



Training pastors from Genesis in Delhi

## Equipping Pastors Globally

To Study and Preach God's Word Well

December 1, 2016

*"Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth." – 2 Tim. 2:15*

### Dear family and friends,

May this holiday season find your heart full of **gratitude to our Lord** for His presence in your life and the tremendous work He is doing globally in growing His kingdom. We are blessed to be a part of His activity, and hope you feel the same way.

The last couple months I've done trainings in **Delhi, India** and in **Lusaka, Zambia** – two very different locations but both with profound needs for training pastors to handle God's Word well. For more on Delhi, including pastors' testimonies & videos showing "five-sensory overload," [CLICK HERE](#).



In Zambia, I met last week with the director of the Evangelical Fellowship of Zambia, the largest Christian organization in the country representing many thousands of pastors and churches. **Bishop Pukuta Mwanza** told me, *"Training in exegetical, hermeneutical Bible study skills is exactly what is most needed throughout the country of Zambia!"* This is precisely the training we offer! In fact, he said that in order to combat the rampant false

teaching pervasive in the church, the government is moving toward passing a law requiring all pastors nationwide to show proof of some formal training. This means that **over 90% of churches will be forced to close their doors!** But he said our training is the perfect solution, and he is eager to work with us in forming a plan to take Pathways Bible Training throughout the country. To learn more about this work, [CLICK HERE](#).



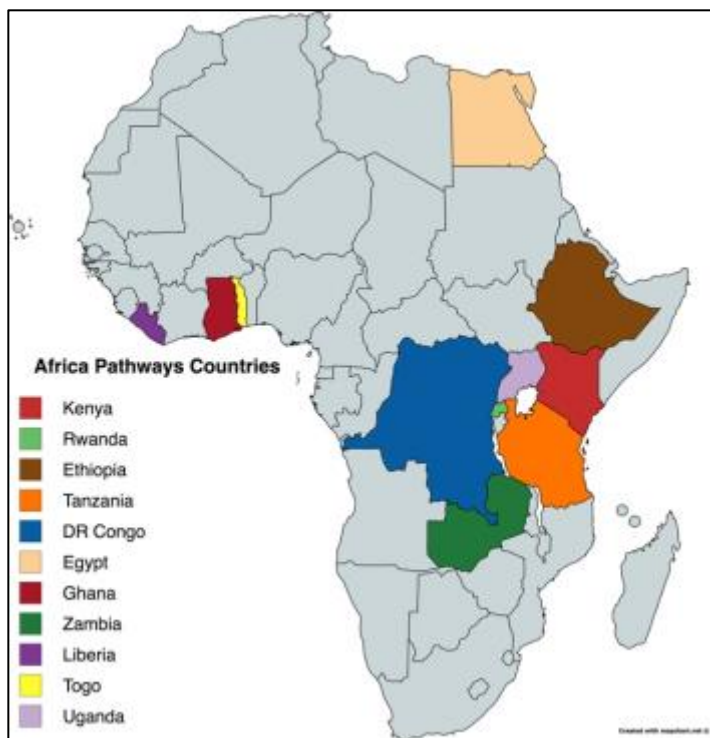
Training pastors in Lusaka, Zambia

**Studies** - In addition to global and stateside trainings, I've been taking **two doctoral courses** this fall (Spiritual Warfare and Intercultural Leadership), and will be taking **two more courses** in the winter (Learning the Bible Story and Culture & Transformation). The workload is heavy, with thousands of pages to read, papers to write, projects to prepare, etc. But it's all worth it (I think) as I'm growing in many areas toward becoming **more effective in my work**, and helping our team think through important issues.



**Family Update** – Holly and the kids are well, for the most part. Holly and Alyssa still struggle daily with low energy, feeling sick, toxicity and parasites in organs, etc. Unfortunately, their conditions are not "quick fixes," so we will continue on the journey. Thank you for your prayers.

**2016 Year-End Report** – I have completed my 2016 **ministry report**, and it is available for you to view - [CLICK HERE](#). This year has shown significant **growth** in Pathways Bible Training in Africa, but we've also experienced many **challenges**. The political situation in Ethiopia and DR Congo is tense and unstable, affecting our forward progress. The Tanzania network graduated last spring, and the Rwanda network is graduating in January 2017, praise God! We are working toward launching **six new networks** in 2017! African pastors continue to have significant economic challenges, and so we try to help them financially as we are able. God's grace is sufficient, and we trust Him and press on.



**Money Matters** - We are so deeply grateful to you for your **sacrificial giving** and **vital partnership** with us toward seeing pastors trained globally. As the end of the year draws near, if you are able to send in a **final 2016 extra contribution** for our ministry expenses, which includes help for needy African pastors, we and our partners in Africa would truly be blessed. To contribute, [CLICK HERE](#).

At any time, **I'm happy to connect with you** in order to:

1. Listen to and pray for issues you are facing in your life.
2. Share more in detail about our work and opportunities in Africa.
3. Answer any questions you may have.
4. Communicate with those you know who may be interested in partnering with us.

### Communication

While I will continue writing occasional blogs on our website, Holly and I are considering adjusting our social media involvement, perhaps including diving into the world of **Facebook** to connect better with a diverse group and stay in communication with people. What do you think? Would this be a better way to stay connected with you?



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### Tentative Upcoming Schedule

**Dec.30-Jan.15** – Doctoral courses in Thailand  
**Jan.29-Feb.2** – Bethlehem Conf. in Minneapolis  
**Feb.9-10** – Training pastors in So. Washington  
**Feb.10-19** – Training pastors in Ethiopia and Kenya  
**March 6-7** – Training pastors in Central WA  
**March 10-18** – Training pastors in DR Congo

We wish you a truly wonderful **Christmas** season as we celebrate the life-transforming reality, **"God sent His only Son into the world, so that we might live through Him."**  
 – 1 John 4:9.

With love and gratitude,

*The Belz Family*  
 Eric, Holly, Adam, Andrew, Alyssa

