

# ETeamGlobal Newsletter

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## A New Era of Revival on the Horizon?

As we approach the halfway point of 2023, we are so grateful for what God has done through this ministry in the first five months of the year. And we are eager for what's to come this Summer and through the end of the year. **All praise, honor, and glory be to God!**

In addition to our ongoing Forum programs in Africa and Europe, ETeamGlobal is participating in three significant evangelical events that promise to have lasting impacts on lives around the world!

- **Amsterdam 2023**—An international conference of evangelists from around the world gathers in June to discuss and plan a global initiative to share the Gospel with every single person over the next ten years! We have details for you below.
- **Lausanne 2024**—This is a signature event for the Christian community and members of ETeamGlobal are playing an active role in this gathering set for South Korea in September 2024. We'll have more information on this for you later this year!
- **Peace in Jos**—This postponed evangelist outreach has been rescheduled for November and seeks to bring the Gospel to the neighborhoods of Jos' more than 1 million residents! We have an update on this major event for ETeamGlobal and our partners in this newsletter!

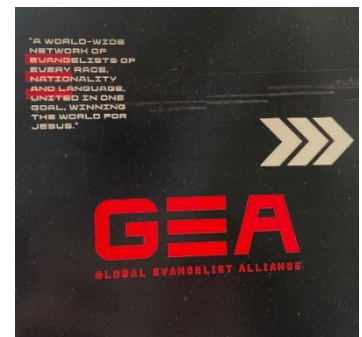
We are also excited to share with you what the Lord has enabled ETeamGlobal to accomplish through **your** prayers and support. Two teams have returned from missions to Nigeria, Spain, and Slovakia, and the 2021 *Something More Family Festival* in Eatonville, Washington continues to have an impact 2½ years later!

## Amsterdam 2023: Launching A New Era of Evangelism

Could Amsterdam be the place we all point to several years from now and say, "That's where it started!"?

Next month, ETeamGlobal Exec. Dir. Chris Kingston, and Strategic Dir. Mike Parker travel to Amsterdam for the International Evangelism Conference hosted by the Global Evangelism Association. From June 19<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup>, thousands of evangelists from around the world will gather.

Our team is excited and looking forward to being in Amsterdam for this international event. Chris and Mike will go to collaborate, network, learn, and share about ETeamGlobal with evangelists and pastors from around the world.



ETeamGlobal friend and partner, Dr. Roman Baranowski, is expected to join our team in Amsterdam for this event along with a member of his home church. Our prayer is that several of the younger evangelists from central Europe participating in the Forum training sessions, held jointly by ETeamGlobal and the European Evangelists Coalition, will also be able to attend the conference.

**The Goal of this conference is “A decade of Evangelism for everyone”--for everyone on earth in the next 10 years to hear the gospel.** All attendees will seek the LORD together in a unified, strategic effort to discuss, plan, and brainstorm ways to achieve this goal!

We believe God is opening doors for ETeamGlobal and our ministry partners with this conference, and we look forward to sharing with you next month where God is leading us and the other attendees.

ETeamGlobal has served in 30 countries and, as you know, God has really opened up Spain and Slovakia/Central Europe for us **to be equipping the next generation of evangelists for a season of ministry currently.** This is very strategic, and God is opening a door for ETG to be there.

## **Peace in Jos Moves Forward**

### **Peace continues to elude Jos**

Originally, for this edition of our newsletter, we had planned to share with you a recap of **Peace in Jos**, an evangelistic event that sought to reach all of the more than one million residents of that Nigerian city. God had other plans and as you might recall, in concert with our ministry partners in Nigeria, it was decided, for various reasons, to postpone the event until November.



But Tim Robnett and Mike Parker did travel to Nigeria in May, to teach classes for the latest Forum for Evangelist session, as well as meet with the leaders and planning committees for **Peace in Jos**.

You'll find a recap of the latest round of Forum classes and a reunion of 100 Forum graduates in this newsletter.

As for **Peace in Jos**, Tim and Mike returned to the US with their hearts filled with admiration for these faithful and bold followers of Jesus Christ. In particular, Nuhu Dauda and his team at *New Life for All* (NLFA). NLFA is an evangelistic ministry given to preaching the gospel and training the church in the work of evangelism. They are a hardy, determined band of brothers and sisters with an undying passion for Christ and His message of salvation.

Tim and Mike worked alongside the NLFA staff to conduct pastor information sessions in each of the 12 zones comprising **Peace in Jos**. Breaking up into two teams, Tim, and Mike, along with their NLFA partners traveled across the city to meet with the local planning committees. Just getting to these meetings was a challenge, as Jos is spread across a large area and the cross-city trip can take up to an hour of hard driving.

But it was fruitful work! *"I was blessed and encouraged as I had the privilege to address 6 groups of pastors,"* reported Tim, adding *"I always love the opportunity to speak to pastors regarding mobilizing their church for a season of evangelism. I was energized to address these brothers and cast a vision of souls coming to our Savior."*



*Tim and one of 12 local Peace in Jos planning committees*

This effort to capture the attention and commitment of local church pastors is essential to any area wide effort at united evangelism. Tim and Mike were well received and believe another spark to guide the way was struck.

The need for **Peace in Jos** has not changed. There are continued attacks on the villages surrounding Jos by Fulani herdsman.

Since Tim and Mike returned from Nigeria on May 15<sup>th</sup>, some 23 villages around Jos have been attacked and more than 200 people killed. Over 1000 homes have been destroyed, with more than 3000 people fleeing to displacement camps.

The ongoing violence continues to unsettle the people of Jos as the persistence of these aggressors cultivates an atmosphere of fear and uncertainty. We will continue to monitor the situation and press forward as we can to proclaim peace in Jos through our Lord Jesus Christ as HIS reign in the hearts and minds of HIS people.

**Please pray for the Lord’s direction and provision as we move in obedience to the Lord’s command “go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation” (Mark 15:16).**



*Mike meets with another local planning committee.*

## **10 Years of Excellence in Training!**

June marks the start of a new academic school year for ETeamGlobal-sponsored students enrolled in the Evangelism advanced degree program at Multnomah University (Portland, Ore.). This also marks the 10<sup>th</sup> year of ETeamGlobal’s *Excellence in Training* program for international-based evangelists and aspiring evangelists. This academic year, **five international students are receiving scholarships through the Excellence in Training program**, seeking Master’s or DMin degrees at Mult. Univ. Over the past 10 years, ETeamGlobal has, through your support, paid approximately \$300,000 in tuition for international evangelists. We are seeking to raise \$45,000 to help cover the tuition costs of the five students currently enrolled in the program. If you would like to support these students, please click [here](#), to give online. Please pray too, for these students as they embark on a new year of intensive course work, research, and writing, lots and lots of writing!



## **Nigeria Students Nearing Graduation European Counterparts Halfway through 2-Year Program**

As excited as we are about what’s to come, we also want to share with you what God’s done through this ministry over the past couple of months as well!!

Earlier this year, Chris Kingston and Tim Robnett traveled to Slovakia and Spain for Forum for Evangelist classes in both countries. Students in these classes are approximately mid-way through their 2-year commitment to this training program.

For the sessions completed in early Spring, 46 evangelists and pastors from 12 countries participated in the one-week sessions: one in Slovakia and the other in Spain. In addition to the more than 54 hours of classroom time, both Forum classes participated in outreach ministry activities.

In Slovakia, Chris and Tim partnered up with Forum participants for some street ministry, sharing the Gospel with people they met in and around a shopping mall in Nitra. Chris and Peter (a Forum student from Budapest), had a great conversation with two women about making a decision to fully walk with Jesus in a friendship, while Tim and Pavle Cekov, our ministry partner from the European Evangelists Coalition, led one of the men they met to Christ! PTL!



*Slovakia Forum Students with Tim & Chris*

### FROM SLOVAKIA, CHRIS, TIM, AND OUR EEC PARTNERS HEADED TO JEREZ, SPAIN

Students in that Forum represent six countries, including Spain, Morocco, Brazil, and Costa Rica, as well as the Roma people group.



*Slovakia Street Ministry*



*Spain Forum Students with Tim & Chris*

Like Slovakia, the time in Spain was busy but well spent. Besides teaching at the Forum sessions, Tim and Chris also participated in a **Pastor Appreciation Dinner for 15 pastors and their spouses**. Many of the pastors attending the dinner partnered with ETeamGlobal for the Jerez Festival in 2019.

There was also a **Married Couples dinner outreach** that attracted more than 60 people, with 23 asking for home visits by local pastors!

Another 60 people attended a Refugee Outreach evangelical event held just outside Jerez. Most of the refugees came from Ukraine but there were others who came from Venezuela, Peru, Colombia, and Nigeria. It was a very encouraging time as the Gospel message was translated into three languages. A young couple from Venezuela travelled thousands of miles, ending up at this 'picnic,' hearing the Gospel and accepting Christ into their hearts. An amazing God indeed!



*Jerez Married Couples Dinner*

Tim, Chris and Roman Baranowski also had the opportunity to preach at four local churches during their two weeks in Europe!



*Roman Baranowski Shares Gospel Message in Russian at Refugee Outreach*

**All the praise, honor, and glory go to Jesus!**

## Forum Students Overcome Turmoil, Move a Step Closer to Graduation

May came with two unexpected turns of events—We had planned to have the *Peace in Jos* but didn't, and we did not plan to have Forum classes—but did!

When Tim and Mike decided to travel to Nigeria in May to meet with the ministry partners and discuss the postponement of *Peace in Jos*, it was also decided to conduct the next round of classes for the 6<sup>th</sup> Forum for Nigeria Evangelists. With very short notice, almost all of the students came together from across Nigeria for a week of classes in Jos.

The focus for this forum session was “The Evangelist as Equipper.” Some of the class topics were ‘*How evangelists train the local church to do evangelism*’, ‘*Pray evangelistically*’, and ‘*How to do personal evangelism*’. Forum 2 graduate, Rev. Peter Wash, taught as well, leading classes on counseling and follow-up discipleship materials. The classes resonated with several of the students who now plan to invite Peter to teach these classes at their home churches.

The students of Forum 6 have one final week of class-intensives coming this September before they graduate. The next Forum 6 subject will be “The Evangelist as Apologist.”



### SAVE THE DATE

Though we're just starting Summer, we would like you to take a look to the Fall and save Sept. 30<sup>th</sup> on your calendar for ETeamGlobal's anniversary lunch! We will share additional details later this Summer, but please save the date for Fun, Fellowship and Food!

**When:** Sept. 30, 2023

**Time:** 11:00 a.m.

**Where:** Embassy Suites Hotel, Tigard, Ore.  
(Same location as last year!)

### ETG PRAYER NEEDS

Your prayers have always been an important aspect of our ministry and we are grateful for them.

Included with this newsletter is an update to our Prayer Calendar, and as you pray, please pray for our pastor partners in Eatonville, Wash. Four and a half years after teaming up with them for the ‘*Something More Family Festival*’ in 2021, ETeamGlobal continues to work with and support the pastors of these seven different churches in and around the Mt. Rainier community.

Earlier in May, Chris Kingston was back in Eatonville, supporting and co-leading a *Concert of Prayer* with these Pastors and their church communities. More than 120 people came out to pray for their community. We are grateful for this special relationship with these pastors and their church families as it continues to bear fruit!



If you would like to pray for your family and your community with a group of global prayer warriors, **you are invited to join ETeamGlobal's twice a day prayer calls on Zoom.** They are held at 9:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. PDT. You can drop in any time during the call and stay for however long your schedule allows. On these calls you'll be able to share and pray with brothers and sisters in Christ from across Europe, Africa, Australia, and the US!

To join us, contact us at [info@eteamglobal.org](mailto:info@eteamglobal.org) or go to [www.zoom.com](http://www.zoom.com), click on “Join” in the upper left, and, when prompted, enter:

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## MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS' DINNER

Forum sessions usually include an outreach event that allows us to model a type of evangelism for the students. For this session, we held an affinity dinner for doctors and nurses. Just over 100 people attended, with several Christian doctors and nurses bringing their unsaved peers, many of whom were Muslim.

A couple of Forum students shared personal testimonies of Jesus healing them and Mike gave a Gospel message focused on "The Great Disease and the Great Physician". He spoke on Creation, the Fall, Sin and Death, and what Jesus did to restore us to God.



*Mike and Tim at Affinity Event*

Of the 101 who attended, we calculated that about 30 were non-believers. Amazingly, 10 repented and professed Christ in faith and belief, including several Muslims! In addition, 38 prayed to rededicate themselves to the Lord.

Pray for the new believers as they are discipled by our partners in Jos. Especially pray for the Muslims who responded. Accepting Christ can often lead to violence for the new believer or result in them being removed from their home.

## REUNION TIME

One of the special moments for the Forum for Evangelist program in Nigeria is the reunion of Forum graduates. About 160 have graduated from the Forum program over the past 12 years and more than 100 attended the Forum reunion held while Mike and Tim were in Jos.



*Tim & Mike with some of the 160 students who have graduated from the Forum for Evangelists program in Nigeria!*

During the reunion, the graduates met with their former Forum cohorts, got caught up, shared with each other about their respective ministries, and then reported back to the larger group. Several are training their local churches or denominational schools in evangelism while at least four others have launched Forum-like training programs back in their home states!

**This kind of grass roots growth of the Forum concept was made possible by your prayers and support!** It is so wonderful to see the Lord multiplying the training of evangelists across Nigeria!

**WE PRAISE GOD FOR A GREAT COUPLE OF WEEKS AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

