



## James Update

## Equipping Servants Pastoral Training (ESI)

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### Pastoral Assistant Program

Since 2006 in Bolivia we train Pastoral Assistants (PAs), working with them to help them become more effective in their pastoral ministry. We invite the best students from our 3-year Equipping Servants (ESI) pastoral training process to participate in an intensive two-year volunteer PA training process in the context of the ILC Church. They spend 15 hours each week preparing messages through the book of Romans and then evaluating these messages, as well as personal life and ministry discipleship. Below you can see the 2 PA groups we are training this year.



Pastors Juan Cardenas and Edgar Mamani work with me training these men, and it has been so encouraging seeing how these pastors are growing in their understanding and commitment to the sufficiency of the Scriptures in their ministries, personal lives, and families. One PA recently told me, "The way I do ministry NOW has radically changed. Before I hardly ever opened up the Bible, and what I taught and counseled was mostly my own personal experience. Now I am seeing so much more fruit in my preaching and teaching and counseling, because God has promised to honor His Word bearing fruit in peoples' lives. I am spend more intentional time with my wife and children, and for the first time ever am taking my role of leading my family spiritually seriously".

Please pray that the impact of time invested in these PAs will bear fruit for effective pastoral ministry in churches throughout Bolivia and ESI Expansion across Latin America.

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

*Kep and Debbie James*

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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 800 active participants & 1000 graduates since we began in 2002 will understand the sufficiency of Christ & His Word - thinking, living, serving & teaching Biblically, to reach the lost.
- **12 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 for Pastor-Book-Sets for the 2000 pastors we plan to train.
- **Family:** We are thankful that the result of Debbie's medical tests at the Cleveland Clinic in January show she does not have cancer.