

Equipping Africans to handle God's Word well

November 30, 2023



Final training and graduation in Uganda



Gulu coordinators

Dear ministry partners,

Joshua had big shoes to fill as Moses died and the leadership of Israel passed to him. How would he lead this rebellious, massive nation of God's people into the Promised Land? Aware of Joshua's potential "fear and dismay," God made him several **promises** in Joshua 1. But God also gave Joshua a **command**: Be strong and courageous, being careful to do all that is written in the Law (1:6-9). The result would be prosperity and success (1:7-8). I'll be preaching on this passage at our church on December 31, so I've been reflecting on how God's words apply for us today. As 2023 draws to a close and we transition into 2024, may we **be strong and courageous** by trusting in God's promises (His abundant provision, His prevailing power, His abiding presence) and obeying His Word, delighting in the success (as He defines it) that He will bring.

[A training continues - Malawi](#) (click link for more)

In October, I worked with an amazing network of pastors in Malawi who are passing Pathways training on to **322 other pastors** and ministry leaders in central and southern Malawi. And along with the training, I was invited to preach several times, including at a **funeral** with well over 1000 people who clearly heard the Gospel.



[Trainings conclude - Uganda](#) (click link for more)

In November, my friend Jeremy and I offered the final training and then graduation for **two networks** of pastors in Uganda. What a joyous occasion as we heard the pastors preach the Word from Habakkuk, and then celebrated their achievement as we commissioned them as master trainers.

Holly and I want to take a moment and **sincerely thank you** for the role you fill in enabling us to serve God and the African church. Because of your partnership, Holly is able to **coordinate prayer efforts** for many both in our mission and globally. Because of your partnership, I am able to **train African pastors** and ministry leaders each month, **equip stateside pastors** to join us, **revise our curriculum**, and **preach God's message** for His people to the ends of the earth. For more about

our work, with past victories, present challenges, and future opportunities, financial updates, and prayer requests, please take a moment to scan through our [2023 annual review](#).

As you reflect on your part in making disciples of all nations, please prayerfully consider making a **year-end contribution** so that we can continue in this vital work and support struggling pastors to attend our trainings and multiply them to many others in their regions.



"The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace." -Numbers 6:24-26

Please also be in **prayer** as I head back to **Tanzania** to offer a hybrid workshop to our network in Muheza – three workshops (Psalms, Mark, Romans) distilled into one packed week of training. I leave Friday, December 1. Thank you!

With our love and prayers, *Eric and Holly*

