

Dear ministry partners,

Please rejoice with us at God's faithfulness! For 10 years, we fervently prayed for God to heal Holly and make a way possible for her to join me in equipping leaders in Africa to study and preach God's Word. She has been my loyal partner all these years, and she has been actively mobilizing prayer networks on behalf of Africans. But our dream was to be together, with "African soil between our toes," sitting across from African brothers and sisters. Praise God, the dream has become a reality!

Gulu, Uganda

Together in Uganda!

January 23 – February 3, Holly and I, along with Pastor Aaron, traveled to and trained pastors and ministry leaders in Gulu and Iganga, Uganda. Holly said, "It seemed so natural to be back in Africa, like I never left." She connected well with many women, prayed with various groups, and brought much encouragement to me as I trained pastors in "the Whole Story of the Bible." It was such a <u>positive experience</u> that she is hoping to join me in Malawi in



April! Please continue to pray God will strengthen her for His purposes. For more, CLICK HERE.



While in Uganda, it was a joy to see pastors transformed as they began to perceive how to study and preach passages in view of the "Whole Story." **Andrew** from Iganga shared, "This Pathways training is more useful than all the Bible school training I've received in the past. It is simpler, more practical, and more reproducible." Coordinator **Charles** added, "This is the best and most important training, more important than anything else I do. I could see myself working at this training for the rest of my life as my primary calling."

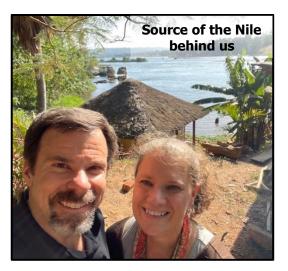
Family Updates

Cambridge dictionary defines "empty nesters" as parents whose children have grown up and left home. OK, this is our new reality.

- **Adam** will be getting married soon, and is continuing his seminary education in Kentucky, and doing an evangelism mission trip to Brazil the month before his wedding.
- Andrew is living 30 minutes north of us, busy in his real estate career.
- **Alyssa** is absolutely <u>loving being at Boyce College</u>, trying to find a way to swing finances so she can stay there beyond this semester.



Allie engages in praise nights most evenings, and during the day she is devouring her Bible classes.



Of course, we are still engaged in our kids' lives, but empty nesting frees Holly and me up to pour ourselves fully into our mission work, and to do it <u>together</u>!

Please Pray

- February 23 March 6: Eric trains pastors in Rwanda and then Romania.
- March 24 31: Eric launches a new network in Liberia with teammate Randy.
- Meanwhile Holly is participating in a Perspectives mission course, building prayer networks and a special prayer website, and preparing for our April trip to Malawi.

Thank you so much, once again, for your **faithful and fervent prayers and partnership** with us over the past many years. God continues to honor your service, and we rejoice in His grace as He redeemed us and people from every tongue and tribe and nation for His own possession, zealous for good works.

Eric and Holly

Christ redeemed "for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works." - Titus 2:14