

Impact!

INTERNATIONAL TRAINING & EQUIPPING MINISTRIES

PAST, PRESENT, FUTURE

As ITEM is in a season of leadership transition, we thought it would be beneficial to use this month's IMPACT Newsletter as an opportunity to remember where ITEM has come from and to share where we are going. Dr. Steve Van Horn founded ITEM in 2003. The vision for ITEM, that was birthed in a Nairobi seminary classroom in 1998, has grown to include ongoing training in 13 African countries. By God's grace ITEM has been privileged to train thousands of African pastors.

But perhaps ITEM's greatest effectiveness has come in recent years with the development of the E-4 strategy. After years of teaching seminars, conversing with native pastors, and seeing firsthand the shallowness of much of the African church, Steve realized that the great need in Africa is transformed churches. Consequently, the E-4 (Eph 4:11-16) Strategy, which is designed to develop pastors to become examples, equippers, and Bible expositors, was birthed. This E-4 strategy has become our guiding philosophy of training and its implementation is transforming churches one pastor at a time. We are happy to report that mentoring groups (the key to transformation) are in full operation in Burundi, Liberia, Cameroon, Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania, and Rwanda.

But the crisis of untrained pastors remains. Current statistics project that 77,000 new believers are baptized daily around the world. The Global Alliance of Church Planting estimates several million new churches will be planted by the end of the decade. Essentially this means the number of pastors needing training will double by the end of the decade! Therefore, ITEM is moving forward with an ambitious plan to address this crisis.

The Lord is opening doors for ITEM. In just a few weeks we have a team headed to Zambia to begin training. In the fall of this year, we will be expanding training for the very first time beyond Africa into India! Moreover, opportunities to provide training have been extended to us from Alaska, the Philippines, Ethiopia, and several other nations. Along with ITEM's new women's and youth ministry initiatives, we are more excited than ever about our potential to impact the world.

We want to thank you our faithful and generous supporters for standing with us for the past nineteen years. Together we can make an even greater impact in the future.

Dr. Chris McMillan, ITEM VP of Development



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ITEM Impact!

| *A growing interest in our Women's Ministry* |

| *Strategic relationships developing in the area of apologetics* |

| *ITEM booklets are close to being printed and distributed in six different African languages* |

| *Doors opening in India and the Philippines* |

| *Technology packages are being delivered in Tanzania and Uganda* |

OUR PURPOSE:

Transforming churches, one pastor at a time.



remembering the **POWER** of the **resurrection**

On behalf of **International Training & Equipping Ministries**, you're invited to a live, virtual call hosted by Chris McMillan, Steve Van Horn, and Steve Kaloper. This special call during Holy Week will inspire us to remember the power of the resurrection that compels us forward.

Together we're committed to seeing the life-changing truth of the Gospel permeate every heart in Africa.

You'll hear stories from the field and a real-time update about the ways God is working!

Thursday, April 14th
11:00 AM EST | 8:00AM PST

Find the link here:
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Apologetics Update

I can remember my first trip to Africa in January of 1998. It was a first-time experience. I traveled half way around the world by myself for the first time. I was teaching cross culturally for the first time. I was teaching a Master's level class that I had created from the ground up for the first time. I'll admit, it was a huge step of faith for this cautious, no-risk-taking guy. But it turned out to be a hand-in-glove experience and a major turning point in my life. Well, friends, 24 years later, at age 74, I am looking at a similar situation.

As you know, for the past year it has been my desire to build a youth ministry as a part of ITEM using apologetics as the springboard. To that end, I've had a chance to speak three times, virtually, to a class organized by Apologetics Kenya. The first talk was "Apologetics in the Church." The last two were "New Testament Survey and Apologetics," and "Bible Interpretation and Apologetics." But now there is another huge step of faith presenting itself for me on an upcoming trip.

I will be one of three speakers at an upcoming apologetics event in Ishaka, Uganda May 2-4. The other two speakers, co-founders of Adventurous Apologetics, Ben Clifton and Kristen Davis, have apologetics degrees from Biola University and Kristen is a PhD candidate at Southern Evangelical Seminary. She is also President of "Eat Steak Not Cake" and Founder of "Doubtless Faith Ministries." Me? I'm a self-taught amateur apologist who is eager to keep learning.

My prayer is that this will be a great learning experience and a growth step towards building ITEM's youth ministry and a growing network of apologists across East Africa for now and for Africa in the future. Can you imagine the **IMPACT** this could have as we move through the twenty-first century? Will you please pray for me? I need it more than ever.

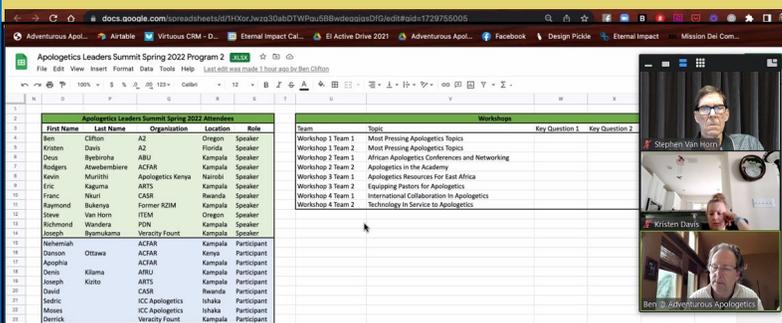
Dr. Steve Van Horn
ITEM Founder/President

On the Horizon...

- ... Steve will be visiting ITEM teams in Tanzania and Nigeria, and participating in an Apologetics Summit in Uganda (April 24-May 12)
- ... Chris will be doing seminars in Malawi and Zambia at the same time.
- ... Technology items will be delivered to our teams in Uganda and Tanzania during the coming trip

Please Pray...

- ... for Steve and Chris' health and safety while traveling
- ... for Steve as he prepares his apologetics talks
- ... for understanding of those attending seminars in Malawi and Zambia



This is a screen shot of my virtual meeting with Ben Clifton and Kristen Davis. Ben was showing us the agenda for our apologetics meetings in Uganda.

Volunteer opportunities that help ITEM advance! If you have talents in making short videos, social media management, or other gifts that would contribute to our focus on using technology to the max, please contact us and join our team! Together we can move mountains for Christ!