mai had done leading our team. Each morning we gather at 7 am for praise, sharing, preaching (a member each day provides a Bible study), and then prayer. The team is really bonding with love for one another! I am honored and humbled to be a co-laborer with them in God's harvest field here in Russia.

Thank you team members!

Monday July 20, I am waiting in the Moscow airport for a 10-hour flight to Singapore. 4-hour layover than 2 hours to Ho Chi Minh (Saigon). As always, this trip has blessed me beyond description. I will go to heaven preaching 2/3 of God is GO. God's will is God's bill. Witnessing is sharing Jesus Christ in the power of the Holy Spirit leaving the results up to God!



Recommended Reading: *You Lost Me* by: The Barna Group. Filled with candid real-life interviews with young people and insightful observations from author and researcher David Kinnaman, the new tools in this book will inform, equip, and empower groups and churches to understand the unique challenges that are affecting younger Christians.

It is not enough for us to know about the trends. With this study, you and your group will think deeply about your influence with young adults and discover practical ways to help this generation find faith again.

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