



James Update

Strengthening the Church in Latin America

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ESI Expansion Chile

Last week pastor Jeff Mills and I spent time in southern Chile meeting with 80 pastors and church leaders. Nearly 40 people signed up to be ESI (Equipping Servants) Facilitators, so we'll be taking the training to Temuco, Chile June 28-July 1.



God used Russ and Heidi Smith, missionaries in Chile since 1986 (in Temuco for the past 2 years), to organize these meetings with key leaders! They have been networking building friendships with Chilean pastors and denominational leaders over many years. Jeff and I were praying for 10 people to respond, and are AMAZED to see 40 people committed to studying the Scriptures with us and helping others to do the same!! We are thankful to the Lord the Smith's and their gospel ministry in Chile!

Pastor Andres Casanueva (below) was invaluable helping us understand the situation in Temuco and why there is such a pressing need for the church to return to the Scriptures.



Please pray with us as we organize the intensive ESI Facilitator training week June 28-July 1. Pray that pastors and church leaders will grow in their commitment to honor Christ digging deep into God's Word, loving Him, discipling believers, and pressing on to finish the task of reaching unbelieving people with the gospel of Jesus in Chile.

Partners in the gospel, Kep and Debbie

Kep & Debbie James

Our Purpose ...
to honor Christ strengthening the church in Latin America to be true to the Bible, discipling believers toward Christlikeness, & taking the gospel where it is least known.

Please Pray:

- **Equipping Servants (ESI) pastoral training** —that the 850 active participants & 1625 grads since 2002 will know the sufficiency of Christ & His Word to impact the world & church for Christ.
- **14 Pastoral-Assistant Volunteers:** intensive 2 year training for pastors in Bolivia.
- **ESI Expansion: Pray** as we start new training centers in Uruguay, Colombia, Cajamarca, Peru & Temuco. **Pray** for 2000 Pastor-Book-Sets needed for ESI Expansion.
- **Family:** Andrew & Angie are in Uruguay. Pray for the next 2 years as they learn the culture and build relationship to start planting churches in this very spiritually challenging area of Montevideo. Katie is seeing gospel impact in her relationships in Cleveland. Sami & Heather serve the Lord in the ILC church in La Paz in Biblical Counseling