



Equipping Servants: Disciples Making Disciples

ESI — Equipping Servants International

Helping pastors study, love, live, and teach the 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.”

What is ESI?

In 2002, Debbie and I began ESI in Bolivia with one burden: to help pastors honor Christ by being true to His Word.

Today, by God’s grace:

- 3,200+ participants
- 270 ESI groups
- 37 countries across
 - North & South America
 - Africa
 - Europe
 - Pakistan

ESI is a three-year mutual discipleship process. Participants study Scripture personally during the week and then meet in small groups to discuss what God is teaching them and how He is transforming their lives.

Again and again, we see Jesus doing what He promised: “If you abide in My Word... you will know the truth, and the truth WILL SET YOU FREE” John 8:31–32. Lives, marriages, families, & churches are being transformed by the power of God’s Word.

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Thank you for praying! We see God strengthening local churches as people study the Bible to understand it, live it, and teach it and preach it faithfully.

TESTIMONIES

Brazil: On our recent trip to Rio de Janeiro, one pastor shared with me how studying Romans in his ESI group has changed everything: “As I continue studying Romans, I am increasingly grasping the real meaning of the gospel. God is transforming my life, my walk with Christ, my marriage, and my preaching. Before ESI, I was living by my own self-righteous standards, trying to earn God’s favor. Now I am resting in the righteousness of Christ that He has made mine in the gospel. This gives me deep joy in my walk with Christ.”

Costa Rica: In early-February, we trained pastors in San Jose. Many were deeply challenged as Paulo taught about cultivating gospel culture in the church. Several admitted how easily human culture had shaped their thinking and preaching, leading them off track into selfish pursuits that damaged the name of Christ. Now, over 30 pastors have joined ESI groups and are beginning to study Romans. We are encouraged and grateful to God for what He is doing in their lives.

Southern Venezuela & Guyana: In December, Elias Montelaje launched an ESI initiative into this difficult region. Despite resistance from border authorities under the Maduro regime, 200 pastors and church leaders attended the training. One pastor admitted to Elias that he stopped by out of pure curiosity, but after listening to the first session, he was convinced, and called his wife to join him. They are now planning to begin an ESI group in their church.

Colombia: We recently received a note from Olga (church ministry leader): "Dear Pastor Kep, I want you to know how thankful I am to the Lord for bringing ESI to Colombia. I just finished Module 3, and it has been a wonderful blessing for me, my marriage, and my family. Studying Romans in depth has helped me understand justification by faith, Christ's forgiveness, and God's grace calling me to Himself. I am growing daily in my knowledge of Christ and reliance upon Him. I am learning what it means to live a life of continual repentance. I am now discipling women in my church. My prayer is that the Lord will continue using ESI to ground many more servants of Christ in His Word across Colombia. Please pray for us."

We want you to know how thankful we are to God for you helping the Word of the Lord "speed ahead and be honored." We are deeply grateful for your prayers and encouragement.

Please continue to pray:

- **For perseverance among pastors in difficult regions**
- **For faithfulness in mutual discipleship**
- **For protection, purity, and unity in each location**
- **For Christ to be honored above all**

Partnering with you in the gospel,



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