

**Dear ministry partners,** As shown on the map above in red, **“the Global South”** is the term for the most impoverished regions of the world that also contain most of the unreached people groups who desperately need the Gospel. This is the area where our Pathways team is working diligently to train up as many pastors as possible who will preach God’s truth accurately from His Word, growing churches upon this foundation.

**Upcoming plans** - Although I direct our Pathways training in Africa, I also work in many other areas throughout the Global South.

- **January** – I leave tomorrow (Jan.21) to train pastors and conduct my final dissertation interviews in two Asian countries. I also trained stateside pastors in Aberdeen, WA. [CLICK HERE](#) for details.
- **February** - Training two networks in different parts of Kenya. I’ll also be training pastors in Olympia, WA.
- **March** - Zambia as well as South Africa.

Join with me in praising God as he continues to bring networks of pastors across our path who are **eagerly longing for training** in how to handle God’s Word well.

Pastor Godfrey from West Tanzania stated strongly that pastors throughout his region desperately need training in how to study God’s Word. *“Please don’t stop giving us this training. We are hungry for it!”* While we were studying the book of Jude, he and Pastor Kelvin (from Zambia) went on to share how pervasive false teaching is throughout Africa. They showed me videos of false preachers telling people to **eat grass** which will heal their problems and bring them closer to God, with dozens of people chewing grass in fields like animals. One popular false preacher calls herself “the King” and says that you can forget about Jesus. She is the new king! The tragedy is people actually follow these **charismatic deceivers**. Bishop James Andrew who oversees 100 churches in northeast Tanzania also teaches at a pastor training college and is using Pathways principles in each of his three classes. He emphasized that [Pathways must spread throughout his region](#).

What in the world are these people doing?  
False teaching abounds in Africa.  
Good Bible training combats this.



Pastor Shadrack from rural Kenya is sold on Pathways as he is completing the three-year series of workshops in February and also helping me launch a new network in Nairobi. “Pathways Bible



Pastor Shadrack shared about Pathways on way to Nairobi.

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. Thinking of how original readers would have understood the message is so important rather than our normal way of rushing from text to us today. ...Now we see the need to give strong application rightly from the text. We are learning to take our responsibility (to preach the Word well) seriously." For more from Shadrack, [CLICK HERE](#).

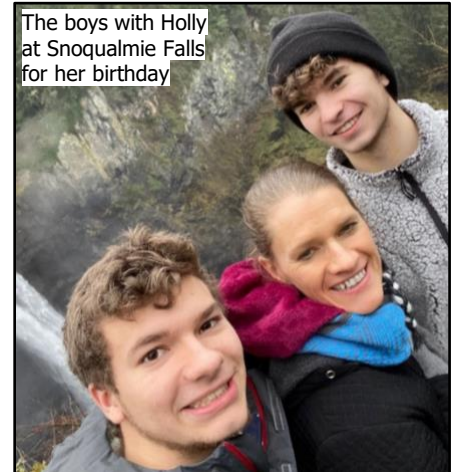
## Family Updates

**Adam and Andrew** have flown the coop! Both are continuing their studies at Western Washington University, living only two minutes from each other. While volume, energy level and food bills have decreased significantly in our home, the boys are sorely missed. For more, [CLICK HERE](#).



Alyssa on beach in snow playing ukulele.

**Holly** celebrated another [birthday](#) and **Alyssa** is learning the ukulele.



The boys with Holly at Snoqualmie Falls for her birthday

Once again, we offer our **sincere appreciation** for your continuing partnership with us in serving our Lord by equipping pastors globally. May God bless your 2020 in every way as we continue in His grace.

With love and appreciation,  
*Eric, Holly, Adam, Andrew, and Alyssa*