

## Onward Christian disciple makers!

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You might wonder, “What has happened to Ken & Deb Hall?”, since you haven’t heard from us in awhile. But we’re **pressing onward by God’s grace**, both in ministry and in our personal lives.



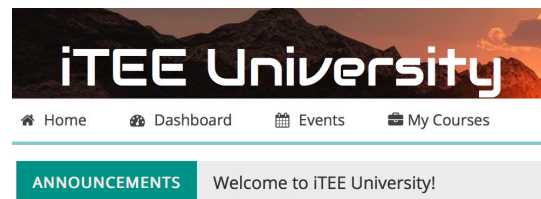
Being a follower of Christ has become unpopular in today’s secular world. But **God is still moving onward** to build his church. Here are some ways iTEE Global’s ministry is advancing discipleship among the nations:

- **For iTEE Global overall** – We are moving **steadily forward** in India, Myanmar, Mexico, and Kenya.
  - **In India**, after 3 ½ years of effort, we’re seeing multiple generations of disciple makers, and discipleship training is multiplying quickly. This week, a team of 5 iTEE facilitators has been in India training 29 pastors, who will turn around and immediately begin training a next generation. For India, this is critical in view of the recent persecution against believers in the southern part of the country (the more ‘Christian’ part of India).
  - **In Myanmar**, we have two classes – one online in English, and another in Burmese which is face to face. Already, one of the English students has started a second generation group in her church with about 15 students; two more will be starting their second generation groups this summer. A new facilitator has joined the Myanmar effort by putting the *New Life in Christ* class online in English. This class has already been translated into Burmese and is ready to be posted.
  - **In Mexico**, ministry began in Feb. 2017. There are 6 students in Mexico City who have taken the Galatians and Romans classes in Spanish. After that, our bilingual facilitator developed a short apologetics course in Spanish on “Christianity against an unbelieving world.” Now they’re asking what course they can take next.
  - **In Kenya**, the consultation in Nairobi in February was a catalyst that crystallized and strengthened the conviction among those attending that they need to actually get out and be training others as disciple makers. See the group photo below of the 14 of us who converged from Kenya, Tanzania, and the USA. The other exciting Kenya progress is that this week, **I have launched new training!** We have a class large enough for **the first-ever class of Africans only** who are in the Global Training Certification Program.
  - **PRAISE GOD** for the many ways God is working around the world, not just through iTEE Global, but in countless other ways that no single person can figure out. Even though the world is chaotic and may seem to be on the brink of catastrophe, God is still on the throne, still in control, still working, and not surprised. He holds the nations in his hands. It is He who raises them up and brings them down (Luke 1:52). He is growing His church everywhere, and nothing will stop Him (Matt. 16:18).



- **Onward with training in Kenya** – In the Nairobi consultation, we discussed issues and challenges related to multiplying disciples in East Africa. One of the attendees, a theology professor, noted how Christianity is progressing onward in Africa. Twenty years ago, it was “Christianity in Africa,” but now it has shifted to “African Christianity.” To explain: It used to be that on Sunday, people went to church and acted like Christians, but on Monday through Saturday they left Christianity in the church went on living like Africans. But now, Christians are learning to apply their faith and live it out during the week as Christians who are African. While I was there I indeed noticed how churches and individuals were really growing in their faith, wanting to live out their call as Christ-followers in their daily lives.

- **Onward with a new Learning Management System** – The old *Internet Biblical Seminary* learning system has given way to the new **iTEE University**, using **Moodle** as the learning environment. Keith was the first one to use Moodle in our training when he taught the apologetics course for the Mexico City class. I’m the first one to use Moodle for teaching in English. **PRAY** for wisdom as I launch out with the class in the new online learning system.



- **Onward, Kenyan leaders in training!**
  - Our all-Kenyan training track is the culmination of about two years of development, and it’s very encouraging to see eager and zealous students hungry to be discipled. Look at them! Regina is a single mom who has raised two children and become a businesswoman. Because she had no husband to support her, others kept telling her, “You’ll never make it!” But she was determined to succeed. She has done it through the grace of Christ, but feels inadequate in her testimony and Bible knowledge. She wants to learn Bible so she can be a better witness and influence others for Christ.
  - As we begin new training, we frequently see spiritual opposition against both students and their facilitators, because the evil one does not want this training to go on. **PRAY** the class will be diligent in their new training, and that both they and I will stand firm against the schemes of the devil.



*some of our Kenyan students*

- **Onward in my own life as a facilitator / training developer** – I have felt out of my element in recent months, being the lead man developing and arranging consultations and meetings in Africa, and now organizing and launching a new training track in a new learning management system at a new online school! I feel like a bird pushed out of the nest; I’m no longer shadowing another. But I see great things happening. Surely this is God’s hand at work; it’s not from my own wisdom and skill, that’s for sure.
- **Family advancements**
  - **Anna will move onward** as she graduates from Berea College (Kentucky) on May 6 with a BSN in nursing. Deb and I are spending much of May in Kentucky and other states in the Southeast for vacation, visiting our kids, and visiting friends and support team in South Carolina and Kentucky. **PRAY** for Anna to persevere well in her last 3 weeks of college. **PRAY** for wisdom as she seeks a job and a place to live, which will soon be an urgent need. If you have any connections in Kentucky that might help Anna with housing, please contact us! As you pray for Anna, **PRAY** for us as we travel. We desire God to use this trip to clarify and confirm His plans for us at this time.
  - **Benjamin** is now in **Special Forces** in the Army. In January, he and 133 others passed a grueling, 23-day testing period in which they were evaluated for physical endurance, land navigation skills, and team building competency. Woohoo! After a transition period from his previous Army assignment to this one,

he has started the official class training. **PRAY** he'll be strong spiritually, that he'll honor God in all areas of his new training, and that he and Rachael will adjust well in this time of transition.

- **Jason** continues to face a challenging housemate situation. **PRAY** that he'll have wisdom in his relationships with the three other guys in the house.
- **Deb** keeps **moving onward** with new pregnancy patients at Zoe Care. She advocates for them and has opportunities to share both the love of Christ and the gospel with them.

Thanks so much for your prayers and loving support  
as we press onward for Christ,

Ken + Deb ☺



*Rob will be helping me facilitate  
in May while I'm traveling.*

**P.S. Link to my and Simeon's ITEE Global video reports**

- A number of us at iTEE Global now have video reports presenting our iTEE Global work. Simeon's is especially stirring. (He's our on-the-ground Kenya coordinator). Here are the links to Simeon's video (click [here](#)) and mine (click [here](#)). *(Technical note: When the video player opens using for these links, the sound may be 'off' by default. If so, just click the microphone icon near the play button to get the sound.)*

**P.P.S. Our financial status:** If you would like to help with upcoming ministry and travel expenses, click [here](#) (<http://iteeg.org/donate.html>) and designate your gift for "K Hall travel & ministry." Our needs include our support team trip to SC and the cost of attending the upcoming iTEE conference in early fall.

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