

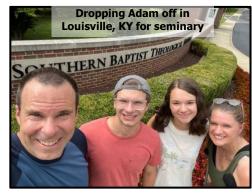
Dear ministry partners,

Flexibility – "The quality of bending easily without breaking; willingness to change or compromise." As you no doubt are experiencing, these days require unprecedented levels of flexibility. This quality is **essential in cross-cultural work**, particularly with international travel, but "bending without breaking" has taken on new meaning of late.

Following an excellent training in Abidjan, Ivory Coast, my July training was postponed until early September due to a COVID outbreak and subsequent lockdown in Zambia. As I prepare to return to Africa, I hold all things loosely, knowing that many elements can and probably will change before all is said and done. Let us be **thankful** through turbulent times that "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever." (Hebr. 13:8)

Blessed are the flexible for they shall not be bent out of shape

Recent activities – Following Ivory Coast, July and August have been filled with preaching in a variety of churches, backpacking with my boys, dropping Adam off at seminary in Kentucky and visiting family there, and preparing for a busy fall. Meanwhile, Holly continues to slowly heal from her broken ankle (thank you for your prayers.)



Future travels

- Aug 27-31. Riverview Church, Fallbrook, CA. Andrew and Eric will assist with a missions conference and visit ministry partners while in San Diego.
- Sept 4-11. Lusaka, Zambia. Refresher training with our Pathways network.
- Oct 1-7. Minneapolis, MN. Pathways and ReachGlobal meetings.
- Oct 18-30. Tanzania. Refresher training with network in Tanga, and exploration into other possible networks.

Our **thoughts** and **prayers** are with you, as well as our **gratitude** for your vital partnership.

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With love, Eric and Holly