



# THE ITEM Impact

*Strengthening churches by equipping pastors to be examples, equippers, and expositors.*

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**Dr Nathan Chiroma (L), Assistant to the President of ITEM and Ambassador Lola Charles, Founder of The Alliance to Restore Biblical Truths (in Africa and the Caribbean) will be speakers at the ITEM Banquet**

Dear ITEM Partner,

In 2 Corinthians 10:3-5, the Apostle Paul wrote, *“For although we are walking in the flesh, we do not wage war in a fleshly way, since the weapons of our warfare are not fleshly, but are powerful through God for the demolition of strongholds. We demolish arguments and every high-minded thing that is raised up against the knowledge of God, taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ.”* (HCSB) These strongholds are the Satan-inspired lies that pull unsuspecting believers into one form of bondage or another.

International Training & Equipping Ministries (ITEM) has been committed from its inception in 2003 to using Scripture alone to “demolish” the enemy’s strongholds in Africa, including the prosperity gospel, false teaching about the spiritual powers possessed by so called *men of God* who operate more like witchdoctors than pastors, and false teaching about the spirit world that keep many believers trapped by traditional beliefs about ancestor spirits and deities.

## PROVIDENTIAL MEETING

During his last trip, Dr. (Steve) Van Horn met Ambassador Lola Charles (retired), the former Nigerian Deputy Head of Mission to the Nigerian High Commission in Kingston, Jamaica, who attended a portion of the ITEM conference in Lagos, Nigeria.

In 2016, Ambassador Lola founded The International Alliance to Restore Biblical Truths ([www.iatrbt.org](http://www.iatrbt.org)), targeting Africa and the Caribbean. His goal is to “respond to the urgent need to restore biblical truths to the church.” The inaugurating conference was held in Nigeria in April 2016. Over one-thousand ministers and Christian leaders attended.

After the ITEM seminar in Lagos, Dr. Van Horn and Ambassador Lola met to compare ideas about the need to restore biblical truth in the churches and found themselves in full agreement! The two men are in regular contact, looking for ways to build this partnership.

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This meeting was very providential and places ITEM in a strategic position to play a significant role. Next May, Ambassador Lola is planning on having another conference and Dr. Van Horn plans on being there. We believe that partnering with the IATRBT will position ITEM to be even more involved in helping to destroy the enemy's strongholds in Africa.

Go to ITEM's website, [www.itemministries.org](http://www.itemministries.org), and click on the Donate button at the top to be a part of demolishing the enemy's strongholds in Africa

### **ITEM 2017 BANQUET**

The 2017 ITEM banquet is set for Friday, September 22, at the Oregon Zoo Cascade Crest Banquet Room. Registration opens at 6:15pm and the evening will conclude at 9pm.

The program will include a mixture of video and live speakers, highlighting the opportunities to transform pastors, churches, and individual lives of believers in Africa that are presenting themselves to ITEM. Speakers include Ambassador Lolo Charles, Dr. Nathan Chiroma, a special friend and assistant to Dr. Van Horn, and Dr. Van Horn.

If you are local and are not registered, please come. You can register on the website just below the banner at the top. Click on the "More info/Register!" link. There will be a great meal. A raffling of carved African animals, authentic African jewelry, and a painting will precede dinner. There will also be a silent auction for a weekend at the beach. Additionally, we are sure you will be encouraged as you hear how God has used, is using, and could use ITEM as we move into 2018.

If you are unable to attend, you can participate my going to the same "Donate" like mentioned earlier and put the word "Banquet" in the "Note" box when you give.

### **ON THE HORIZON**

Sept 22            ITEM Banquet, Oregon Zoo  
Sept 29 – Oct 7    Dr. Van Horn on vacation  
Oct 11 – 22        Dr. Van Horn and other men  
                         will be conducting seminars for pastors in  
                         Burundi and Rwanda  
Oct 11 – 29        Karen Dunkin and other  
                         women will be conducting women's  
                         seminars in Burundi and Rwanda

### **PRAY**

. . . for the ITEM Banquet. Various challenges are slowing down registrations.  
. . . for the seminars in Burundi and Rwanda. These are the first women's seminars since the re-start of the Women's Ministry.  
. . . for those of us working on a year-end fundraising strategy. We need a very strong end-of-year campaign to be strong entering 2018.

Thanks for your prayers.

By His grace,  
*The ITEM Team*