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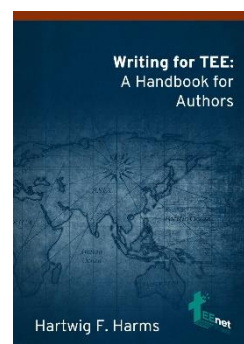
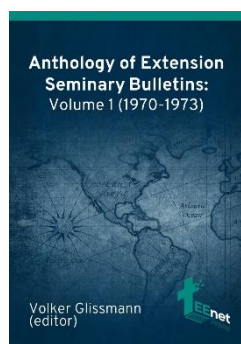
When God fuses side projects into something new

I am nerdily interested in the extension of all forms of theological education. We describe the idea as theological education for everyone-everywhere (and yes, it is an abbreviation for TEE!). Over the last few months, several of my disjointed side projects have been finding a new home. Years ago, I started collecting a Guatemalan newsletter from where TEE started. A few months ago, a book project challenged me to start a small independent publisher for TEE material. A discussion with a friend prompted us to start a TEE network to promote, research and develop TEE further. We started a website to serve and support the global TEE movement.



We are not doing this alone but with others who are interested. That week, I received two emails from two different people in the Philippines who are involved in TEE and who reached out to us. We had a special concern that many TEE practitioners, who often work in remote places worldwide, don't have access to books, even books about TEE. This prompted us to think about open publishing and e-books. A few months ago, I reached out to a former missionary to Ethiopia who had been involved in TEE (theological extension education) since the 1970s. He had told me he had written a book on course writing for TEE. He had planned to publish it in Ethiopia. In the end, his Ethiopian project fell apart, and now we publish the book together.

Then, someone reached out to donate a whole set of TEE courses to us so that they could continue to be used. We are currently preparing the courses to be published on the website. Two months ago, I talked to someone with vast experience in theological training, especially those with low education. At the end of the meeting, we decided to write a course together that will be globally available through our new network (one of the appeals for collaboration was that we have a platform to share these courses globally). Additionally, we have consolidated the input for the course from several people who work in different African countries.



God continues to surprise me greatly by opening doors where there were no visible doors previously. God even opened doors where I did not even know that doors could be. God connects all these loose ideas into a new something. Then, God brings people together to donate material, advise, and join collaborative writing projects for new courses. God is doing something here. It is humbling how God suddenly arranged all of this and how the individual was so prepared and eager to be part of what we do. God shows that he is our co-editor and co-publisher. He is the key organiser, and we just marvel at how things develop.

Prayer Points

- Give thanks to God for prompting small initial projects and then pulling them together into a large side project.
- Pray for us as we overcome technical challenges to make these projects work.
- Pray for wisdom as we start being approached about other projects in other nations.