



Equipping Servants: Disciples Making Disciples

James Update April 2024

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

Greetings from Cleveland!

We want you to know how much we thank God for your partnership in ministry. This is a team effort, and daily we see God working in response to your prayers.

This Saturday we leave for Senegal. Debbie and I will be in Dakar for 10 days teaching the book of Romans to Mauritanian church planters. Pray for these brave believers as they plant churches in difficult areas.

April 17-20 we will take 100 Ethiopian, Somali and Eritrean pastors through our ESI Facilitator Training in Addis Ababa. This training comes at the request of a 10,000 member Ethiopian church denomination doing church planting in this entire region. As you can imagine, their missionaries face great opposition. Pray for each of the participants during this 4-day training, that each one will see Jesus and the gospel in the center of Scripture. Pray that they will become increasingly effective in their evangelism and discipleship as they commit to study the Bible every day to grow in Christ. Pray for grace, wisdom, and boldness as they take ESI into very difficult communities.

Finally, we thank God for the students in Mali, West Africa. Kep spent two weeks with 20 students in March taking them through the book of Genesis. We saw how Paul in Romans teaches that Christ fulfills these central truths of Scripture, and how the Holy Spirit works them into our lives for daily living. Pray that each one will continue in the commitment they made to study the Bible every day and to experience the transformation of the gospel in Christ for daily living in their personal lives, marriages, families and ministries.

Thank you for praying,

Kep and Debbie

ESI Purpose

For local pastors and church leaders to be true to Jesus as they study the Bible daily to experience gospel transformation in their lives, families and ministries

Pray ...

- For pastors and church leaders studying the Bible with ESI in 30 countries in Latin America, Africa and Europe to grow in their love for God and to be strong the grace that is in Christ Jesus..
- Thank you for praying for Kep's cataract surgery last Wednesday. It went well.
- Thank you for praying for Kep's mom who fell two months ago breaking a vertebrae in her back. At 93, she is making good progress healing.
- Pray for our church in Bolivia, that it will continue to grow in Christ and make an impact for the gospel in La Paz.

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