



Wednesday evening church service in Cotonou, Benin, West Africa

**Equipping pastors to study, obey and preach God's Word  
October 2019**

### Dear ministry partners,

In 2 Samuel 6, the ark of the Lord is finally brought back to Jerusalem with much celebrating. King David is *"leaping and dancing before the Lord,"* and although his wife Michal despises him for it, he responds, *"I will become even more undignified than this."* He is consumed with **exuberant praise to God**, and cares not what he looks like. In most African churches, exuberant praise is an understatement. No one stands still. Their bodies communicate what their voices sing and their hearts magnify, "The Lord is worthy!" By the way, when Africans dance before the Lord, they look marvelous, but when I try to join them, it gets pretty "undignified" painfully quickly. 😊

### Ministry Highlights

A couple weeks ago I returned from an exhausting yet productive time in **West Africa**. [Click for details](#). Leading a training in **Togo**, conducting dissertation interviews with pastors from **Ghana**, preaching in many services, and leading trainings in **Benin** all caught up with me. Shortly after I returned [I was hit with malaria](#). Although I still needed to lead a missions emphasis weekend at a local church and train a group of pastors in Olympia, God reminded me of the truth from [2 Corinthians 12:9](#), *"My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness."* I supply the weakness, and His grace and power do the heavy lifting. **Please PRAY** for this next trip, leaving Sunday, since I'm still not up to 100%.



Training in Togo

### Family Highlights

- Andrew is doing well up at [Western Washington University](#).
- Adam is working as he prepares to head to Western in January.
- Alyssa is plugging away with her online academy as Holly holds things together at home.
- **Please PRAY** for stability, unity and God's guidance as our family experiences many transitions with the boys heading off to school and Eric on extended trips.



Dropping Andrew off at WWU

### Looking Ahead

- October 6–18 – Kenya (workshop 8), then Abidjan (workshop 4).
- November 6–17 – Peru, Guatemala and Panama (dissertation interviews and trainings).
- December 3–16 – Tanzania (two locations, workshop 2 and workshop 4).

**Thank you** for your vital and faithful partnership with us through **prayer** and **giving**. God is honored, His kingdom is growing, pastors globally are being equipped and we are encouraged.

*Love, the Belz family*