



Equipping Servants: Disciples Making Disciples

James Update February 2024

*Finally, brothers, pray for us that the Word of the Lord may speed ahead and be honored
(2 Thessalonians 3:1—ESV).*

We thank God for your partnership in the gospel through your prayers. Knowing you are praying is a tremendous help and encouragement to us.

We leave Wednesday, January 31 for six weeks ministry in South America and West Africa. Details:

- Jan 31-Feb 3 — Virginia ESI Facilitator Training with 30 Spanish speaking pastors at McLean Bible Church in Reston
- Feb 4-8 — Uruguay ESI meetings and visit Andrew and Angie
- Feb 9-18 — Bolivia ESI meetings, ministry in ILC Church, Kep preaching at IBM church
- Feb 19-27 — Brazil ESI Facilitator Training northeast region, followed by ESI leadership planning and evaluation meetings
- March 1-15 — Mali (Africa) to train Streams Ministry church planters

Pray for the church in many places in Latin America and Africa: we meet many pastors who have set aside God's Word for human ideas, methods and techniques. This decision to abandon the Bible inevitably thwarts the church from fulfilling our mandate for unbelieving people to become Jesus' faithful disciples and experience gospel transformation. Whenever people lose sight of Him, it is easy to start "devouring one another". Pray that God will help His beloved Bride to be unified (John 17) in Christ and to treat one another with the same grace we received from Him. Pray for pastors and church leaders to study the Bible, to understand it and live it, to faithfully preach and teach it in our local churches. Pray for church leaders to stick to Jesus' plan, so that... "What you have heard from me keep as the pattern of sound teaching, with faith and love in Christ Jesus. Guard the good deposit that was entrusted to you; guard it with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in us." 2 Timothy 1:13-14

Also, please pray as we leave for South America — we received word this morning that my mom (Patricia James –age 93) fell, seriously breaking a vertebra and is in hospital in Charlotte awaiting surgery. I am so thankful that my 2 sisters are with her providing care and support.

Thank you for standing with us in prayer,

Kep & Debbie James

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Our Purpose

that local church pastors and leaders would be true to Jesus studying the Bible to experience gospel transformation in their lives, families and churches

Pray ...

- For pastors and church leaders studying the Bible with us across Brazil that they will grow in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. Pray for 70 pastors preparing to attend the ESI Facilitator Training Feb 21-24 in Brazil's northeast region.
- For pastors in Liberia who attended the ESI trainings in December to be encouraged in their walk in Christ.
- For the 2,850 ESI participants in 250 groups meeting in 30 countries in the Americas, Europe and Africa — that each will grow in their love for God as they study the Bible for gospel impact in their lives, families and ministries.
- That our church in Bolivia will advance faithfully in the gospel with much fruit that remains.

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