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EGI - MAY 2008 UPDATE



This is a new and exciting way of communicating with you. Hopefully, this will be easy for you to use and encouraging. God has been at work with and through EGI. We wanted to take this opportunity to let you know some of the exciting news and opportunities we have had. Read on and enjoy our Journey to the Nations. Please feel free to forward this to any of your friends, because if you like it they are bound to like it.

*Joe & Jo Hughes
On behalf of EGI*

Mission Statement

EGI exists to provide user-friendly training and materials to the under-resourced parts of the Body of Christ so that God's people are equipped to be fully functioning followers and servants of Christ.

Volunteer Opportunities

We can always use volunteers to help accomplish the following:

- Office / Administrative
- Communications
- Website / Newsletters
- Prayer partners

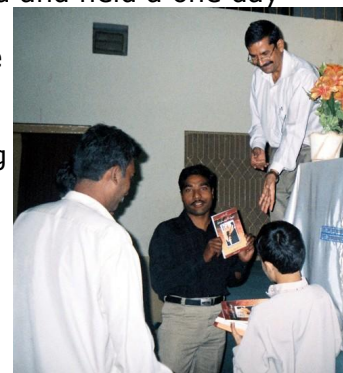
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Pakistan - January 2008

EGI's Getting Equipped™ Series is currently being taught in Pakistan. "Peter" who attended training on the Facilitator's Guide in Dallas May 2006, took the training to Pakistan in December that year where he trained 120 people. Tariq, a leader who was trained then by Peter continued to do small training sessions in churches in 2007. This January Peter returned and held a one day seminar doing the training of EGI's Facilitator's Guide where he had 500 who participated. He is currently there and has opportunities to do more training as funds become available. How timely is this training in this region? Only God knows what a difference it can make in this country.



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We appreciate your willingness to partner with us to further God's Kingdom throughout unreached areas of our world. Your giving can make a difference!

INDIA

Titus Mathew, EGI Board of Directors, began to develop and established partner organizations to work with EGI and the Getting Equipped Series in India.

- Gujarati translation of the *Facilitator's Guide* Finished
- Marthathi translation being worked

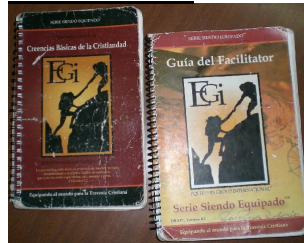
PHILIPPINES/MYANMAR

Trey McAlister, EGI Board of Directors, explored the tremendous opportunities of the Asian region on a recent trip, ranging from church planting, leadership training, through out all the above nations.

MEXICO

Joe & Jo Hughes, EGI Founders just returned from a trip to Ciudad Victoria. They met with Paul & Priscilla Lewis and their very exciting youth ministry, Mexico Youth for Christ, www.jxc.org.mx that has a strong discipleship program and 17 ministries, 43 cell groups and a TV program that airs 5 days a week in 120 nations. They will start using EGI's materials in their ministry, as well as using them in his father's, Ercel, church of 500 for doing discipleship training.

NICARAGUA



When we were in Nicaragua we discovered that the manuals we had taught there had become well worn from using them so much. See story below.

Nicaragua - February 2008

EGI returned to Nicaragua in conjunction with Fred Kornis and Tony Reyes of Heartland International Ministries (HIM) of Kansas City. Fred and Tony have been ministering to and loving these pastors for over 13 years. Tony, a retired businessman, was our interpreter. Because he is such a fine father figure to these pastors, ministry to them was well received as they realized he loves and cares for them. (In fact, during his translating, Tony would often tell Joe to sit down while he taught some "fatherly" advice. Then the translation would pick up again.)

EGI & HIM held the first Seminar in August 2006 working with 23 local pastors. These same pastors returned in February, 2008 - 18 months later - for the second seminar. During this time they faced many trials. The first day became a time of not only teaching, but also of healing ministry and it allowed time for the Holy Spirit to move on their hearts. By the end of the first day, Joe asked them: "What is the vision of this group?"



He instructed them to "Get together, discuss, pray and seek the Lord for what He wants you to do."

The next morning, there was a wonderful spirit of unity and joy. They had worked together late into the night to create a document outlining their vision and steps to accomplish it in their local churches. They presented this document to Joe, Fred and Tony stating their commitment to reach their cities and communities. Every pastor had signed this document to show that each one was committed to this vision.



There were many times of discussion, interaction and sharing of how the Lord had helped them build their churches through the discipleship concepts taught in the EGI materials given to them in August 2006.

One success report was from a young pastor who had started the EGI Training System with 13 disciples. **The result was his church had grown 70%.** This of course inspired others to want to start discipleship in their churches. Success is

contagious!!

ABOVE: Luis, Aciben President, is shaking hands with Joe after presenting their paper to Joe, Tony & Fred.

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