

Equipping African pastors to study God's Word



Dear friends,

Does God really listen to your prayer? Read on and [click links](#) to receive confirmation!

DR Congo launches despite obstacles

You may remember that even just two days before departure, we were not sure if this network would be able to launch due to political instability, so we asked you to PRAY.

God prevailed through your prayers, and Pastor Mike and I successfully launched Pathways for 16 master trainers who have an excellent **plan to reproduce** the trainings to many other preachers throughout Congo. Intense **spiritual warfare** the first day melted away as our victorious God established an exciting work.



Director Selenga said, *"From the first time I heard this training, I was impressed by it and see the need for it. As we spread this training, we will bring blessing throughout Congo."*



Praying over the plan to train others

Pathways training draws pastors from three states

In March, Pathways team leader Al Lewis stayed in our home in Olympia, WA and we led an encouraging training for a dozen pastors from AZ, CA and WA to complete their training cycle.



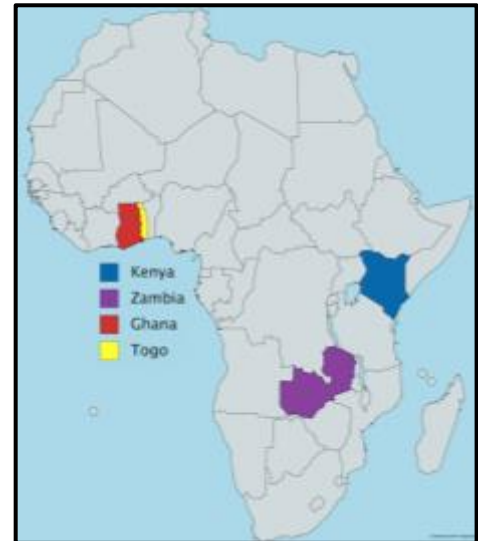
What do pastors do for fun? I was joined by the pastors at our local church for the Gospel Coalition conference in Indianapolis, and was able to make connections not only with old seminary buddies (I haven't seen for 20 years) but several pastors who are interested in Pathways Bible training.



Pastors Dustin and Greg from our church

Coming soon – Trainings in East, Southern and West Africa

- **Kenya/Zambia** (leave April 20) – I leave Thursday to work with denominational leaders in two locations toward launching Pathways networks. Please pray for God's wisdom and direction for meetings, and God's care for the family while I'm away.
- **Togo via Ghana** (leave May 16) – I will meet with our national leader in Ghana and then work with leaders in Togo, West Africa to prepare to launch a new network.
- **San Diego** (June 2-5) – I will be participating in the missions festival at Riverview Church and am hoping to connect with many dear partners.



An extra invitation for a few prayer warriors

Holly and I would like to mobilize a **small prayer team** who will receive **late-breaking prayer updates**, oftentimes while I'm on the field. If you are interested in making this prayer commitment, please let Holly know (holly.belz@efca.org).

Attention Facebookers: We are continuing to collect information about the best way to proceed and hope to launch our new Facebook presence soon.

Suffering: Click [HERE](#) for a blog post that Holly and I recently wrote on pain and sickness – God's perspective vs. ours.



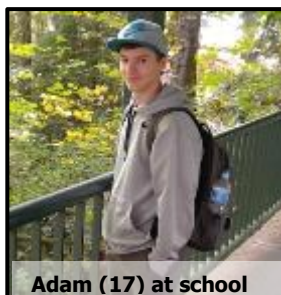
19 years praising God's goodness!

The family scoop – Three teens in our home!

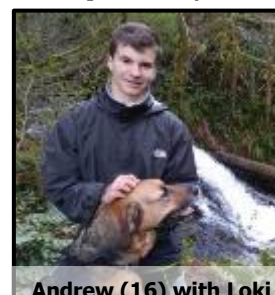
- Adam continues with college courses and will be doing a Mexico mission trip this summer.
- Andrew thrives in high school soccer.
- Alyssa just turned 13 and is doing well with her online academy studies.
- Holly and I are celebrating our **19th anniversary today!** I truly am a blessed man!

With joy in our hearts, we thank you for your continuing partnership in equipping Africans to study God's Word.

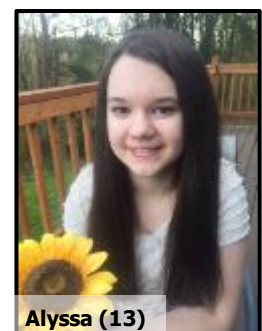
The Belz Family
Eric, Holly, Adam, Andrew, Alyssa



Adam (17) at school



Andrew (16) with Loki



Alyssa (13)

"I love the Lord, because he has heard my voice and my pleas for mercy. Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live." – Psalm 116:1-2