



**Equipping ministry leaders  
to study and preach God's Word  
August 2023**

Graduation in Masailand, Kenya  
July 8, 2023

### **Dear ministry partners,**

Solomon wisely writes in Ecclesiastes 7:8, "*The end of a matter is better than its beginning, and patience is better than pride.*" We see one application of that principle in Pathways. Global pastors and ministry leaders rejoice as we launch a **new network** (which we are doing in Malawi, Liberia, Rwanda, Kenya, Cameroon, and other locations). But that joy is eclipsed by the shouts of exultation as the students receive their **graduation certificate** having patiently persevered and completed a Pathways series of workshops (as just happened in Kenya and soon will happen in Uganda and Tanzania.) Watching the Pathways participants grow in their **handling of the Word** (2 Tim. 2:15) as they complete the final training by preaching full expository messages through the book of Habakkuk and pass Pathways principles on to many other ministry leaders continues to motivate me in the work I do. **Thank you for your prayers and partnership** that enable such a glorious process to occur. For more on our recent Kenya training and graduation, including a video from the coordinator, [CLICK HERE.](#)



### **Important Prayer Request**

August is my planning and preparation month for the next 11 months packed with travel and training. Learn more about how ["preparation precedes presentation,"](#) including my schedule for the next four months. But for now, I want to appeal to you to **please pray** for my next international trip coming up in a few weeks. I am scheduled to teach at two different Bible schools, one in **Mali** and one in **Central African Republic**. I have spent many dozens of hours preparing the curriculum, coordinating details with school administrators, researching and purchasing tickets, submitting for visas, etc. However, if you've been tracking the West Africa news, the **coup in Niger** has significant implications on many other countries, including where I plan to be. Please be fervent in prayer that the conflict will decrease instead of escalating. I am working closely with ReachGlobal leaders and local leadership on the ground to monitor the situation and plan contingencies, but the next month offers many uncertainties. [God is over all,](#) so rather than stressing I'm trying to trust God and be thankful. Please join me in prayer.



## Other Updates

**Holly** just finished a week filled with ministry impact as she led the prayer focus at a local Joni and Friends camp for those with disabilities. She has also been [caring for her parents](#) as they have had a number of health challenges recently, and she continues developing the prayer ministry in our mission. **Alyssa** is back at college on the same campus where **Adam and Sofia** are going to seminary. **Andrew** and I [climbed Mt. Adams](#) a few days ago, and he is preparing to move out again to be closer to the hub of his work.



On top of Mt Adams with Andrew

We continue to be grateful for the calling God has given us to equip global leaders to understand and communicate God's Word well, building churches upon this foundation. God is moving and the ministry is growing! At the same time, inflation and rising travel costs are hitting us hard. For an update on our **current financial situation** related to our mission work, [CLICK HERE](#). And please **prayerfully consider** what your role might be in [partnering with us](#) toward making disciples of all nations. If you or your church would like us to share about our work, please let us know.

To God be the glory as He grows His church throughout Africa and globally. Thank you for your participation with us in His eternally significant work.

With love and prayers for you, *Eric and Holly*

### Eric's travel and training schedule

**Sept 5-7** – Training pastors in Philadelphia

**Sept 15-30** – Training pastors in Mali and Central African Republic

**Oct 12-21** – Training pastors in Malawi

**Oct 29 – Nov 2** – Curriculum revision work in Minneapolis

**Nov 6-17** – Final training and graduation in Uganda

**Dec 1-9** – Training pastors in Tanzania

"From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the Lord is to be praised!  
The Lord is high above all nations, and his glory above the heavens!" (Psalm 113:3-4)