



# Equipping Servants: Disciples Making Disciples

## James Update January 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 value your prayers for our plans for ministry in Africa:

- Feb 26-Mar 11 Train church planters in Niger with Streams of Living Water
- March 12-22 Train church planters in Lebanon with Streams o Living Water
- April 12-15 Equipping Servants (ES) Training Kasempa, Zambia
- April 17-19 ESI Training Ndora, Zambia
- April 24-26 ESI Training Burundi
- April 27-May 4 ESI visit groups in Nairobi, Kenya that started in January

### How to pray for missionaries

**Paul asked the Colossian believers to pray for him, saying, “Pray for us that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ ... Pray that I may proclaim it clearly, as I should.” (Col 4:3-4) Here are practical ways you can pray for missionaries:**

1. For our walk with God, daily seeking Christ in the fear of the Lord (John 15:5).
2. Hunger for God’s Word, that we will read and study the Bible every day to understand it, to see Jesus in it, to experience gospel transformation (Colossians 4:2-4).
3. To be filled with the Holy Spirit, walking in Biblical repentance, broken over specific sins, and living out the gospel in the challenges of daily life and relationships (Psalm 139:23-24).
4. To be a Biblical friend, experiencing humility and dependence upon God in strong and healthy marriages (Philippians 1:3-11).
5. For the salvation and growth of our children (3 John 4).
6. For team relationships with fellow missionaries, reflecting Christ in mutual discipleship as we serve together; avoiding unkind words and attitudes that would cause divisions (2 Cor 13:11).
7. To be faithful in our own prayer life, asking God to give us eyes to see people as Jesus sees them (Matthew 9:35-38).
8. For boldness in talking to people about Christ and clarity in what we say; for much fruit that remains, for many to trust in Jesus and experience gospel transformation (1 Timothy 2:1-4).
9. For God to build up local churches that have a passion to be true to God’s Word, disciples walking together in holiness and gospel unity. Pray that these local churches will be faithful to plant other local churches (1 Thessalonians 1:4-8).
10. For God to raise up faithful and effective local pastors, church leaders, and missionaries to further the work of the gospel (2 Timothy 2:2).
11. For God to guide every decision in Biblical wisdom (Colossians 1:9).
12. For physical and emotional stamina in the face of discouragement, health, travel and safety concerns; the difficulty of living far from children and family. Pray for joy in hardship, kindness toward opposition, patience and perseverance in distress (Ephesians 6:10-18).
13. For cross-cultural and language learning, understanding and adaptation; to be loving and effective to the people God has called us to reach (Colossians 4:5-6).
14. For God’s Word to spread (2 Thessalonians 3:1).

### **Our Purpose**

*Help local church pastors and leaders to study the Bible, to be true to Christ experiencing gospel transformation*

### **Pray ...**

- For Kep and Debbie in February and March training Streams-of-Living-Water Ministry church planters in Niger and Lebanon. Pray that each student will commit to study the Bible every day to see Jesus, and experience gospel transformation in their life
- For the pastors & church leaders planning to attend the ESI Training in Zambia & Burundi in April to have a deep and real encounter with Jesus & His gospel as they prepare
- For the 2200 ESI participants in 16 countries, that each will grow in God’s Word and in grace living as committed disciples of Jesus
- For pastors and church leaders everywhere to honor Christ by being true to His Scriptures (John 8:31,32)
- For our church in La Paz, Bolivia to continue faithful to the gospel, and to see much fruit that remains

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