

**Equipping Africans
to handle God's Word well
November 2024**



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Dear ministry partners,

The Apostle Paul thanks God continually with joy because of the "partnership in the Gospel" the Philippian believers shared with him (Phil. 1:5). This includes but goes beyond the union we share in Christ with all believers to emphasize a specific shared commitment to Gospel advancement.

Likewise, Holly and I rejoice in four vital partnerships:

- Partnerships with **stateside pastors**. I recently offered a [training for 26 Pacific Northwest ministry leaders](#), some of whom may become global partners in our work. Pictured above, you can see my Africa training partner Randy Widbin, a retired pastor and dear brother, along with our Malawi pastors.
- Partnerships with **global ministry leaders**. Although working cross culturally is challenging at times, we all are eager to work together toward maximum kingdom impact. The encouragement we share through God's Word is precious. [Training in Malawi is an example](#).
- Partnerships with **supporters**. These dear souls, of whom you hopefully are one, make it possible for us to do our work of serving the global church. Prayer and financial support are vitally needed and utilized for kingdom growth. Our home church in Olympia is a great model as they pray before and during every training I do, give generously, and host local trainings.
- Partnership with **the Holy Spirit**. This most important partnership makes all the difference between success and "laboring in vain." (Ps. 127:1) He takes the training and investment we offer and uses them for His purposes, advancing Word work and worship in truth and purity for God's glory globally.

We are truly blessed with these partnerships, and hope you sense the significant role you play. Bishop Edwin, one of our Malawi coordinators, told me recently, "*Eric, the training you bring is so very good and so necessary because there is much junk being taught in churches today.*" May God's glory continue to spread globally through partnerships like these. **Thank you!**



Bishop Edwin

To learn more about our ministry, read our [2024 annual report](#).

To offer a **year-end extra contribution** for ministry in Africa, [CLICK HERE](#). This extra assistance goes to help people like famine victims in Malawi and struggling pastors in Egypt.

Please keep the following **ministry efforts in your prayers**:

- December 6-14 – Cairo, Egypt. Launching Pathways among Egyptians and Sudanese.
- January 10 – February 1 – Kenya. Three locations with three distinct trainings and a graduation.
- February 8-13 – Louisville, Kentucky. Pathways curriculum revision work with our leadership team.
- February 20-28 – Akure, Nigeria. Launching Pathways with a new network and partners.

May your holiday season be filled with "good news of great joy" celebrating our Savior, Christ the Lord.

With love and gratitude, Eric and Holly