



James Update

Equipping Servants Pastoral Training (ESI)

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Mexico: Equipping-Servants Expansion

I just got back from visiting our ESI ministry in Mexico. A few years ago pastor Neri moved to the State of Chiapas to pastor a church and develop ESI groups in the city of Tapachula. He has led two groups of pastors through our 3-year ESI process. One graduate, Juan, moved to Yajalon to pastor a church. Neri drove me there (8 hours) to visit the ESI group Juan started. Pastors expressed gratitude for how God is transforming their lives thru the study of His Word. Many for the first time are studying the Bible, and this is impacting the way they experience God's grace, rely on the sufficiency of Scripture in preaching/ teaching, and communicate the gospel. Yajalon is the center of the area hardest hit in the 1980's/ 90's when thousands of Evangelicals were killed. This is the first generation of pastors being raised up. The killings have subsided and believers are actively sharing their faith. Juan is planning to open 2 new ESI groups in towns near Yajalon.



Further north in the cities of Oaxaca and Pachuca, pastor Edgar continues training pastors. Many are experiencing growth in their lives. Edgar also trains church leaders in the mountain region of Amoltepec. The impact from studying the Word and building Biblical friendships is not only unifying churches in this area notorious for years of vengeance killings, it is also bringing peace to entire communities as believers evangelize and people come to faith. Here is a photo of Edgar baptizing a dozen new believers — notice how many young people are among those being baptized.



Thank you for partnering with us in the gospel through your prayers,

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Our Purpose

Helping local church leaders in Latin America honor Christ by being true to His Scriptures — to strengthen the Church & reach the lost

Please Pray

- **ESI (Equipping Servants pastoral training process)**—that the 700 active participants & 1005 graduates since we began in 2002 will understand the sufficiency of Christ & His Word - thinking, living, serving & teaching Biblically, to reach the lost.
- **13 Pastoral-Assistant Volunteers:** intensive 2 year training to strengthen the church in Bolivia & provide leaders for ESI Expansion.
- **ESI Expansion:** we hope to establish ESI in 5 new Latin American countries in the next 5 years — Paraguay, Argentina, Uruguay, Colombia, Venezuela. Pray for God's leading and provision.
- **Family:** Sami & Heather are in La Paz developing counseling ministry. Katie is a nurse in Cleveland. Andrew, Angie are waiting for visas to travel to Cleveland to begin 2 years of missions-training at Parkside Church in hopes of starting ESI Expansion in Uruguay.