



Equipping Servants: Disciples Making Disciples

James Senegal and Ethiopia Report April 2024

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

ESI Purpose

Helping local pastors and church leaders be true to Jesus by studying the Bible to experience gospel transformation in their lives, families and ministries

Pray ...

- For pastors and church leaders studying the Bible in ESI groups in 31 countries in Latin America, Africa, and Europe to grow in their love for God and be strong the grace that is in Christ Jesus.
- Pray for Kep's cataract surgery on Wednesday.
- Kep's mom is making good progress with her back. It is healing well.
- Pray for our church in La Paz, that it will grow in Christ and impact Bolivia with the gospel.

Debbie and I arrived in Cleveland last night after a 30-hour trip from Addis Ababa. We saw God do great things. In Dakar, with Pastor Thapelo from South Africa, we taught Romans to 20 Fulani students from 4 countries. These students came out of a Muslim background—their testimonies of God's grace bringing them to Jesus were amazing! They are participants in an Egyptian ministry, seven-month training and are about to be sent out in small teams to plant churches in the Muslim communities they came from. Pray for good fruit in the face of certain opposition— one already spent 3 months in prison earlier this year, and still has been unable to get back his wife and children because of her family's resistance to his gospel stand.

After that, we spent a week in Addis Ababa leading an ESI (Equipping Servants-Disciples Making Disciples) Training with 30 church leaders. They represented 15 Evangelical denominations, one that works in Somalia and Eritrea (countries highly resistant to the gospel). They decided to start 2 ESI groups and will train others for ESI groups in Amharic. We were encouraged seeing the desire of the Ethiopian church to get back to the Bible and to honor Christ by being true to His Scripture. Many saw the need for gospel-based mutual discipleship, admitting how far the church has drifted from Jesus and His Word.

One Ethiopian church leader shared a story from his ministry that might help you better pray for Ethiopia. When his leadership team decided to wash the feet of their students, they read from John 13, "When Jesus had washed their feet, He said to them, 'Do you understand what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for so I am. If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you.'" One student told her Muslim father how loved she felt by this act of kindness. He was shocked to hear that Christians would be so kind and attentive toward women, who are often so little-valued in their position in society. The gospel is powerful to transform lives! Pray for people in Ethiopia to know Jesus. Pray that the church will study God's Word, encounter Jesus, and experience the deep change He brings, that transforms lives, families, and cities!



Thank you for praying,

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