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MULTIPLYING DISCIPLE MAKERS

Multiplying Disciple Makers in Kenya

In November 2024, our facilitator of iTEE Global's online Transformational Teaching course went to Kenya to teach this course in person to students in the rural areas of Juja and Tala near Nairobi. The students in Juja are mostly university students who also desire to be pastors and ministry leaders.



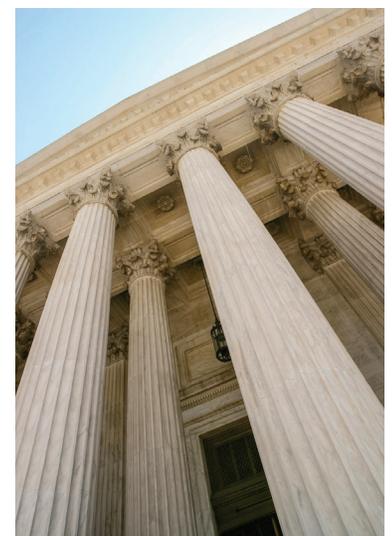
The Transformational Teaching course aims to help people teach as Jesus taught. Jesus emphasized His mission, vision and values, just as facilitator did with this group of young people. Our facilitator prepared a PowerPoint presentation for the trip and gave students

a copy. After the training, one young man named Julius, keen to make disciples, went to Korr and Marsabit in Northern Kenya and taught the course to people there. He told our facilitator that the people there were thirsty for knowledge and the Word of God and begged him to stay. He could not remain but identified one Muslim background believer in the group who had good leadership skills he would be training to help multiply disciple makers there. Julius remains in touch with our facilitator, who will guide and encourage him as he continues multiplying disciple-makers in Kenya.

Transformational Teaching

Transformational Teaching applies 1st century educational principles from Jesus' life with 21st century online and educational technology. It is inadequate to train future disciple makers with head knowledge only. Jesus' model of teaching affected the head, the heart, and the hands. Course creators Dr. George Law and Pastor Rick Petty use Jesus' first century teaching principles to equip today's leaders to teach Bible and ministry courses online. This 12-week 3 credit-hour course includes a teacher training practicum and is a required course to become an iTEE.University faculty member. It is highly interactive and thus requires adequate time and a good Internet connection to maintain the frequent online communication.

The course's foundation is a correct understanding of God's Word. From that understanding, students will examine the vision, mission, and values Jesus emphasized during His time on earth. Students also then study Jesus' character and relationships with others. This knowledge helps students adjust their internal compass towards Jesus. With this model, students can go out and effectively multiply disciple-makers. Just as Jesus emphasized disciple-making in the great commission, discipleship is critically essential to the mission and vision of iTEE Global.



Never too Old

Jesus gave us the great commission in Matthew 28:19 (ESV), "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."

The great commission is the mission we, as believers in Christ, must assist in fulfilling. Some go, and some help others to go. There is no age limit on this commission. Young and old can be disciple-makers.



In Tala, Kenya, 87-year-old Annauciata does not let her age limit her desire to continue to make disciples. Recently, Annauciata participated in the Transformational Teaching course in Tala, Kenya, so that she could teach more like Jesus. In April, she will graduate with a diploma from iTEE University.

iTEE Global's Vision and Mission

Our Vision

To promote worldwide, self-sustaining training movements that biblically equip church leaders.



Our Mission

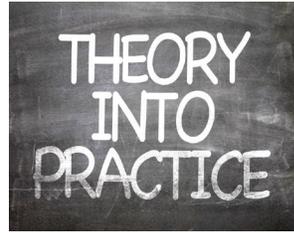
To bring relationally-driven biblical ministry education to church leaders lacking access.

Reflection by Dr. George Law, President

Twenty years ago, Joseph, a young Christian leader in Zambia, asked me for help studying God's Word. Although his country had Bible schools and seminaries, his situation reflected that of most Christian leaders in Africa. Bible education for pastors and other church leaders was available but not accessible.

Joseph worked full-time as the leader of his ministry in Zambia. He had a family, and his income was enough to provide a home for them, food, and clothing. At the end of each month, not much was left. Yet, Joseph, knowing intuitively that he needed to be a prepared servant of God to minister to his people, had no options. After Joseph asked me for help, God deepened my sensitivity to the global problem of leaders lacking access to biblical training.

The mission of iTEE Global, was born out of the cauldron of my active ministry to pastors and church leaders worldwide. In the 1990s, I witnessed the disaster of many churches planted in the former Soviet Union that started well but later folded because they did not have equipped spiritual leaders. Between 2003 and 2008, I gained a deeper appreciation of the lack of access for pastoral leaders. I was serving in a leadership role at AWANA International. I was sent to many countries and continents to support the ministry of AWANA, which at the time served in about 135 nations. In every country, the same issue came up. How can pastoral leaders gain access to Bible training?



At about the same time, I entered a doctoral program online that allowed me the freedom to work full-time and travel with my ministry at AWANA. Later, I completed a DMin

online. This gave me hands on experience and the experience of gaining access to training while fully engaging in a demanding ministry. Also, I was privileged to discover Jesus' training method for His leaders through my studies.

In 2008, my full-time focus turned to leading the work at Internet Biblical Seminary in Colorado Springs. These were incredibly valuable years of international pastors learning what worked for them and what did not. By 2014, the leadership of BEE World and I agreed that we needed a fresh training model that would better use the Internet to train pastoral leaders globally.

In June 2014, this vision and mission emerged as iTEE Global. These are our key principles:

- Address the problem globally, one nation at a time. Every pastor worldwide, ready to invest time, effort, and modest finances, should have access to biblical training.
- Remove or reduce the barriers to biblical education by substantially making education affordable, flexible, and practical.
- Make quality biblical education available at a level that meets the needs of most pastoral leaders in each language group.
- Make biblical education available in multiple languages. Thus, Spanish pastors who do not know English should be studying their courses in Spanish with Spanish teachers.



- Make biblical education available at a time and place that is workable.
- Train bilingual master trainers who can teach national leaders locally using technology and educational resources, such as our translated courses, face-to-face, online, or in a hybrid solution.
- Make multiplication of godly trainers a high priority. This is the only way to train millions.



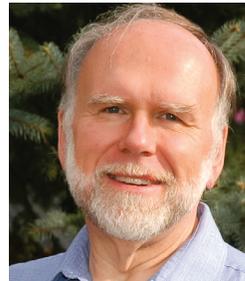
- While the curriculum is available at three levels (certificate, diploma, and degree), we will translate and make at least one option available online and in print for 30 key languages. Thus, we hope to enable about 85% of the world's pastoral leaders to access at least one level of personal training online or face-to-face in a language they speak.
- We desire to work with locally situated national partners in the best position to provide excellent training coverage for a geographical area.



- Finally, iTEE Global never envisions accomplishing the vision of making biblical education available globally alone. Instead, we believe that most of the growth in reaching millions of pastoral leaders will be accomplished as the Spirit of God causes a movement of biblical education to spread across the land with hundreds of partners located strategically and emboldened by the vision Jesus gave us in Matthew 28:19-20.
- The mission and vision of iTEE Global continue to provide quality education to pastoral leaders in over 50 countries and 10 languages.

Profile of a Missionary

George Law, President and Founder



George and Linda Law —God's servants training pastoral leaders

After completing his studies at the Moody Bible Institute, George planned to attend seminary to become a pastor. However, God had other plans for him. He was called to minister to the Slavic people behind the Iron Curtain, largely due to his family background. His parents and older brothers were from Belarus. In 1974, his home church sent him to France to minister and travel behind the Iron Curtain with the Slavic Gospel Association. During this time, he first observed the significant need for training for pastors and leaders who had limited access to biblical and leadership education because of government restrictions.

He and Linda met in Austria during one of his trips behind the Iron Curtain. They got married in 1976 and moved back to Vienna, Austria, where their three children were born. They wished to serve the people whom God had called them to help. George was involved in an extension seminary program designed to address the need for biblical training for those pastors who could not acquire training in their own countries. In most cases, this was done discreetly to avoid jeopardizing their lives and ministry.



On December 31, 1991, the Soviet Union collapsed, opening the door for George and Linda to move to Russia and begin ministry in Moscow to Bible-believing churches in the former Soviet republics. Russian leaders expressed a great need for church planting training. This need was met by working with several other mission organizations with a like-minded vision. Over 1,000 churches were planted, and thousands came to know Christ and come into fellowship in a local church during the years 1992-2003.

However, George realized that he had made two strategic errors. First, most of the growth in church planting was subsidized by Western funding. As

China became a key missions ministry target, funds for supporting church planting in the former Soviet countries diminished. The Church in the former Soviet Union had not learned to be self-sustaining, even though Christians were growing in economic capacity by 2003. Sadly, the work of starting new churches dropped off in 2003 because they had not learned to be self-sustaining.

George might have avoided the second strategic mistake if iTEE Global had been available in the 1990s. In 1990, there was only one theological school in the Soviet Union for 325 million people. By 2000, over 180 new theological institutions had been established, offering excellent training. The ministry leaders believed there would be plenty of pastors to support those newly planted churches due to the training provided by these 180 institutions. Unfortunately, these schools attracted teenagers, young adults in their twenties, and single men and women, as they were the most cost-effective to train. However, the newly formed churches mostly included farmers, lawyers, teachers, factory workers, and former military personnel—adults in their 40s and 50s with families. Those in need of training were local church leaders who were also in their forties and fifties. They could not leave their churches, families, or jobs to pursue training. As a result, some churches folded

due to a lack of leadership, while others survived but remained small and had little impact on their communities.



These tough lessons significantly influenced George's mindset when iTEE Global began. He committed to making training available to all pastors whom God permitted iTEE Global to reach. Additionally, he aimed to ensure that

the ministries in each country could sustain the growth of biblical education for pastoral leaders in every country where we invest. iTEE Global covers the initial one-time costs of initiating curriculum and training in each country's native languages. However, the ongoing expenses for teachers and administration must be funded through the resources God provides from within each country.

Today, George serves and leads iTEE Global, and Linda substantially contributes as the Donor Support Manager. They have three children and ten grandchildren. They enjoy God's strength and energy in accomplishing His will through iTEE Global.

Prayer Points

Pray for the Lord to strengthen iTEE University facilitators and students, helping them to persevere, despite the daily struggles they face.

Pray for iTEE Global to connect with local ministries in new areas like Congo, Haiti and Columbia.

We would love to pray for you. Please send your personal requests to: pray@iteeg.org

Ministry Opportunities

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