



Equipping leaders globally to study and preach God's Word December 2017

Dear partners,

With joy and thanksgiving in our hearts, we offer you our **warm holiday** greetings as well as grace and peace in the name of Jesus Christ. Among other passages, I've been studying Exodus 34:6-7 in preparation for several opportunities to preach locally and globally over the next month. God proclaims that He is merciful, gracious, loving and forgives sin as well as righteous, holy and judges sin. How can both be true? **The answer is found in Christ!** God punishes our sin in the death of Christ, and we receive His grace and forgiveness through faith in Christ. My sin goes to Christ, and His righteousness comes to me → the Great Exchange. This season and always may we rejoice in this truth and share with the world about the God Who made it all possible.

Ministry Overview

Kenya – Perhaps one of the fastest growing regions in which we are working is in southern Kenya. Every four months I continue training pastors in established networks and launch new networks in other districts. I stay with Kenyan pastors who have no running water, no electricity, but are happy to open their home and enjoy sweet fellowship. For interesting stories/pictures/videos (including motorcycle crash!), [CLICK HERE](#).



Pastor Onesmus and family

One pastor shared, *"We will show our thanks for this training by preaching the Word well in all situations and growing in our ability to do this, and passing this training on to others."*

India – I was asked to launch a new Pathways network in Kolkata, India in November. The inundating stimuli of a city of 19 million was a big change from rural Kenya, but the pastors were equally enthused by engaging in God's Word. For more, [CLICK HERE](#).



Kolkata, India

Stateside trainings – In addition to trainings globally, I also equip US pastors to train pastors globally. Recently I was in San Diego and will also soon be training a group of pastors in St. Louis who will work in Togo.

Zambia – On Saturday I leave for St. Louis and then on to Zambia to work with a fabulous partner named Paul Kayumba as well as many EFZ pastors toward launching networks in this country.

Preaching – Four out of the next five Sundays I'll be preaching in various domestic and African churches, which I love!



Training pastors in San Diego

Doctoral studies – By God’s grace, I’m nearing the end of my coursework for my doctorate (still have dissertation to go), and so I’ve been logging many hours doing research and writing papers. My prayer is that all of this effort will bless our team and make us more effective in training pastors globally.



Family Updates – Please continue to keep **Holly** and **Alyssa** in your prayers. They have begun a new treatment plan with a world-renowned naturopathic doctor, yet their health struggle is intense. **Adam** recently turned 18, and **Andrew** will soon be 17, so the “revolving door” is in full swing!



Partnership - As the year draws to a close, we again want to express our **sincere appreciation** to the many of you who partner regularly with us through generous contributions that enable us to do the work to which God has called us. Your prayers and support make all the difference. If you are interested in and able to make a **year-end donation** to help African pastors receive the training they desperately need and are hungry for, [**CLICK HERE**](#).

With much love and many prayers,

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