

Dear mission-minded partners,

I am a blessed man! My family loves Jesus and loves me. I am surrounded by extraordinary partners, yourself included! God has saved me and called me to a challenging yet significant work that empowers many to use God's Word well (2 Tim. 2:15). And there are great "fringe blessings," like you'll read about below. Praise God for His grace and goodness!

My Primary Work

As you know, I am committed to meeting a <u>desperate</u>, <u>global need</u> by **training pastors**, primarily in Africa but also in many other parts of the world, so they can study, understand, and teach God's **Word** in their congregations and communities. They and stateside pastors are also equipped to train other pastors and ministry leaders. Every month I'm heading to some distant part of the globe, striving to follow God's calling in my life. Augmenting this is the work on my **dissertation** that is revealing fascinating and encouraging insights regarding the impact of Pathways globally. CLICK **HERE** to read more.

"Fringe Blessings"

I get to **preach the Gospel** in training seminars, worship services and even in taxis leading to people like Abdul Kareem in Cote d'Ivoire and Davis Skivungi in Kenya coming to faith in Christ.



I witness the **needs of those who struggle** and suffer being met. Pastor Harun and

wife Zipporah rejoice at the generosity of many as his significant hospital

bill was completely paid for following near fatal meningitis.

I hear **testimonies** every month of changed lives, ministries, and communities as God's Word is proclaimed. **Pastor Shadrack** from rural southern Kenya shared:

"Pathways Bible Training has changed our worldview of how we study and understand Scriptures and preach them to our people. Personally, I have been changed and understand Scripture much better. Many pastors have spoken to me that they now allow God's Word to speak to their congregation instead of choosing a topic out of context. Also, now we see the need to give strong application rightly from the text. We are spreading Pathways



New believer Davis and his wife Ruth

throughout our region of five districts, but also to other regions as we train other pastors with these

tools." To hear testimonies from Congo and Cote d'Ivoire, and even a Nigerian advocate for the persecuted church in his country, <u>CLICK HERE</u>.

I experience the joy of seeing **my kids** growing up with a Christ-centered, mission-minded, global perspective as they join me in serving God. **Adam** is planning to get a theology degree and possibly



teach overseas. Last month, **Andrew** preached twice on a Sunday morning in rural Kenya, one time to a group of at least 500 young men. Awesome! <u>CHECK IT OUT.</u> **Alyssa** is a prayer warrior as she pours out her heart to God on behalf of the hurting of the world. I'm so thankful my wife **Holly** is in such complete support of the work I do. <u>CLICK HERE</u> to hear from her. For more family news and other ministry highlights, <u>CLICK HERE</u>.

Upcoming Plans

Sept 2-12 – Train pastors in **Togo** (workshop 6), **Benin** (pre-launch conference) and do dissertation interviews in **Ghana**.

Sept 15 – Preach at a church in Rochester, WA.

Sept 17-18 – Conduct training for pastors and ministry leaders in Littlerock, WA (workshop 2).

Sept 23 – Drop Andrew off at Western Washington University in Bellingham.

Oct 7-24? – Train pastors in **Cote d'Ivoire** (workshop 4) and possibly **Kenya** (workshop 8).

Nov 5-15 – Do dissertation interviews in **Peru** and **Guatemala** and train pastors in **Panama**.

As you know, the only way I can do all that God has called me to do is through your faithful and fervent prayers and giving. **We are truly grateful for YOU**, and so are the many global pastors with whom I work!

Pressing on by God's grace,

Eric, Holly, Adam, Andrew and Alyssa

"They read from the book, from the Law of God, clearly, and they gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading." -Nehemiah 8:8.