

Global iNSIGHT



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Multiplying Disciple Makers



2017 Staff Conference

The Birth of iTEE GLOBAL

In June 2014, the legacy of iTEE Global began. Sensing new opportunities to serve the needs of the body of Christ globally to equip leaders, the international board of iTEE Global founded the ministry.

iTEE Global was born for such a time as this for global pastoral leaders to be trained in Biblical studies. Faced with the mass genocide of his people, Mordecai said to Esther, “And who knows whether you have not attained royalty for such a time as this?” We know the rest of the story. Esther became God’s tool for the protection of the Jews during a crisis.

What is “such a time”? Millions of pastoral leaders across the globe have little or no access to Biblical education to equip them for ministry. Some have never had access to ministry training of any kind. Many reasons thwart that opportunity such as: educational costs, need to support family, lack of previous education, distance to seminary, persecution, or political climate. For many leaders, access to traditional classroom education is very limited. Those with disabilities may have no access at all.

The Problem of Our Generation

Globally, over 50,000 believers come to Christ each day. This is good news! However, it takes 2-5 years to equip one pastor. Over the past two hundred years, Bible schools and seminaries have been the main training mechanism for pastoral leadership.

They can no longer keep up with the growing church and the need for leadership. Without adequate training, church leaders do not know how to build a Biblical foundation for their church or how to make disciples. This leads to a lack of impact on the community, false teaching, difficulty presenting the Gospel, and discouraged and hurt church members; all of which result in ministry failure.

Bible Education Platform

In 1979, key leaders from twenty mission organizations and several national leaders working in Eastern Europe met to launch a united inter-mission effort behind the Iron Curtain. The goal was to advance biblical training using the pattern of 2 Timothy 2:2, “teach these truths to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.” The newly born organization was called Biblical Education by Extension (BEE). Several years later, with the fall of the Iron Curtain, this training model became available to countries of the Middle East, Africa, and Asia.

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Dan Risley, Dr. Ted Travis and George Law signing documents in the lawyers office on June 19, 2014.



2022 Staff Conference

While combining the previous efforts of online seminary training and considering the challenges of distance education, iTEE Global was founded to merge two goals: in-person training and online training. In October 2014, iTEE Global was approved as a 501(c)(3) organization.

The Solution by iTEE Global

iTEE Global started with the vision of making it possible for every pastoral leader in every country to gain access to Bible training. iTEE Global wanted to utilize 21st-century technology and apply 1st-century principles modeled by Jesus. This innovative system could become a catalyst for training. Hence, the foundations for the creation of iTEE Global were laid with two different goals: in-person and online training and a hybrid model to equip godly leaders.

What is iTEE Global Doing Now

To this day, iTEE Global has trained students in 40 countries, in Asia, Africa, South and Central America. In the first 2023 term, 149 new students from 19 different countries, speaking Spanish, Burmese, Urdu, and English, were trained. In the third term of 2022, a first cohort of North American students affected by disabilities enrolled to study Galatians. This cohort joins two in Zambia, now making three cohorts of students affected by disabilities. It is a blessing to train this specific group of leaders. Several new courses have been developed:

New Testament Epistles in English, Old Testament 2 in Burmese, and Galatians in Portuguese. As iTEE Global expands, more ministry opportunities are identified, and new partnerships in additional countries are planned. One such partnership was recently formed between iTEE Global and iTEE Canada, which was incorporated in 2022.

Future of the Spanish Ministry

In 2015, iTEE Global began working in Latin America, starting in Mexico. Both directly and through a partnership with Encuentros Guatemala, leaders in Ecuador, Mexico, Guatemala, El Salvador, and Cuba have now taken courses and been involved in ministry expansion. Of course, this is only a fraction of the countries in South and Central America. The main challenge is that, so far, only eight courses have been translated into Spanish, meaning that the certificate or diploma programs cannot yet be completed by Spanish-speaking students. Praise the Lord, that translation work is currently in progress. iTEE Global's strategy is to train more leaders, including in Spanish communities in the U.S. where there are opportunities for partnerships, for translation, and for training.

Myanmar At War

Since February 1, 2021, the ethnic militias and the people of Myanmar have risen up to fight the illegitimate military government. So far, over 30,000 have died and 1.5 million people are internally displaced. The iTEE Global Myanmar National Director and many students need help. "Honestly speaking," says our director, "we feel unsafe and discouraged. Sometimes, I want to cry out for my children." If you are interested in encouraging believers in their biblical education, go to <https://iteeg.org/myanmar> to help.



Prayer Points

Please join us in prayer:

- For successful partnerships with organizations and churches, locally and internationally.
- Pray that we can translate and produce three courses in 10 languages, i.e. French, Portuguese, Shan, and Uzbek. This goal requires expertise and funding.
- For guidance in additional locations for ministry, i.e. Asia, Eurasia, Africa, Central America, and South America.



Well Done Good and Faithful Servant

In Pedro Razo's childhood, growing up in Mexico, anger was simmering within him. Though he was taken care of financially, he did not see his father very often. His father had to work away from the family. This absence deeply hurt Pedro, leaving him empty and angry. His brother seemed to suffer as well. Instead of encouraging one another, all they did was quarrel. At 18, Pedro moved as far as he could from his family; he went to study marine biology in a different country.

Thankfully, God intervened. When a university classmate invited Pedro to study the Bible, he was receptive. Reading through the gospels, Pedro came under conviction. He repented of his hatred towards his brother and asked the Lord to save him. Almost immediately, he began sharing the gospel with others. It gave him pleasure to do so. He shared his faith on the bus, in taxis, and in every university classroom, when he was given permission to do so. With great excitement, he was even able to share with his family in Mexico; and many in his family said "yes" to Jesus.

It was not long before he answered God's call to full-time ministry. He went to Rio Grande Bible Institute, where he met Gabriella, who became his wife and lifetime ministry partner. With joy, they served as church planters and pastored various churches. The Lord blessed them with a son, Yeshua, who is now serving as a worship leader in the U.S. In 2017, a former professor at their Bible college told them about exciting ministry opportunities with iTEE Global. Pedro and Gabriella were quick to embrace the vision of iTEE Global. They also wanted to bring biblical and theological knowledge to pastors and leaders who lack access to it.

In August 2017, they began serving as iTEE Global missionaries in Central America to multiply disciple-makers. Their ministry focus was in Mexico. Later, they took the iTEE Global movement to Cuba, Guatemala, and El Salvador.

Sudden Tragedy

Sadly, on February 14, 2023, while Gabriella was in Monterrey, Mexico, caring for her father, her beloved Pedro Razo unexpectedly died in Mexico City. His death has been such a shock, but his ministry and legacy will continue. Family and friends grieve his loss deeply, but it brings joy to know he completed his last days doing what he loves most: Making disciples across the nations. As Pedro would share with others, "The word of God transforms lives, so the more we can sow the word of God in the hearts of leaders, pastors, and all the people we can, the better we will be." Indeed, may we all follow Pedro Razo's example of multiplying disciple-makers.

iTEE Global Ministry Opportunities

- Executive Administrator
- Funding Development Administrator
- End User Technical Support Analyst

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Short-Term Action Mission Project

A Global Missions Problem

The Global Church is adding 50,000 new believers each day. Unfortunately, millions of pastoral leaders do not have access to Biblical and ministry training.

New believers must be taught by leaders that are spiritually healthy and well equipped. Through their discipleship programs, pastors can lead the believers to take the Gospel to their communities. Many pastors, who are not spiritually healthy and lack biblical and ministry foundations, struggle to minister to their flocks, and even to teach them how to reach others around them.

A Solution that makes sense

STAMP is a discipleship approach to motivate and equip pastoral leaders. Once equipped, they will train fellow pastors, and church leaders in biblical and ministry foundations. In the local setting, they will train leaders in their own networks. The vision for this discipleship approach is for North American churches to partner with iTEE Global and take action to train pastoral leaders around the world.

Get Involved with STAMP

Would you allow God to use you in the lives of pastors and Christian leaders lacking access to Biblical teaching? If you say yes, iTEE Global will work with you. One team of 4-8 members from a local church can train 20-40 pastoral leaders who in their turn will do the same; thus multiplying the lives of church leaders. Depending on various factors, an international mission trip can take 7-10 days. You will surely experience the impact of multiplication in the lives of pastors and leaders in the targeted country.

To join the STAMP program, the following need to take place:

- Please fill out the simple exploration questionnaire on our STAMP website.
- Identify the country, language, and team members for the STAMP effort.
- iTEE Global provides 12 hours of pre-trip training at your church, in person or online.
- iTEE Global will assist with logistics and visas.
- On the ground, iTEE Global provides additional STAMP team training.
- iTEE Global leads training, assigns, and helps each team member facilitate 5-7 national pastoral leaders.



Check out the story of one church that sent a STAMP team to ZAMBIA in 2020. <https://iteeg.org/archivesgi/project-nehemiah-in-action>

The STAMP application can be found here, <https://iteeg.org/stamp.html>



2020 STAMP Team, Zambia

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