



Equipping Servants: Disciples Making Disciples

James Update December 2023

*Finally, brothers, pray for us that the Word of the Lord may speed ahead and be honored
(2 Thessalonians 3:1—ESV).*

Debbie and I want you to know how much we thank God for you. Knowing that you are praying is important to us. This past month we have seen God answering your prayers in specific ways as He builds His church.

November 1-4 Kep was in Santa Cruz, Bolivia meeting with the entire ESI Latin American team -- country leaders. It was wonderful to be together to pray, plan and evaluate. We have not had the opportunity to all be together for several years.

Last week Paulo Sergio reported that the ESI Facilitator Training he led in Sierra Leone went well. Many pastors reported how God used the time together studying the Bible to encourage them in their walk in God. Many made the decision to study the Bible and form ESI groups to meet weekly over the next 3 years to encourage one another in their walk in Christ. I am thankful that Payne Mano (our ESI leader in Zambia) and pastor S (we will be working with him in Ethiopia, Somalia, Eritrea in April) and pastor Derek Thomas (ESI London) were able to be with Paulo to learn how to lead ESI Facilitator Trainings!

Elias Montelage told me that the ESI Facilitator Training last week went well in Minas Gerais, Brazil. We thank God for the way He is using Paulo Sergio and Elias to move new work forward in Brazil and Africa!

Would you please pray for the next 2 weeks in Liberia? I will travel with Pastor Jeff Port and Wes Croft on Monday, joining William Tarpeh and Paulo Sergio in Monrovia to lead 2 ESI Facilitator Training Retreats there November 29-December 2, and in Harper December 2-9. Please pray that God will impact the 210 Liberian pastors who will participate, that they will see their need to be focused on Jesus and His Word, and to experience gospel transformation in their lives.

Please also pray for Paulo Sergio and Elias leading an ESI Facilitator Training in the Portuguese speaking African country of Guinea-Bissau December 13-16, and also for the follow-up that Paulo Sergio and Vania will be doing in Kigali, visiting the ESI groups that started in Rwanda.

Thank you for standing with us in prayer,

Kep & Debbie James

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Our Purpose

To see local church pastors and leaders studying the Bible to be true to Jesus and experience gospel transformation in their lives, families and churches

Pray ...

- For the hundreds of Brazilian pastors and church leaders recently studying the Bible with us all over Brazil. Pray that each one will become a serious student of the Bible and that they will grow strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus.
- For the 210 pastors in Liberia preparing to attend 2 ESI conferences in early December, that each one will be encouraged in their walk in Christ.
- For the 2,800 ESI participants in 250 groups meeting in 29 countries in the Americas, Europe and Africa. Pray for each to grow in love for God as they study the Bible and that this will impact their lives, families and ministries.
- For our church in Bolivia to continue faithful to the gospel with much fruit that remains.

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