



Equipping Servants: Disciples Making Disciples

March 2025 Kep and Debbie James UPDATE

Thank you for praying as we encourage pastors and church leaders to study the Bible to understand it, to live it, and to preach and teach it faithfully in their local churches. Please pray for our time in Italy leading an ESI Facilitator Training with 50 church leaders in Florence March 11-16.

History of ESI (Equipping Servants International – Disciples Making Disciples): ESI began in Bolivia in 2002 in La Paz, Bolivia, as we came to see how many pastors and church leaders had drifted from the Bible and its focus on Jesus and His gospel. ESI is a 3-year mutual discipleship process where men and women study the Bible at home, then meet together in small groups to discuss what they have learned. Pray that the Lord will use the study of Romans to help local church pastors and leaders grow in Christ and experience gospel transformation.

Current locations – please pray for each ESI country-leader and team:

Americas 15 countries

- a. Bolivia: Javier and Freddy in Santa Cruz; Edgar and Boris in La Paz
- b. Ecuador: Tomas oversees groups in Guayaquil, Quito, Loja, Cuenca
- c. Peru: Edwin oversees groups in Huánuco, Arequipa, Pucallpa
- d. Uruguay: Andrew in Montevideo
- e. Colombia: Sebastian oversees groups in Bogotá, Cartagena, Medellín, Barranquilla
- f. Venezuela: Sebastian oversees team near Cucuta
- g. Chile: Russ & Heidi oversee groups in Temuco
- h. Paraguay: 10 groups finished
- i. Brazil: Elias oversees groups in Rio, Sao Paulo, Minas Gerais, Pernambuco, Rondonia
- j. Argentina; Javier gives oversight to Isaias and teams in Cordoba and Buenos Aires
- k. USA: Boris and Marco in Virginia, Miami, Houston; Jose in Los Angeles
- l. Central America: José gives oversight to:
 - i. Northern Mexico – working with Neri and team
 - ii. Southern Mexico: working with Edgar in Oaxaca; Neri in Chiapas
 - iii. Guatemala: Tomas oversees team in Guatemala City
 - iv. Nicaragua (Jose oversees teams in Jinotega and Managua)
 - v. Panama: Sebastian (starting June 2025)
 - vi. Pray for Jose talking with pastors in Honduras and El Salvador

Europe 5 countries (Holland meetings scheduled for July 2025)

1. Spain: Sebastian oversees team in La Coruña, Valencia, Murcia
2. Portugal: Elias oversees team in Lisbon
3. England: Paulo works with Desmond to oversee team in London
4. France: Elias works with Marcelo to oversee team in Paris
5. Sweden: Edgar oversees group in Lund
6. Italy: Facilitator Training set for March 11-14, 2025

Africa 16 countries: Paulo oversees ESI work in Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda; Ethiopia, Somalia, Rwanda, Congo, Zambia, Zimbabwe; Lesotho, South Africa (Bloemfontein with Elias and Thapelo), Botswana, Ghana, Liberia, Guinea-Bissau, Burundi

Asia starting March 2025:

- Pakistan (Paulo will lead Facilitator training March 18-21, 2025)

ESI website <https://equippingservantsinternational.com/>

It is a privilege to partner with you in the gospel,

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