

Dear ministry partners,

Preparation of delicious holiday food, stringing lights and decorating the home, shopping for gifts for loved ones, all great holiday activities that can easily consume us. The **holiday season** we are entering is full of significance and meaning, but how easily we are distracted by the externals. A fundamental biblical theme is that God is more concerned with the inside than the outside, internals than externals. *"For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice, the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings"* (Hosea 6:6, cf. Jesus in Matt. 9:13). Even **religious efforts** and **missionary endeavors** can eclipse **matters of the heart** as we define our success based on our work rather than **Christlike character** like lovingkindness in stressful situations. Both are valuable, but as Jesus continually reminded those around him, *"justice and mercy and faithfulness – these you ought to have done, without neglecting the others"* (Matt. 23:23). Friends, I encourage you, this season and always, to **focus on what matters**, and what matters most to God are "matters of the heart."

Ministry highlights from Eric

Praise God for His good work: (follow links to learn more)

- [Zambia completes final training and graduates](#)
- [Ivory Coast completes final training and graduates](#)
- [New networks to launch in Malawi and Liberia](#)
- [Developing improved Pathways curriculum](#)
- [Training of US ministry leaders with more help needed](#)
- [Trusting God's timing and way in taking the right risks](#)
- [Preaching opportunities increase](#)
- [Blessed to be a blessing to those most in need](#)



Future plans – please be in prayer:

- Nov. 25 – Dec. 9: Training two networks in Tanzania with friend Ryan. Workshop 3: Genesis.
- Dec. 13-16: Hosting Steve and Mike for curriculum development work.
- Dec. 25: Preaching Christmas message at our church.
- Jan. 10-19: Ministry in Kentucky followed by curriculum work in Minneapolis.
- Jan. 23 – Feb. 2: Training two networks in Uganda with Aaron and Holly! Workshop 4: Whole Story.

Ministry highlights from Holly

- Guided the prayer initiatives for a [disability ministry summer camp](#).

- Attended [Seattle Missions Festival](#) and was deeply encouraged.
- Continues to develop a prayer ministry for African pastors and their wives.
- For the first time since we lived in Africa over 10 years ago, Holly plans to return to Africa in January. Please pray for this.

Family updates

- **Adam** and Sofia will be coming from Kentucky to spend Christmas with us. Adam's seminary education is progressing well, and he is doing two internships (one in pastoring and one in missions).
- **Andrew** is continuing in real estate, and he is also serving in the church and continues to grow in his walk with Christ.
- **Alyssa** is working two jobs, is serving in two churches, and is studying in two colleges (heading off to Boyce College in January).



Final note

As the end of the year approaches, we want to communicate our **sincere gratitude** to all of you who **give generously and sacrificially** so we can continue to serve God by equipping ministry leaders globally. We are dependent upon the Lord working through you. We thank God for you, and if there are specific ways **we can pray for you**, please let us know. If you would like to give a **final year-end gift** for our work with African pastors, [CLICK HERE](#). Our annual report is coming soon celebrating God's work through BelzGlobal in 2022 and anticipating more to come in 2023.

Grace and peace to you this season and always as we joyfully worship and serve our glorious God.

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"Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth." - 2 Timothy 2:15



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