

## Equipping church planters with the Word in Mali



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**Dear ministry partners,**

The captain announced in French over the intercom, "We are experiencing some technical problems, so our flight will be delayed." Not uncommon, but as we sat on the Paris tarmac, the minutes ticking by, all too familiar **travel stress** began to grow, knowing I would miss my connection and several things would unravel. My recent trip to Mali and Egypt was filled with stressful elements beyond my control, but **not beyond God's control**. At the same time, while I was going through the craziness on the other side of the world, **Holly was in America mobilizing people to pray**. And God worked through the prayers of His people in the lives of Malians and Egyptians in unexpected and beautiful ways. For example, God transformed one pastor who aggressively criticized our program during the training, yet later he asked for forgiveness and wrote, *"I have a heart full of gratitude for the time and teachings you have shared with me. Your words have been a guiding light, and I am truly thankful for your dedication to spreading the Word of God. I desire to deepen our relationship and learn more from your wisdom and experience."* That is a work of God!

So believe me when I say, **"Your prayers make a difference!"** ([Follow links for more info.](#))

### **Please Pray**

Please join us in **prayer** as we have a **full schedule** over the next two months:

April 1–8 – **Iowa**: Training of pastors, team meetings, curriculum work. Eric and Holly

April 14 – **Olympia, WA**: Eric preaches at our church.

April 15–30 – **Southern Asia**: Training of two networks, preaching in two churches.

May 6–12 – **Louisville, Kentucky**: Training pastors, Sofia's graduation. Eric and Holly

May 12–27 – **Tanzania**: Preaching, two trainings, and a graduation. Eric and Holly

- Praise God with us that **Holly** is able to join me on some of these trips and guides the prayer focus for Pathways. Pray for her as she develops and leads creative prayer sessions at two upcoming ReachGlobal conferences.
- Pray for **Adam and Sofia** who will do mission work in Indonesia May 14 – June 30.

- Pray for **Alyssa** as she helps lead a mission trip to Indonesia May 17 – June 2. She has a passion for evangelism and brings fellow students with her each week to share the Gospel in public places.
- Praise God **Andrew** is using his career in real estate to connect with many people, shining the light of Jesus for them, and supporting his brother and sister in their mission work.

Your **prayers and partnership** enable us to continue to serve God in these ways. Thank you! For more blogs, pictures, testimonies, info about our ministry, and ways to partner with us, visit [www.belzglobal.com](http://www.belzglobal.com). A blessed passion week to you as we commemorate our Lord's suffering, death, and victorious resurrection!

Grace and peace to you,  
*Eric and Holly*

James 5:16 – The prayer of a righteous “ministry partner” has great power as it is working.

