



## Wedding Belz are Ringing!



June 2023

**First Things First** - a huge event in the life of our family just happened. We celebrated the wedding of our son Adam to a delightful young lady named Sofia Velis (now Sofia Belz!) It was an honor to officiate the ceremony, and as I pronounced them husband and wife on June 24, 2023 in Louisville, Kentucky, joy filled my heart at God's gracious provision of a believing wife and ministry partner for Adam. Proverbs 18:22 states, *"The man who finds a wife finds a treasure, and he receives favor from the Lord."* (NLT) Truly Adam has found a treasure in Sofia as they are perfectly suited for each other, both progressing through the MDiv program at Southern Seminary, both passionate to serve God in missions, both sincere in their devotion to the Lord and each other. For more pictures and details, [CLICK HERE](#).



Adam and Sofia Belz

These are very full days, not only on the homefront but also in ministry. Sandwiched on either side of the wedding were monthly trainings for pastors in Africa, stateside preaching, [team meetings and training for domestic pastors in Iowa](#), and curriculum revision meetings.

**Ministry Highlights** – In May [Holly and I worked with pastors and ministry leaders in Malawi and South Africa](#). Holly assisted Laura, our director of Pathways for Women, as her husband Scott and I trained the pastors. We also offered desperately needed aid to cyclone Freddy victims. Catch a [video Scott created](#) highlighting some of that trip.



Holly and Laura train women.

Then in early June, as I worked with pastors in **Tanzania**, [Alyssa poured into young women and children](#), including kids from two orphanages. It was a delight to see her flourish in ministry for her first time back to Africa since we lived there 12 years ago!



Alyssa teaches kids in Tanzania.

### Please join us in prayer:

1. Praise God for Adam and Sofia's union, and pray for them to serve God dynamically as a married couple, much stronger and better than they could separately.

2. Pray for Andrew as he continues his real estate work, for Alyssa as she works over the summer and prepares to return to Boyce College to continue her studies, and pray for Holly who tries to keep her legs under her in the midst of much transition in her family members while engaging in her own prayer ministry with our mission.

3. Please pray for **upcoming ministry**:

- On July 1, I leave for a **final training and graduation** of our network in **Kenya**. The Masai pastors will preach through the book of Habakkuk using all our Pathways principles as we offer encouragement and correction after four years of training. Following the training will be a graduation, which is often a big celebratory event for these pastors, and I hope to inspire their continued study and biblical preaching.
- While in Kenya I will be meeting with some incredibly strategic movement leaders who are interested in spreading Pathways through **thousands of house churches** in East Africa. Please pray for wisdom in these meetings and God's Spirit to direct us in the way forward.
- The day after I return from Kenya, we begin to host our curriculum revision team (Steve, Mike, and me) for five days of **curriculum work**.



**Training Masai pastors in Kenya.**

God is at work, and we are blessed to be involved with what He is doing, and deeply **appreciate your prayers and partnership** as we continue in His service.

With love and prayers, *Eric and Holly*



**Distributing food and relief supplies to cyclone victims in Malawi.**

Jesus answered, "Have you not read that he who created them from the beginning made them male and female, and said, 'Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh'? So they are no longer two but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate." (Matthew 19:4-6)