Equipping Africa pastors to study and preach God's Word — November 2021

Crossing Nile River on bus to N. Uganda to train pastors a few weeks ago

About one minute after snapping the picture to left, I caught the shot below, right next to the road!



Dear ministry partners, as the holiday season is in full swing, Holly and I hope you are

sensing **God is near**, sustaining you through challenges, encouraging you through victories, and drawing you to abide in Him always.

"But for me it is good to be near God; I have made the Lord God my refuge, that I may tell of all your works."— Ps. 73:28

We are so **thankful** that despite Covid challenges, I am able to **fully engage** in training pastors stateside AND globally. Each time I return to another beloved African network, I share the words from Paul in <u>1 Thess. 2:17-20</u>: "But since we were torn away from you, brothers, for a short time, in person not in heart, we endeavored the more eagerly and with great desire to

see you face to face, because we wanted to come to you—I, Paul, again and again—but Satan hindered us. For what is our hope or joy or crown of boasting before our Lord Jesus at his coming? Is it not you? For you are our glory and joy."

Truly these beloved saints are my joy, and watching them grow in the Word fills my heart with **overflowing praise to God**.

Pastors in Uganda are excited about the Word

These days I'm smack dab in the midst of a crazy season of ministry in Africa and America as I'm on the road (or in the air) more than I'm at home. We don't know the future, so I want to **take every opportunity** to train as many pastors as possible. Even my family can't keep track of where I've been and where I'm going, so here's a snapshot. (Check out links to blog entries for more fun stories and pix.)

Oct. 19-30 – Two trainings in Uganda – in many respects a most unusual trip.

Nov. 9-10 - Pathways training for 11 pastors and ministry leaders stateside.

Nov. 13-14 – Preaching and missions focus at Hillside Church, Whidbey Island.

Nov. 15-23 – <u>Training Masai pastors in Narok, Kenya</u>, as well as planning a university version of Pathways.

Nov. 24-27 – We are hosting many from Holly's family for Thanksgiving.

Nov. 28–Dec. 9 – Return to Uganda to launch two networks in Iganga and Gulu.



If you are interested, check out my <u>2021 annual ministry report</u>, and you are welcome to catch up on how God has been working, specifics of our ministry, prayer requests, and plans for 2022.

We truly have been blessed this year as:

- Holly and Alyssa grow stronger and healthier
- I've been able to return full speed to training pastors in Africa
- The boys are doing well in their career pursuits
- We witness God's glory spreading as pastors are equipped in Africa and globally to study, obey, and teach His Word well (Ezra 7:10).

Your faithful and generous partnership contributes to this vision becoming reality, and **we thank you.** We plan to send you a fun family update closer to Christmas.



If you are interested in making a **final year-end contribution** to enable pastors globally to receive vital training in how to handle God's Word well, <u>CLICK HERE.</u>

With **love in our hearts**, our family wishes you and yours a **Christ-centered** Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Eric, Holly, Adam, Andrew, and Alyssa

