



## **Equipping Servants: Disciples Making Disciples**

### **January 2026 Update from Kep & Debbie James**

**ESI — Equipping Servants International (Disciples Making Disciples): our desire is to help pastors love and honor Christ by being true to His Scriptures**

**2 Thessalonians 3:1 “Pray for us, brothers, that the Word of the Lord may speed ahead and be honored, as happened among you.”**

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### **Recent Ministry Activities**

**We met regularly with the ESI South America, Africa and Europe country leaders encouraging them in their study of God’s Word, pursuit of holiness, commitment to walk in the gospel growing daily in their relationship with Jesus, and faithfulness to the Lord in their marriages and families.**

**We have been encouraged hearing reports from many of the 300 ESI pastors we met with in Rwanda teaching from God’s Word about what it means to honor Christ living Biblical marriages and committed to gospel generated integrity. Pray for true gospel transformation across Africa.**

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### **Prayer Requests**

- **Pray for our upcoming ESI Facilitator Training we will be leading with Jose Gutierrez in Costa Rica – Feb 5–7. Pray for the 80 Costa Rican pastors and church leaders who are signed up to attend this training, that they will commit to studying God’s Word with us.**
- **Pray for the ESI pastors conference we are preparing to lead in late February in Brazil’s Pantanal in the city of Vilhena.**
- **Pray for ESI groups meeting in Europe & the U.S -- Italy (4), London (4), Paris (5), Los Angeles (1), Virginia & Florida (3). Pray, as participants study the Bible, that they will see how all Scripture points to Christ and His gospel — and that they will experience genuine gospel transformation in their lives and marriages.**
- **Pray for our Central America leader (pastor Jose Gutierrez) as he meets and trains pastors in 2026 in Costa Rica, Nicaragua, Panama, El Salvador, and northern Mexico.**

- **Pray for our ESI leader in Colombia/Venezuela/Panama/Spain (Pastor Sebastian Moreno).**
  - **Last month our ESI Brazil team met with 120 pastors in southern in Venezuela. There is a strong desire to start ESI groups in January to begin studying God's Word in small groups.**
  - **Pray for the church we planted in La Paz, Bolivia that they will continue to grow, faithful teaching and preaching God's Word. Pray for much fruit that remains from their work in evangelism & discipleship.**
  - **Pray for pastor Edgar Mamani, ESI leader in La Paz, Bolivia, as he spends time with Tacana Indigenous pastors in the Tipnis jungle region of Bolivia, an area that is resistant to the gospel.**
  - **Pray for our ESI Africa leaders (Paulo da Silva & Isaac Chitibwe) as they build up leadership teams in many countries across Africa.**
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