

# Impact!

INTERNATIONAL TRAINING & EQUIPPING MINISTRIES

## REACHING BEYOND BOARDERS

Those of you that have been involved with ITEM are familiar with the name Nathan Chiroma. He has served alongside of Steve since the early days of ITEM. He is not only well known among ITEM supporters, he is also well known in the African Christian community. He is the Dean of Theology at Pan African Christian University (PAC) in Nairobi, Kenya and has connections that extend far beyond Kenya.

He is passionate about sharing the knowledge of Christ and helping his fellow believers grow in their personal relationship with the Lord and in their ministries. He has not let the pandemic slow him down.

Nathan mentors two groups of pastors who have been through the ITEM training, preparing them to become mentors to other pastors. He leads two Bible studies during the week, "Friday Bible Investigation" and "Seekers." He is ministering to the international students at PAC who have been stranded by the effects of the virus. Part of that ministry has been distributing food bought by ITEM donors. One grateful student said, "I was actually having my last meal and was wondering 'what next,' when the support came in. I am extremely grateful to God and to ITEM." Nathan has also been distributing food to the needy communities in the slums.

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On top of all of these projects, he continues to work with pastors both in person and by using Zoom. The topics have included leadership development, theological foundations of leadership, biblical qualifications for leadership, to name a few. One of the Zoom webinars that he hosts is called, "Pastor's Refresh." One recent webinar featured Dr. Steve Van Horn and ITEM Associate, Pastor Caleb Hilbert.

In June, a 21-year-old man was contemplating

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### ITEM Impact!

| Liberia wrapped up another mentoring session |

| ITEM is continuing to distribute the relief funds to all 12 country ITEM teams |

| Country Coordinators are meeting with ITEM leadership to increase their training |

| Burundi's mentoring program is going strong and meeting monthly |

#### OUR PURPOSE:

Transforming churches,  
one pastor at a time.



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## On the Horizon...

- ... Seminars and mentoring when allowed.
- ... Virtual Fundraiser Nov. 13-15th

## Please Pray...

- ... for the physical health of the ITEM teams in Africa during this pandemic
- ... for the families of our ITEM team members who have lost loved ones.
- ... for ITEM's annual fundraiser as we are going virtual
- ... for ITEM's Country Coordinators as they look for ways to continue ministering during the pandemic



Liberia held their first mentoring session in the rural area of Careysbry City August 29th



August 14, Boniface and the team in Burundi continued mentoring the pastors in Bujumbura

Hillary Wafula helping pastors know how to open churches within the government guidelines.



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suicide when he gave his life to Christ during Nathan's "Seekers" online study. Nathan has been mentoring this young man and invited him to participate in the "Pastor's Refresh" webinar in July. There he heard Steve's testimony of closing down a church, and stated, "(Steve) has really strengthened my ministry. A lot of people have told me I am a failure but now I am truly encouraged and prepared to go on." Nathan has also participated in radio and TV interviews regarding the Christian response to COVID and counsels the international students and pastors who are trying to deal with these difficult times. The questions asked most often include, "Is God responsible for the pandemic?" "If there is a God why can't he control suffering?" "Is Christianity the only way to God?"

If all of this is not enough, he is doing a pastors seminars in Kenya this month, one in Liberia in October, and has been put in charge of guiding the mentoring going on in several countries at this time.

Nathan's love for Christ drives him to go wherever needed to teach the Word of God. We are so grateful to have him on our team! Pray for him, his family and his ministry!

**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!