

### MULTIPLYING DISCIPLE MAKERS

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## The Right Servant, The Right Mission



John Mohr was 18 years old when he committed his life to Christ. He attended Purdue University and was discipled by a graduate student who was a part of the Navigators. It was at a Bible study with the Navigators where

he met his wife, Jenni. John has a BS in Industrial Management and has worked for nearly 40 years in the Information Technology (IT) market, 26 years of which were with AT&T. When he first learned about iTEE Global in 2017, it seemed like a good fit, although he was not looking specifically for a global ministry with a passion of multiplying disciplemakers. He was general in his search; he wanted to support kingdom work through his education and work experience. There are some significant differences between The Navigators® and iTEE Global, but both ministries aim to make disciples across the nations. As he reflected on his past experiences, he finally realized that iTEE Global was the perfect place for him to serve, because of the mission, vision, and passion for making disciplemakers.

### **A Family Man**

When growing up as a fraternal twin and later in his role as husband and father, John's family has always played a key part in his life. John and Jenni have now been married for 44 years and have four children and three grandchildren. He loves spending time with them. In recent years, they have been able to enjoy different scenic locations together. Their next planned family trip is to Lake Michigan.

It is understandable, then, that John's most troubling times have also been related to family. His daughter was diagnosed with leukemia several



years ago. At that time, she stayed in the hospital for a month and later for several week-long stays. Thankfully, the cancer is now in remission. Due to the various treatments, any type of cancer greatly affects the body. It also affects the family members, and especially when a brother in the family has to donate the stem cell for a transplant; this happened in 2018. They had to spend a lot of time together, cherishing those moments, and holding each other in prayer.

### **Seeing the World**

John strongly desired to travel around the world; this made him a good fit with iTEE Global. Before joining our team in 2017, he served for many years on church committees to support foreign missionaries. On various occasions, he traveled to countries in four continents for mission ministry. His wife Jenni came alongside him several times. In 2015, they went to Beijing, China. At that time, Jenni was a college professor in Evansville, Indiana and because of her early childhood education experience, she had the opportunity to go there more than once to support like-minded teachers in professional training workshops. John was able to

go with her each time.

John is the Assistant Registrar at iTEE Global. He coordinates activities for iTEE University to run smoothly. He also manages the email system and works on other technical projects. Most of his functions are behind-the-scenes support that is very indispensable. We are grateful to have him on our team.



# **Exploring New Territories**



#### **Between Volcanoes**

Teddy Torres is the Latin America Ministry Director at iTEE Global, and a course Facilitator. He serves students in Guatemala and El Salvador. He recently drove 8 hours from Guatemala City to a community in the village of Buenos Aires, located between the 2 highest volcanoes in Guatemala: The Tajumulco and the Tacaná. Even though they arrived around 8 pm, 2 hours later than estimated, Pastor Leoncio Chilel, their host, was waiting for them, happy and excited that they came that far to teach the Bible.

Pastor Chilel's family welcomed them with a delicious dinner made in a "plancha" (a stove made of cast-iron block) and cooked with fire. They talked about the trip, the community, and the challenges they face because of young people migrating to the United States to look for jobs, mainly in construction projects. Amazingly enough, many buildings surrounded the community: churches, houses, and stores. When asked about that, the Pastor said: "Well, people are sending money to build them".

To answer about languages and jobs in that area of Guatemala, the pastor responded: "The main language is Spanish, although some of us speak Poqomam (half Mam [Mayan] half Spanish). Here most of the people work the land: We have

potatoes, corn, and farming." He was very proud and nostalgic as he answered.

### Special Bible Training

On training day, Teddy was very excited. Many of the pastors and leaders came from another community two hours away, right next to the other big volcano, the



Tacaná. Although eager to share his knowledge with them, Teddy decided to slow down and allow the participants to speak as much as they could. He used two learning activities they were very familiar with: An explanation of the egg, and what is needed to plant. They were the experts, no doubt about it! They helped Teddy to understand new words and the process of sowing and harvesting. They were very proud of what they do daily. One participant, a brother who is 99 years old, shared his experience of working the land. Teddy was already envisioning how future training could be enhanced in the Project Nehemiah Workshop by teaching the Bible in a transferable, transformational and contextual way. They were encouraged by this first session and asked: "When we finish Project Nehemiah, what else are we going to learn? "He told them, "We will go straight to the Bible and continue with Galatians".



They had fun and learned new things by thinking through questions and concepts such as: "How did we learn when we were kids and who taught us?" During the training, they also studied the 4

Looks or the 360 Facilitation process of teaching interactively. Teddy sadly realized that he had not prepared himself for such devotion. These pastors and leaders are "hungry, thirsty and committed" to



learn about the Bible and to teach others. But, here they are and it is a great start.

Following this training in Guatemala, **please pray** for:

- The safety of the Chilel family (lead Pastor) and the families who came to the training.
- The health of brother Moisés (99 years old).
- The well-being of the community of Buenos Aires.
- The provision for the whole process of studies (Project Nehemiah, and Galatians).



## Strategic Prayers for Haiti

Please join us to pray for Haiti.

A Bright Hope review of events has indicated: The nation of Haiti is in a downward spiral of crisis, defined by gang violence, political turmoil, food insecurity, gas shortages, and a never-ending barrage of natural disasters. "Rape, murder, thefts, armed attacks, kidnappings continue to be committed daily, on populations often left to fend for themselves in disadvantaged and marginalized neighborhoods of Port-au-Prince and beyond."

A report of an interview stated: "It's been over

five years since we've had a week without tragic news. Mistrust is everywhere, frustration is everywhere, and even hope has disappeared because of the chaos in



governance and generalized corruption. There is no end of the tunnel. Faced with the misery and insecurity that is setting in, the vast majority of people dream only of migrating out of the country to escape what they think is hell."



iTEE Global is still praying to expand its network to include Haiti and make translations available in French for training and ministry. Recently

we learned from a plausible partner in Lassalines, Fauché in Grand-Goave, that Port-au-Prince is a very dangerous place right now.

The good news is that there are Pastors and church leaders who are seeking to be trained. Generally, the majority of Haitian leaders and Pastors do not go to Bible School and Seminary because they cannot afford to pay the tuition. Those who live in the mountain areas do not receive any training and do not have access to knowledge, skills, abilities, leadership, capacities and competencies to teach

and prepare their church members for the kingdom of God. Yet several institutions are seeking to train, equip, encourage, motivate and prepare good leaders.



A Haitian Pastor, sitting 2nd from right, attended our 2023 conference

Please pray that God's mandate to make disciples of all nations become possible also in Haiti, and that God will intervene with His power to bring peace and reconciliation to this Caribbean nation.

### **Prayer Points**

### Please join us in prayer:

For our students as they prepare for Term 2 of this year.

For our donors and their families.

For the preparation of activities for our 10th Anniversary.

For qualified staff and volunteers to join our ministry.

For successful outcomes of new projects this quarter.

For translation and production of three courses in 10 languages, i.e. French.

Send your personal prayer requests for our staff to pray for you, pray@iteeg.org

### **Ministry Opportunities**

#### **Funding Development Administrator**

Uses tools and practices to acquire the necessary funding to adequately support the ministry of iTEE Global. Write grants and proposals and develop strategic partnerships.

#### **Finance Director**

Manages and oversees the financial operations of the ministry. Will ensure the ministry meets and exceeds ECFA standards.

## Director of Funding Development (Resource Development Director)

Plans, sets goals, and provides oversight for all funding development efforts of iTEE Global and its staff. Establish the necessary ministry infrastructure and oversight. Act as the upfront contact with potential funding sources.

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