



The Frontier

**Bringing Liberty
to Mankind
Summer**

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Here I am pictured in Papua New Guinea with people from the church in the village of Masi. I'm the white guy.

"From the Other Side of the World"

This past summer I had the opportunity to teach on Judeo-Christian principles of civil government and economics in the country of Papua New Guinea(PNG). There we 37 pastors and church leaders from the Dadibi tribe in the Eastern Highland Province of PNG in the two-week Bible course. At the end of the training, these people took what they had learned and in nine different villages taught 780 people. The principles taught to these pastors and church leaders are ideas that help bring liberty to mankind.



At left is an "island hopper" plane where the teaching team landed on this jungle runway. When seeing the airstrip for the first time from the sky it was very small and landing was nothing more but a few bounces before stopping. It was a three-day walk from civilization and I spent 18 days in what is called, "the bush."

At right, these men & boys greeted me dressed up in native war garb. They jumped out of the tall grass as I walked toward the village and pretended to shoot arrows with their bows.



At left, I am making a poster for a teaching on "The Family." Papua New Guinean culture emphasized the importance of males over females but, through the Bible we find women like men are created in His image and therefore also have great value. We taught that the family was the basic building block of society and therefore, essential to changing any nation and bringing liberty to mankind.

At right, I am teaching on Economics and how a nation creates wealth. Wealth creation begins with the idea that a person's economic philosophy comes from world views or ideas that have consequences. Examples of the effects that two different world views have on their respective societies are North and South Korea. North Korea is very oppressive where they believe the state is supreme over the people. South Korea has the climate to create wealth because people are valued. The state allows freedom and protect individuals which helps bring liberty to mankind.





At left are Yamo(left) and Markus(right) teaching what they have learned about self-control in the Bible course. Markus holds the illustration that when people are internally governed or have self-control based on Biblical principles, they need little external control or civil authorities to protect others from them. If you as an individual practices self government based upon Biblical principles it will spread to family, church, community, county, state, nation and the world. Then people would be free from fear of harm by others because you “love your neighbor as yourself” and this brings liberty to mankind.

At right, the graduation ceremony was a huge celebration in which the entire village of Negabo watched. The Dadibi church leaders killed and roasted a pig for the feast. Graduation was also an emotional time for many who do not have the means to get any formal Bible training.



At left, are the 37 graduates of the Dadibi Bible course proudly holding their diplomas.



Pictured here at right with John & Yamo. John said, “God has called me to do His work but, I did not have good understanding of how to do it. I liked the course a lot and God has put good understanding in my heart.” During the course Yamo shared his heart to see reform come to civil government in Papua New Guinea.



Here I am at left with Joseph who translated for me during my teachings. I appreciate Joseph very much for his patience while I taught.

Pictured here at right with Andrew who did School of the Bible with me in 1997-96. Since 1997, Andrew has been involved with leading training school outreaches with Youth With A Mission-Mt.Hagen, Papua New Guinea.



Prayer Requests:

- Continue to develop a deeper, loving relationship with Jesus Christ
- Help with the new school year - getting to know the new School of the Bible students
- Do well with all of my responsibilities

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Personal Note

Dear Family & Friends,

Greetings once again from Tyler, Texas!

2002 was an incredible year with the purchase of a great house, going on outreach to Nicaragua, and graduating from college. This new year though, proposes new and improved vision for the future.

I believe it is very important for people to have a mission statement, that is the reason, or life goal that God has put you on Earth. A mission statement also helps you stay focused in the midst of challenging times. Mission statements every now and then need to be updated and re-evaluated with God for greater vision and focus.

Recently, the director of the School of the Bible from Madison, Wisconsin came and did the entire week of teaching on the first week of the Historical View of Ministry Part I(HVM I). HVM I defines a Biblical philosophy of and the purposes of God in history. It lays a historical foundation for defining ministry goals and objectives. The course also pursues an Old Testament study of God's dealing with Israel and the teaching of Jesus on the Kingdom of God. The study then evaluates movements and key leaders of church history in the light of Biblically defined Kingdom of God principles. HVM I lays a historical foundation for defining ministry goals and objective and pursues the objective of defining what a person should seek to accomplish in ministry, why he should do it, and how he should go about it.

The focus of teaching for this week was based upon Luke 4:18, "The spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he anointed me to preach the Gospel to the poor, He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives, and recovery of sight to the blind, to set free those who are downtrodden.(RSV)" The main idea here is that Jesus came to bring liberty to people first through freedom from sin and restored relationship with God the Father. Also, as we look through history, we see that He is bringing more freedom and the opportunity to use the liberty given to spread the Gospel.

Well, Isaiah 61:1&2 is the theme verse that God has given me for my life and it is virtually exactly the same as Luke 4:18. I am very excited to get a better understanding in that He put me on Earth to help bring about more liberty to others. I am concerned about people being free from sin and have a restored right relationship with God. Jesus did come to first restore individuals' relationship with God but, also to bring freedom to all areas of society to more effectively advance the Kingdom of God. These areas of society that are close to my heart include government, economics, and education.

Therefore, my mission statement which is being fulfilled through my involvement with School of the Bible is:

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- liberty from sin through a restored right relationship with God
- liberty for free speech to proclaim the Gospel freely and participate in the political process
- liberty from poverty through wealth creation and be able to give toward the spreading of the Gospel
- liberty from ignorance through education

When Christians allow circumstances and challenges to determine their goals in life they develop a boring daily routine with no known eternal benefit that came from their efforts. Proverbs 29:18 is very applicable where ". . . people perish for lack of vision. . .", get caught-up, dragged down, and overwhelmed with their fragile existence. But, with God's help all things are possible(Matt. 19:26) and to maintain that focus in life, a mission statement from Him has been a huge benefit.

Well, that's what is new from Texas! Please continue to keep me in your prayers as God directs you.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,



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“New Opportunities To Serve”

Since graduating from college my opportunities to serve in School Of The Bible(SOTB) have increased over the past few months. These opportunities include teaching on topics regarding Nature and Character of God, Nature of Sin and It’s Consequences, (over)



(cont.) Civil Government, and Historical View of Ministry. Also, I was given the chance to be the curriculum leader for the two weeks of civil government teaching track in January and will be given the opportunity to lead the two weeks of economics. The curriculum track leader works with the SOTB director in making sure that teachers are lined-up and the teaching schedule printed and given to the classroom monitors.

He or she is also responsible to make sure note packs are copied and ready for the students as well as create, administer, and oversee the grading of the final exam. I have really enjoyed being a curriculum leader and forward to other opportunities to serve, be challenged, and build character in my life.



Below with Amaris & Josiah, two little people that I have had the opportunity and learning experience to babysit on a few occasions. Here, Amaris & Josiah have their aprons on to help me make chocolate chip cookies, yum!



Prayer Requests:

- Continue to develop a deeper, loving relationship with Jesus Christ
- Do well in serving others with my current duties
- Health - I have been diagnosed with arthritis

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Wishing You A
Happy
New Year

*Thou hast crowned the year with Thy bounty, and Thy
paths drip with fatness (Psalm 65:11)*

Personal Note

Dear Family & Friends,

Greetings once again from Texas!

When I go on outreach to any country outside the United States except for Canada I experience culture issues. It is also difficult for me to get use to the different food and language but, by the end of the outreach I am very sad to leave the people who we lived with and ministered to. I did not understand why God had wanted me to go to Nicaragua but, went out of obedience. The outreach this past summer to was definitely an experience not to be forgotten.

The day came when our team was going to a remote location to do some teachings in various churches during a six day time period. We were going to leave at 7:00 a.m. but, due to mechanical problems did not get on the road until 9:00 a.m. The trip involved driving for many hours on pothole infested roads and making several stops for supplies before arriving at our final destination at 8:00 p.m. After experiencing the very long and hard drive to our ministry location I was very tired and also going through more culture shock of being in such a rustic location.

The guys on our team slept on cots with mattresses in the church but, after getting to bed, one of my teammates who was sleeping about 50 feet away snored very loud throughout the night. My other teammate who is also a light sleeper said the following morning that he had not heard a thing all night. So, here I was in a remote location in a foreign country experiencing a lot of culture issues, endured a very long and hard drive with potholes all over the roads, very tired from the long day but, could not get to sleep because of my teammate who snored really loud which echoed in this concrete walled and tiled floor church. What happened next nearly drove me out of my mind.

The next door neighbor got up at 4:45 a.m., climbed into and started up his big yellow school bus. I was told later this guy drove people from the area and along the way into town to get to work. To alert people that he was ready to begin the day, he honked his horn for about three seconds and every minute for about 15 minutes. This horn was very loud, sounded like something that came from a semi, and was only 100-150 feet away from where I was sleeping and echoing in this concrete walled and tiled floor church.

I was very upset over the whole ordeal. I had not been so mad since I could remember and struggled the next day in keeping perspective of what God had called me to do. Also, the neighbor started up and used his bus every morning during my stay. Thankfully, God proved to me His faithfulness in the midst of these challenges. Two days later I gave a teaching on what is Sin and how it hurts God's heart. Some people and the pastor came up, shook my hand, and thanked me for the teaching that God had laid on my heart. In reality though, the credit belongs to God for what He did through me and getting me to overcome my first night.

Changing the subject here, I will be taking my final exam on Monday, December 9th and graduating from college on Saturday, December 14th. I have been looking forward to completing this degree for a long time and very eager to become more involved in teaching and ministering in School of the Bible. Please keep me in your prayers regarding this last exam. Thanks!

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