

MINISTRY NAME: International Training & Equipping Ministries (ITEM)

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BACKGROUND:

- Over \$1 trillion in aid in the past 60 years **BUT** twice as many are living on less than \$1/day than there were 60 years ago, which demonstrates that Africa's needs go beyond just economic and humanitarian aid
- Almost half of Africa's population claims to be Christian **BUT** many still practice their traditional religions
- Churches are popping up everywhere **BUT** 90% of them are being led by biblically illiterate pastors
- **THE RESULT:** Spiritual chaos, every pastor does what is right in his own eyes, false teachers blanket the landscape and are taking advantage of the lack of Bible knowledge to steal from the already poor population

MINISTRY OVERVIEW:

- Africa needs equipped, biblically literate pastors to bring the church to maturity, which will transform society
- ITEM is contending earnestly for the faith (Jude 3) by conducting 3-5 day basic Bible and theology seminars
- ITEM equips pastors and church leaders with biblical and theological principles that deal with their ministries and life in general
- ITEM calls their attention to the false teaching that they see on TV and hear from many pulpits
- ITEM provides each attendee with 80 pages of detailed notes to be used in their ongoing study of the Bible
- ITEM is active in seven countries on the continent of Africa and has had seminars in nine

HOW YOU CAN BE INVOLVED:

- Share the teaching load with us. There are more opportunities than we can respond to. We will prepare you.
- Help recruit teachers by learning more about the spiritual chaos in Africa and sharing it with others. We will help.
- Introduce us to others who share our passion for the Word of God and are burdened by the way the Bible is being used to steal from untaught, naïve and trusting Christians and seekers, who might help us train pastors.