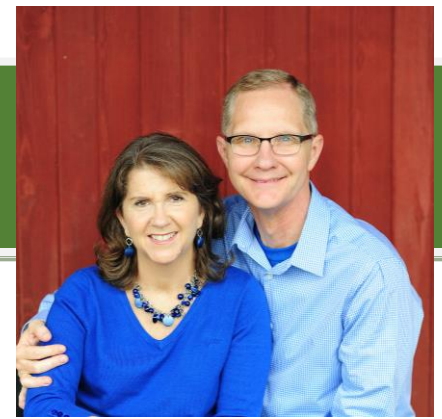


Multiplying Leaders

Gil and Denise Thomas



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Dear Praying Friends,

Thank you so much for praying for our recent ministry trips. In Colombia, I (Gil) was able to teach EMC 2 (Essential Mission Components) to a team of 12 missionaries. They were appreciative of the training because the subject matter was especially applicable to the team at this time. They believed it helped them to prepare and strategize for the upcoming years as they seek to expand their ministry. It was a casual setting, but the team worked hard and learned a lot.



From Colombia, I flew into Newark, NJ, Denise brought me clean clothes, and we flew on to Portugal. That trip far exceeded my expectations. God blessed amazingly, starting with two great services on the first Sunday—one in a church whose pastor trusted Christ in our first ministry and one in our last church plant there in Portugal. We were privileged to participate in a baby dedication and a baptism, too. (See below.)

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But after a great Sunday, we had a great week. Thirty-four people from 3 churches participated in the Good Soil training each week night from 7:30 to 10:30. We finished up the training on Saturday morning from 9:00 to Noon. How's that for a week of training? These folks went to work from 9:00 am to 7:00 pm or so during the day and then came to the training at night—and they were faithful right to the end. We talked to several who had evangelistic Bible studies appointments made before they finished the training!



We also had the privilege of meeting with 8 pastors and their wives during the week and talk about Good Soil ministry. The trainees and the pastors are all excited about moving forward with more training, adaptation, and translation of Good Soil resources, and bringing The Roots to Faith to Portugal as well. Pray with us as we help them get the materials they need into Portuguese and help them train others in Portugal and Spain in the future. How exciting it was to be part of an international team (see photo in the middle of missionaries to Brazil, a Brazilian, and Gil who were the teaching team), to launch a project that could help reach Portugal and Spain . . . and beyond for Christ!

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