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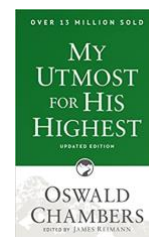


Seattle to Togo (via Atlanta and Paris)



Dear prayer partners,

In "My Utmost for His Highest," Oswald Chambers wrote that the first habit to develop in being "partakers of the divine nature" (2 Peter 1:4) is to **recognize God's provision**. Our tendency, instead of basking in God's abundance, is to *"give way to self-pity and indulge in the luxury of misery. ... We open our mouths only to complain... like spiritual sponges – always absorbing, never giving, and never being satisfied."*



Two perverse heresies attack Christian thought regarding God's provision: "Good" Christians boast of how little they have or how much they have, downplaying God's material blessings or overstressing them. Rather, God's Word teaches that whether we have little or much materially is of little consequence as compared with our **spiritual provisions "in Christ,"** and **contentment** with God's provision must characterize our attitudes (Phil. 4:11-13). *"All my springs are in You"* (Ps. 87:7).

As I read Chambers' devotional, I confessed to the Lord how easily I gaze upon the absence rather than the abundance, complaining about COVID obstacles and inconveniences rather than celebrating God's provision I experience every day. Friends, how true Paul's words are in 2 Cor. 9:8, *"God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work."* Truly we are **amply supplied** for all God has called us to, and **YOUR PARTNERSHIP** is part of that supply. We are so very thankful for you!

Back to Africa!

On Thursday, May 13, the long wait ends. I'm more than a little excited to return to my beloved African pastors, and **resume trainings in studying and using God's Word** to build healthy churches. Three COVID tests are required: before U.S. departure, upon arrival in Togo, and before departing Togo. Pray for negative results!

Reasons to give thanks for God's provision:

- 13 months of restricted international travel have ended.
- My [dissertation](#) is published, and [doctorate](#) is complete (click links for more).
- Domestic preaching and trainings ([Iowa](#), [Wyoming](#), [CA](#), [WA](#)), and visiting dear supporters.
- My training partner Jeremy and I have created training videos for global audiences.
- Our Pathways team is revising training material based on research findings.
- Holly continues to grow stronger and healthier, joining me for domestic trips.
- Adam graduates from Western WA in June and starts seminary in August.
- Andrew and Alyssa are walking with the Lord and progressing well.



Thank you for being a part of God's abundant provision in our lives! We rejoice in you.

With love and gratitude, *Eric and Holly*

Upcoming trainings

May – Togo, West Africa

June – Oregon and Cote d'Ivoire, W. Africa

July – Washington and Zambia