



Equipping pastors globally
to study God's Word
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Dear friends and ministry partners,

Shortly before his death, Jesus told his followers, *"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid."* (Jn.14:27) How could they have peace when their world was about to come undone? A short time later, Jesus continued this theme, *"I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world."* (Jn.16:33) In Christ, we can rise above all the anxiety-producing, fear-instilling circumstances that fill our world. In a recent study for our church, I shared that **God's plan for peace** begins with peace with God that leads to peace with people and peace within ourselves. Following God's plan can help us overcome "peace robbers" like fear, anxiety, anger, self-centeredness, and life struggles like COVID, political turmoil, and strained relationships. My prayer for you is to **experience God's perfect peace**, as Isaiah wrote, *"You keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on you, because he trusts in you. Trust in the Lord forever, for the Lord God is an everlasting rock."* (Is.26:3-4) For more on peace, [CLICK HERE](#).

Updates

- I've been enjoying many opportunities to **preach in various churches** recently (nearly every weekend) which has kept me busy, in addition to **dissertation** work and developing **online training** for our global networks. For a recent message about the church Jesus is building in Africa, [CLICK HERE](#).
- Holly and I are excited to share that due to her improved health, she has been able to **travel with me** to Colorado and other locations to visit partner churches the last couple months. She is doing well, and we are **proceeding in faith** that God will grant her the strength to continue in His service. For more, [CLICK HERE](#).
- Meanwhile, Adam and Andrew are continuing well with college and work up north, and Alyssa is enjoying her college classes while also earning high school credit.



In Colorado, thankful my
bride is able to travel again!

Thank you for your prayers and partnership,
friends. We are blessed and at peace.
Shalom to you!

Eric, Holly, Adam, Andrew, and Alyssa

Prayer requests:

1. Praise God that the family is doing well, kids are walking with Christ, and Holly's health continues to improve.
2. Pray for wisdom as Eric stays connected with pastors globally, trying to offer them online learning opportunities despite their challenging tech limitations.
3. Pray that travel restrictions will lift soon so Eric can return to African pastors who are so hungry for training.