

## **Equipping Servants to Disciple and Evangelize**

# James Update March 2020

"Thank you for praying for us. Please pray that God may open to us a door for the Word, to declare and make clear the mystery of Christ ... which is how we ought to speak" (Colossians 4:3,4).

### ESI (Equipping Servants - Disciples Making Disciples)

Argentina - 3 new groups start this month in Cordoba and Buenos Aires

Guatemala - 4 new groups start this month in Comitancillo and Guatemala City

Brazil - new groups start this month in new cities. The work in Brazil is spreading rapidly

Chile - Pastor Juan Cardenas (Bolivia) worked with our ESI Chile team lead by Russ and Heidi Smith this past weekend training 30 new Facilitators north of Santiago in the city of La Serena

Colombia - The work is spreading rapidly through Bogota, Cartagena, Barranquilla, Medellin and most recently into Cucuta

Spain, Sweden, Switzerland - 4 groups continue to meet and report good growth in Vitoria Gasteiz, Lund and Geneva

USA in Spanish - Pastor Boris (Bolivia) and I will be at Reston Bible Church in Reston, VA May 1-2 leading a Facilitator Training for Spanish speaking pastors

Mozambique - Pastor Aldo (Uruguay) and I will take 270 pastors through the ESI Facilitator Training in Portuguese May 22-23

Venezuela - 4 new groups start this month in Maracay. A pastor in an ESI Barquisimeto group recently stated, "I've have come to see in Romans that the central message of the Bible is the gospel. Sadly, I've taught self-effort and 'prosperity' for many years". Pray for this pastor and others like him, that the Lord will continue to open eyes to rely on Christ and His gospel that transforms lives.



Please continue to pray for the ESI groups studying Romans in other countries — Paraguay, Bolivia, Mexico, Peru, Ecuador and Uruguay.

Serving Christ with you,

### Kep and Debbie

#### ESI Purpose

honor Christ by strengthening the church to be true to God's Word, discipling believers to take the gospel where it is least known.

#### Pray for us...

- For the 2100 active ESI participants in 200 groups in 14 countries. Pray that church leaders will grow in their passion for Christ and His Word, and in their commitment to disciple believers to know Christ and make Him known!
- That pastors and church leaders would stop walking alone and walk together in Biblical relationships — to experience gospel-centered unity.
- For the Tacana First Nation - growth in the gospel in 30 unreached villages in this spiritually needy region of Bolivia.
- For Deb as she teaches ESI women's conference. Bogota—March 13-14
- For 2000 tablets needed thru 2024 to start ESI in 5 new countries.
- That God will develop in Pastor Pepe Rocha a renewed passion for Christ in his pastoral ministry in the ILC Church in La Paz
- For two ESI Facilitator training weekends in Virginia and Mozambique May 1-2 and 22-23