



ESCALE Quarterly Update Report

July, August and September 2024

Belo Horizonte, Brazil, 30th September 2024.

Dear Friends,

As we enter the month of October, it is with deep gratitude and great pleasure that I look back on what God has accomplished through this ministry over the past three months. Our unwavering goal at ESCALE is to preach the gospel boldly to the lost and to strengthen believers in their faith as they cling to the truth of God's Word. As each door opens, this is our constant prayer for this ministry. Let me take a few moments to tell you about the months of July, August, and September, and all that the Lord has done.

The main training activities of the last 3 months

- Meeting with local pastors to discuss and improve our preaching gift together.
- Training a group of about 20 pastors and grassroots leaders in our hometown – men and women of varying educational backgrounds.
- Holding a one-hour online meeting with some pastors and leaders whenever possible for prayer and mutual encouragement.
- Reading, writing, recording lessons and editing them, as well as translating material from English to Portuguese.
- At the end of June, Marcia and I had the pleasure of attending EMA Preaching Conference in London and we also visited some friends and churches in the UK. The Conference was very encouraging, with great speakers who preached and taught the Word of God with wisdom and authority. Nelson was able to participate in the panel discussion on 'persevering in the ministry' and spoke about our experience leading ESCALE since 2004 – how the Lord has been gracious to this ministry during these years. Seeing friends, talking to leaders who work hard in the fields of the Lord, learning and strengthening each other was an indescribable privilege.
- On the way back to Brazil, we stopped in Porto, Portugal, to encourage some Brazilian ESCALE alumni who live and minister in Portugal.
- Finally, when we arrived back in Brazil, we both caught a bad cold and were out for a few days. Marcia was fine within a week or two. Nelson had 3 separate bouts of the flu, the first two of which were treated with antibiotics, but it kept coming back. After a variety of health exams, lots of fatigue, body aches, runny nose, doctor visits, and intensive treatment, he finally made a full recovery – praise God!

Other activities of the last 3 months

- We continue to maintain communication with pastors and leaders via WhatsApp, emails, and phone calls to encourage, as well as to bring help to those who live in needy regions.
- Ministering to our extended families (90-year-old mother and 92-year-old father) and 12 biological brothers and sisters with their families (over 60 in total), as well as Márcia's family (86-year-old mother, plus 10 brothers and sisters with their families).
- Nelson was able to visit some friends in Campo Grande city and in a little town called Ribas do Rio Pardo, both within 730 miles away from Belo Horizonte, our home city.

Feedback from students from the last 3 months.

I have made effort to visit churches pastored by former ESCALE students to encourage them. It has been a joy to witness the healthy growth of these churches. A number of these pastors are planting daughter churches in their region. They always testify about the difference ESCALE made to their ministry.

How many people have we trained in the last 3 months?

We continued training 20 pastors and young leaders in Belo Horizonte, which last until the end of July. We are already in conversation with a group of leaders to offer them the training.

What geographic regions have we worked in over the last 3 months?

We visited and ministered in Ribas do Rio Pardo, South Mato Grosso State; Contagem, Minas Gerais State (Life Church, Pastor Evandro and Sinara). In addition to ministering in different churches in the greater Belo Horizonte area, we are also training a group of leaders in this city. Thus, in these last three months we have covered a total of more than 800 miles.

Our top 3 challenges for the next 3 months

- i) Given the fact that Life Church in Contagem has postponed the starting of ESCALE course there, we are planning to begin training pastors and leaders in a rural area close to Betim, Minas Gerais State.
- ii) Record and edit ESCALE training classes – hope to make available our first set of 9 class on Biblical Theology of Mission very soon.
- iii) Start conversations with a group of pastors in the Vespasiano town region for training in Expository Preaching.

Our prayer requests for the next 3 months.

- 1. Thank God for His wonderful provision for our ministry and for all that has been done in the last 3 months by His amazing grace.
- 2. Pray that God will give us strength to deal with all the post-pandemic changes, wisdom to find new strategies for the work, and that He will help us to stay focused on this ministry.
- 3. Pray for joy and perseverance to continue recording ESCALE classes, as well as for us to have time to relax and enjoy free time as a family.

I know I've said this many times, but I continue to be incredibly grateful for each of you and the role you play in this ministry. Whether it's supporting us in prayer, encouragement, or finances, we can do the work we do through your partnership with us. God truly uses each of you to advance His Kingdom, and we are humbled to be the vessel used in that process. Thank you for your commitment to the Lord and the Truth.

"Teach me the way of Your statutes, Lord, and I shall comply with it to the end. Give me understanding, so that I may comply with Your Law, and keep it with all my heart." (Psalm 119:33-34).

We pray the Lord bless and keep each one of you in His mighty hands,



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