

February 15, 2018

Dear partners,

A wise man once wrote, *"But beyond this, my son, be warned: the writing of many books is endless, and excessive devotion to books is wearying to the body."* (Eccl. 12:12, NASB) Although I'm quite sure King Solomon had other things in mind when he wrote this, yet when I read this verse it seems extremely applicable for the phase I'm in right now.



Over the past 2.5 years, I've been working intensely and consistently on my doctoral studies through BIOLA's Intercultural Studies School as well as directing our Pathways work in Africa. I am near the **end of coursework** and am now turning my focus toward my



In January, I attended my last "classroom" course, in Chiang Mai, Thailand.

dissertation. I can fully relate to Solomon's weariness as it seems that for most waking hours, when I'm not working on mission responsibilities, I am studying. Yet my Pathways team and I can definitely see the **significant benefits** these efforts will offer. **Please pray** for endurance, focus and keen insight as I strive to complete the tasks expected of me.



Hong Kong Island on way to Thailand

### Upcoming schedule:



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| <b>Feb.</b>  | – <b>Kenya</b> (Matiliku, workshop 3 and Kivani, workshop 2)                                      | <b>Leaving Wednesday!</b> |
|              | – My training partner in Kenya is one of the pastors from my home church!                         |                           |
| <b>March</b> | – <b>Côte d'Ivoire</b> (Ivory Coast) (pre-launch conference)                                      |                           |
|              | – <b>Congo</b> (workshop 4)   |                           |
| <b>April</b> | – <b>Zambia</b> (workshop 1)  |                           |
|              | – <b>Prescott, AZ</b> (missions conference)   |                           |
| <b>May</b>   | – <b>Tanzania</b> (with 18-yr-old son Adam, pre-launch conference and teaching at pastors' conf.) |                           |
|              | – <b>Grand Rapids, MI</b> (Global Equipping Team meetings)  |                           |
| <b>June</b>  | – <b>Togo</b> (workshop 3)  |                           |
|              | – <b>Côte d'Ivoire</b> (workshop 1)   |                           |

**Thank you for your faithful partnership, friends.** Many pastors globally are receiving vital training because of **your generous giving**. I just heard from a **Congolese pastor** today about struggles he is facing. Some of your support goes to helping pastors like Pastor Mudidi (to right) receive training and do their ministry well.

Pressing on by God's grace,  
*Eric, Holly, Adam, Andrew and Alyssa*



Translator Mudidi is in the red shirt to my left.

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