



# Equipping Servants: Disciples Making Disciples

## James Update July 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 pastors and church leaders grow in Christ by studying the Bible to experience gospel transformation*

### Pray ...

- For the 2000 pastors and church leaders studying the Bible with us in ESI in groups in 30 countries in Latin America, Africa and Europe. Pray that each one will grow in their love for Jesus and be strong God's grace.
- Thank you for praying for the ESI Facilitator Training in London in June. Pray now as they prepare to launch 3 ESI groups
- Pray for the Egyptian-based ministry we partner with, for good gospel fruit across the spiritually needy region they are reaching.
- Pray for our church in Bolivia to continue growing in Christ, making an impact for the gospel in La Paz.

Thank you for praying for the ESI (Equipping Servants) Facilitator Training we led last week in England. The Lord brought together a wonderful leadership team to train the 45 African pastors and ministry leaders. We saw God's work daily in response to your prayers. Pray for pastor Desmond Thomas preparing to start 3 ESI groups in August. **Photos:**



We hear encouraging reports from the 100 Ethiopian pastors we trained in April. They started ESI groups in Addis Ababa with extensions into Somalia and Eritrea. Pray for each to be encouraged as they study the Bible and lead churches in the midst of extreme opposition.

We are hearing good reports from the Egyptian based ministry. We recently trained 2 groups in Mali and Senegal, teaching the book of Romans. They are now on the field planting churches. Pray for safety as they face severe hostility, and for good fruit in their evangelistic outreach.

Debbie and I will be in Egypt in late August and early September leading a spiritual-life retreat for missionary-school leaders. Pray that the Lord will use our time with them to encourage each one in their walk with God, commitment to study the Bible, and ministry.

Thank you for praying,

Kep and Debbie