



Equipping pastors to abide in and feed their congregations from God's Word.

As this year has begun to unfold, we are excited to see the ways that God is taking hold of people's hearts as they spend time in the Word of God.

This month, several of our facilitators shared testimonies from the pastors who have completed the Romans Challenge. May you be encouraged by seeing the work God is accomplishing across Africa.

Zinga shared the testimony of Pastor Mubiana, a Zambian pastor who completed the Romans Challenge and has been continuing to study Romans by listening to Pastor Scott's sermons provided on the Mp3 player. He said, "The discipline of reading the Gospel through Romans and listening to it through the Mp3 player has really helped me to have a more steadfast and Biblical approach as I lead my congregation. 1 Peter has also helped me as a shepherd to handle suffering in a Godly manner."

It is our heart through RP that the study of Romans would establish pastors in the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and that the

transformation that happens in their life would build in them a desire to continue studying the Word of God. It is amazing to hear the ways that this transformation is happening in the lives of pastors.

Pray that God will continue to give wisdom to Pastor Mubiana as he studies the Word of God and shepherds his congregation. Pray that through his ministry, his congregation will be inspired to spend time reading and meditating on Scripture as well.

Mr. Paré, a current student at a Theological Seminary in Burkina Faso, found this exercise of reading Romans 20x and writing it out by hand to be helpful in understanding the Gospel of grace.

He said, "At the beginning of the reading, I seemed to be doing an intellectual exercise. As I progressed in the reading, I felt the action of the Holy Spirit in me. I felt the presence of God as I read. I discovered my own weaknesses which I confessed to God, and I understood that salvation comes through grace."



*Praise God for the transforming work Mr. Paré saw take place in his life through the Romans Challenge. Pray for the facilitators as they faithfully work to reach pastors and church leaders in their countries.*

Thirteen pastors completed the Romans Challenge in Sierra Leone this past month. One of them shared that his congregation has begun reading and abiding in Scripture as a result of his completing the challenge.

They have been blessed by doing the Abide Challenge together as a group of fellow believers that are able to hold one another accountable. The pastor said he had not previously understood the importance of Scripture to the life of every believer, but now he praises God for the way he and others in his church are being blessed by Scripture.