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Multiplying Disciple Makers



Blind Yet Finally Seeing

In 1983, Ray Zulu was a third year Biochemistry student. During a lab experiment in Inorganic Chemistry, another classmate accidentally splashed chemicals into his eyes. The resulting condition of glaucoma forced Ray to drop out of the four-year program. After eight years, Ray became completely blind. There was no medical chance of recovery. Being blind in Zambia was very challenging. Ray had been attending church, and was still faithful in his walk with God.

In 2014, Ray was asked to be a pastor. He was glad to do so. The major problem was his knowledge base of scripture; it was shallow. And he did not have any opportunity to study Theology. Thankfully, the Lord intervened.

In February 2020, iTEE Global conducted a 3-day Nehemiah Project course at his church in Zambia. At the end of the workshop, Ray expressed how grateful he was for the Lord to send iTEE Global. He compared it to the opening of a floodgate. Ray said, "I love this model of dialogue teaching because it is simple, engaging, and interactive, and it does not leave anyone behind, not even those that are visually impaired. Everyone has access to study the word of God. It is a platform to help broaden

our base of knowledge and understanding of grace." Later, Ray enrolled for the study of Galatians with iTEE Global; his life and ministry were transformed. As a reflection of the Galatians class, Pastor Ray wrote, "My attitude has changed because of understanding that it is by grace and grace alone, by faith and faith alone in Jesus Christ. Nothing else. Nothing more. Nothing less. It is all about Christ. Even my approach to preaching has changed." Additional courses like Worshiping God in Psalms, Church Dynamics, and Transformational Teaching have further strengthened his knowledge, character, and service.

Ray is a pastor in Zambia. He is also serving as an iTEE Global facilitator. He leads two cohorts that include individuals with visual impairments. Pictured above, the two men praying with Ray are blind. Before they took part in the iTEE Global cohort, they were both isolated and struggling with denial of their disability. Ray indicates that now both men bring much insight and understanding to their group. The day is coming when they too will train others to make disciples.

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Empowered to Disciple



When learning that Ben Watson would be blind his entire life, a relative suggested to put him into an asylum and leave him there. His mother spent hours on the telephone, talking with people about how best to empower a blind

child to give back to society. Few people around Ben imagined that he would one day be a college graduate, much less a pastor or a professor. Clearly, unlike what that relative had verbalized, God had different plans for Ben Watson! In 1975, he married Gladys. And they have a wonderful marriage.

To explain how this transformation could happen, Ben is quick to highlight how God used certain individuals to be his Barnabas. As Barnabas advocated for Saul, several people have believed in Ben and advocated for him. Two colleges accepted him as a student. With some assistance, Ben was able to graduate from Calvary Bible College (now Calvary University) with a B.S. degree in Bible and Theology. Two pastors invited him to serve as their assistant, and a church called him to be its pastor. It was a denominational leader who believed in him that he could be a pastor. Time advocating for Ben was well spent.

During his time as a pastor and missionary with Source of Light Ministries International, Ben developed Bible correspondence courses in braille, large print, and audio. He laid the foundation for their online ministry and served as the director of International Ministries.

Since 2014, Ben has been an invaluable part of iTEE Global. He trains and discipless others while also helping develop the Spiritual Leadership course. Because of Christ and because of the many individuals who assisted and encouraged Ben along the way, Ben Watson has become indispensable in God's kingdom, as 1 Corinthians 12:22 proclaims. Indeed, he continues to multiply disciple-makers among those who are both disabled and non-discipled. He is always looking for ways to expand the ministry reach of iTEE Global, especially among groups affected by disability.



Ben teaching during a Project Nehemiah Workshop in Kenya, Africa

Prayer Points

Please join us in prayer:

- For the efforts of iTEE Global missionaries and international leaders.
- Pray that we can translate and produce three courses in 10 languages, i.e. Tamil, Swahili, and Spanish. This goal requires expertise and funding.
- For guidance in additional locations for ministry, i.e. Asia, Eurasia, and Haiti.
- For expansion of the ministry to people with disabilities, students and teachers.
- For successful partnerships with non-profit organizations and churches, locally and internationally.

Project Nehemiah

Re-building the Broken Walls of Leadership Training



Many pastoral leaders lack Bible training. For those, especially in Asia and Africa, many have poor access to the Internet. iTEE Global provided pastoral training through its online platform, iTEE University, but quickly realized that many who would benefit from the training could not participate because of inaccessibility.

In 2017, iTEE Global began to offer face-to-face training, providing courses to motivate and train pastoral leaders who can train others beyond the walls of their churches. Students and leaders teach what they have learned online to local groups in a face-to-face setting. Thus, they disciple other leaders lacking Internet access.

In the Book of Nehemiah, the Bible describes the rebuilding of the broken walls of Jerusalem. Nehemiah stands out as a model of the pastoral leader. Through passion, prayer, confession, planning, organization, motivation, and leadership, Nehemiah accomplished in 52 days what seemed impossible. At iTEE Global, we use his model.

Project Nehemiah is a 20-hour face-to-face workshop, where iTEE Global teaches pastoral leaders how to effectively apply Jesus' teaching principles to effectively address the student's head, heart, and hands.

These pastoral leaders then teach others using the same principles they experienced in Project Nehemiah Workshops. They use their new skills to teach Biblical truth through courses such as Galatians, Romans, the Christian Life, Communicating God's Word. Through their efforts they make possible the training of leaders who are extremely difficult to reach and train because of their geographic location,

their access to the Internet, and their level of achieved prior education. These trainers are modern-day Nehemiahs.

Project Nehemiah in Action

Just before the restrictions of the COVID pandemic stopped all international flights, a small team of six left Chicago and traveled to serve in one of the world's poorest countries — Zambia. The team from Community Fellowship Church in West Chicago included two pastors and four laypeople. Along with some of iTEE Global Staff, their mission was to train 29 pastoral leaders on Project Nehemiah.

The training meeting was held in Ndola, Zambia, on February 10-15, 2020. Prior to their departure, the team completed an orientation training, coordinated by iTEE Global facilitators through a face-to-face meeting as well as via ZOOM. Upon arrival in Zambia, another training was scheduled to help them with cross-cultural information and extra-cultural orientation before the actual event.

According to the Project Nehemiah's vision and mission, each of the team members had to learn how to lead small group activities at the workshop.

They had to learn: 1) how to ask questions, 2) how to introduce group learning exercises, 3) how to lead a group in prayer, and 4) how to apply Project Nehemiah content. As participants to the Project Nehemiah, they were all responsible for teaching pastoral leaders of another culture.

Everyone on the team from West Chicago was amazed at how God used each of them to build relationships and transform the lives of these Zambian pastoral leaders. Not only did they bring training to 29 leaders, but they also equipped them to multiply disciplinarians.

After the three-day workshop, the goal was for the 29 leaders to apply the Project Nehemiah learning experience and conduct face-to-face training in two or three locations. But the COVID pandemic “stay-at-home” lockdowns halted that plan and forced everyone to go online.



The impact of Project Nehemiah was profound. In the face of adversity, iTEE Global's training team, working with the leaders from Community Fellowship Church, opened up an entire nation to Bible training. As a result, and to this date, over 375 pastoral leaders and church leaders in Zambia have received the same training. They are learning to serve their churches in the Word of God, and how to disciple other pastoral leaders to make disciples.

The Crisis in Myanmar

On February 15, 2023, the Burmese army demolished two churches and the homes of 12 families connected to these churches. This blatant persecution greatly affects our iTEE Global community in Myanmar. We have been ministering in this country since 2017. As of 2022, we have had 109 Burmese students. We ask for the Lord's continued grace, favor and insight.

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God used a single team from a local church in West Chicago to alter the trajectory of biblical training for Zambian pastors and church leaders. When we obey the Lord to Go, we do Make Disciples of all Nations!



How Can We Pray for You?

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iTEE Global Ministry Opportunities

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