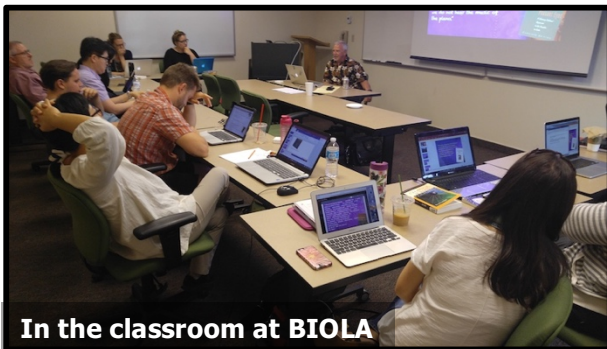




**August 4, 2017**

**Question:** Where in the world is training needed in how to study, understand and teach the Bible well?  
**Answer:** Everywhere in the world!

**Dear partners,** as my team and I continue to make connections with pastors all over the world, we are struck by the desperate need for foundational training in how to understand the Scriptures. Village pastors living on remote rivers in **Peru**, Roma gypsy pastors in oppressive **Bucharest**, rural syncretistic pastors in animistic **Togo**, slum-dwelling pastors in sensory-overloaded **Delhi**, and house-church pastors in densely populated **Chengdu** – all are seeking answers in God’s Word. Our team works in all these regions and many others, striving to bring God’s Word to the nations.



**In the classroom at BIOLA**

### **BIOLA Studies**

I wish I could share with you all I’m learning as I progress through my doctoral studies at BIOLA. My recent course on narrative and orality in Scripture and teaching is so vital for our effectiveness as a team that it is shaping the direction of my dissertation. Understanding the Bible is only part of our job.

We also must **understand the many diverse groups** to whom we will take our Bible training. **Cultural values and learning styles** radically affect how global pastors handle God’s Word, and we must factor these and other issues into our training. For more on these issues, [CLICK HERE](#).



**Dr. Tom Steffen, one of my profs**



### **Team Meeting**

In a couple weeks, my Pathways team will gather together in Iowa to discuss many significant issues, among which will be some of the key areas I’m discovering from my studies. **Please pray** for the Spirit to guide all of us during this important time. For more about Pathways, visit our team website at: [www.pathwaytrainers.com](http://www.pathwaytrainers.com)



## Family Updates

**Adam** has recently returned from a weeklong mission trip to Mexico with his youth group. He said it was one of the greatest weeks of his life, and we can see the work God is doing in him. For a blog post from him, [CLICK HERE](#).

**Andrew** and I are training for a sprint-distance triathlon later this summer.

**Holly** and **Alyssa** are continuing to trust God for strength each day.



## Trainings in the Fall

**September** – Togo network launch.

**October** – Kenya: Two workshops in different regions.

**November** – Ivory Coast pre-launch; also training for pastors in San Diego.

**December** – Zambia pre-launch training; also training for pastors in St. Louis.

**August–December** – Research course for dissertation.

**Thank you** again for your faithfulness to our Lord as we serve God together in partnership. May we join with King Nebuchadnezzar in Daniel 4 who prayed, *"How great are his signs, how mighty his wonders! His kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and his dominion endures from generation to generation."*

Pressing on by God's grace,

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