



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)



**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.

With love, *Eric and Holly*

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