

## Calling Prayer Warriors

We are calling all Prayer Warriors to join us in covering this ministry in prayer! Sign up to be a part of our Prayer Team on our website [www.iteministries.org](http://www.iteministries.org) under the PRAY section. You will receive monthly updates and notifications as they arise for need of prayer.

Pray without ceasing.  
1Thessalonians 5:17

## The Transformation

In Uganda and Kenya Dr. VanHorn was able to get some testimonies from the team members. In Uganda, Noah is on the ITEM team. He Pastors a small church. This is where the Glasscocks are going to church. Jim says Noah is an excellent preacher. Noah confesses that ITEM training has changed him as a pastor. He has gone back to his village and apologized for teaching in error before he encountered ITEM. He has trained others in his church to do exposition, so the church is not dependent upon him. Because he is committed to preaching expository (verse by verse) sermons, he studies more, and his own life is being changed by the Word.

Tom, a member of the ITEM team in Kenya, is a pastor and very active missionary. He has made seven mission trips in 2019 including ministry in South Sudan, Sudan, Chad, Egypt, Tanzania, and Burundi. He does church planting and leadership training in these places using ITEM material in the training. In Muslim areas he's helped start 500 "story telling" centers (churches) that tell the story of the Bible / Jesus. He is also a part of the Kisumu Baptist Seminary as is Apollo and Denis. At the seminary they use ITEM curriculum. He is preaching through Genesis.

In the middle of the picture, in blue, is Nathan Chiroma, Steve's friend of 20 years and his righthand man in Africa. They met (L to R) Francis, Robert, and Thomas. These men were sent here by a man Steve met at a church he visited a few weeks back. They are from the southeast coast of Kenya, a region in which we are building a ministry. Robert is the chairman of a pastor's fellowship there. We discussed working with their group in July.



## Please Pray...

- ... for the travels and trainings listed above.
- ... for connections that could lead to partnerships with other like-minded organizations.
- ... for Liberia's Country Coordinator, Michael Allen, and his health as he faces amputation of his foot.
- ... for ITEM's Country Coordinators as mentoring meetings are commencing.
- ... for the development of youth programs in Rwanda and Uganda that will minister alongside the pastor training ministries.

## On the Horizon...

March 14-April 15th - Bill Williams (ITEM Associate) heads to Ghana to continue the leadership development of the ITEM Team. Then he will travel to DRC to meet with leadership and do mentoring training. He also will be preaching in 3-4 churches.

March 20-April 2nd - Dan Packer (ITEM Associate) will travel to Rwanda then onto Burundi to meet with leadership teams and lead in depth expository preaching lessons.

April 26-May 9th - Dr. Steve Van Horn will be traveling to Liberia, Madagascar, and Nigeria. In addition to meeting with leaders in each of those countries, he will also be leading a conference of up to 300 pastors in Nigeria.

**Become an ITEM Partner!** | Join us as a partner in transforming churches through pastors in Africa through education, prayer, service, and financial contribution. Our website has more details on each of these areas and Dr. Steve Van Horn's full blog, [www.iteministries.org](http://www.iteministries.org).



## ITEM Impact!

| ITEM welcomes two new team members whose primary focus is youth, one in Uganda and one in Rwanda |

| Liberia has held their first Mentoring Session with seven pastors. |

| Madagascar has held their second successful seminar in Tamatave. |

| The Burundi and Rwanda training teams have embraced the mentoring program and held trainings for multiple leaders to start mentoring in their area. |

| Nathan Chiroma was invited to speak at a student leadership conference at Kenyatta University. |

| Jane Chiroma led a successful women's seminar on biblical self-esteem with 30 ladies in Kenya. |

### OUR PURPOSE:

**Transforming churches,  
one pastor at a time.**

# Impact!

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INTERNATIONAL TRAINING & EQUIPPING MINISTRIES

## Impressive IMPACT in Africa

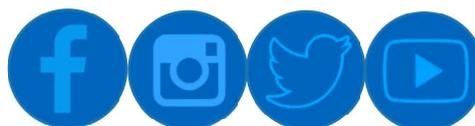
In February, Dr. Steve Van Horn returned from his latest trip to Africa. He met with our teams in six different countries. He was able to get reports from Kenya, Cameroon, Tanzania, Rwanda, Burundi, and Uganda. If you want the detailed reports check out the blog on our website [www.iteministries.org](http://www.iteministries.org) in this newsletter we will hit some of the highlights.



Steve was able to encourage the teams in Burundi and Rwanda and share the future vision of ITEM with them. The team also shared testimonies of the transformations in each of their ministries. The growth and maturity of these teams was exciting!

Here is a clip from Steve's blog: "I spent Friday morning here in Rwanda with our teams from Burundi and Rwanda. It's been two years since I've been with these teams and was quickly reminded of my feelings when I was with them two years ago. *These are outstanding teams with two outstanding coordinators.*" Steve shared with their coordinators that these men are **mature, faithful, teachable, responsive, and responsible**. Steve continued, "I spent the first hour listening to them bring me up to date on their lives and ministries. *As the stories came from each man, my heart was singing praises, and at one point I could feel tears of gratefulness forming in my eyes.*"

Adolph from Rwanda shared that years ago he was not recognized as a pastor. Then he learned about expository preaching from ITEM. He started doing it and was put in charge of a new church plant. That church grew and now some want him to be the pastor of the mother-church. He is also being asked to speak at conferences. **He attributes all of this to the ITEM training he's received.**"



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