

May 2022 James Update

Hello from Cleveland. Debbie and I arrived here after a wonderful month of ministry in Senegal, Chad, Tanzania, and Turkey. We want you to know how thankful we are for your prayers -- and when you pray for us ... you go. We thank God for your partnership in the gospel with us!!

In Senegal, Chad, and Turkey, Debbie and I trained students who are preparing to plant churches in Muslim areas in North and West Africa and the Middle East. Every one of these students came to faith in Christ out of a Muslim background. The stories of how God brought them to faith in Christ AMAZED us, and we will be happy to share those with you personally when we see you. Just one-about a young man we met who was trained as a weapons expert by extremists for the purpose of bringing damage to the church in that region. It was spending time with them and seeing hypocrisy in their lifestyle that led him to question what they represent. God used this to bring him to faith in Christ. He is now serving Jesus, making Christ known among his people. The photos I posted below do not show the most at risk places and faces.

In Tanzania, we had the joy of bringing together 120 pastors and church/ministry leaders from 14 English speaking African countries. This was another huge privilege for us to meet and get to know these dear brothers and sisters-many of whom see that the churches in their area have gotten off track-away from Christ and His gospel. After studying the book of Romans together, many committed to study God's Word in order to understand it, to live it, and to teach it faithfully. So far, 6 countries have decided to begin ESI. Please pray for these men and women as they organize to study the Bible with us-pray that they will grow in their commitment to honor Christ by being true to His Scriptures.

Debbie and I are now back in Cleveland for a few weeks. We thank God how He has provided a small house for us. We return to Bolivia to transition out of our ministry there, but after October 2022 our new address will be 6617 Fernhurst Ave, Parma Heights, OH 44130. At that point, we will no longer be with SIM but will base out of Parkside Church, to continue developing ESI ministry in Latin America, Europe, and Africa--BUT also to spend 50% of our effort supporting an Egyptian based ministry as they train church planters in Africa and the Middle East.

Thankful for your faithful partnership in the gospel, Kep and Debbie James

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Below: ESI training in Tanzania (we met in small groups to study Romans; photos of some of the key denominational leaders who plan to start ESI)



