

Dear ministry partners,

According to the reputable ministry [Joshua Project](#), the second largest unreached people group in the world is the Japanese. And according to [some sources](#), Sumatra is the largest unevangelized island in the world. Heading the **opposite** direction from my normal routing to Africa, I went west and [trained in both of these locations over the last couple weeks](#).



While in Indonesia, I heard stories of ministry leaders actively working to advance the Gospel among numerous unreached groups on Sumatra.

We had exciting conversations considering how I can equip them in relevant subjects utilizing Pathways principles in various books of the Bible. Now we're talking! In fact, while still continuing to oversee our Pathways work in Africa, I am moving in this direction as a new target for my global work in the future. **Please pray** God opens doors for me to equip indigenous workers to reach their unreached neighbors! Whether heading east or west, cultures may differ, but everyone everywhere needs the Lord and to know Him through His Word.

Isaiah shared God's heart as he wrote, *"Listen to me, you islands; hear this, you distant people."* *"Give glory to the Lord and proclaim His praise in the islands."* May God raise up more workers who will go to the "islands" and lead "distant people" to glorify and praise our great God!



Recent Work – In addition to preaching and other mission duties, here's a quickie on recent trips with links for you to read more:

- **Burundi** – [Best and worst of times](#). Nutshell version: Coordinator crook took our money, but God redeemed the time as Burundians were trained and He opened amazing doors to work with refugees in a camp in northern Kenya filled with unreached people from five "closed nations!"
- **Kentucky** – [Graduations and family updates](#). Nutshell: Adam and I preached in the same church on the same day, I trained local pastors, Adam graduated with his MDiv from Southern, Alyssa graduated with her BA from Liberty, and grandbaby #1 is coming soon! Please keep Alyssa in your prayers as she leaves **today** (June 13) for six weeks of mission work in Asia.



- **Japan and Indonesia** – [Advancing Pathways in Asia](#). Nutshell: Nearly 30 years ago I lived and worked in Indo and I finally returned, training ministry leaders in Japan and Indonesia was a delight, and God is moving me to work with the unreached.

Upcoming Schedule

- June (Iowa) – Pathways lead team curriculum work then EFCA denominational conf.
- July (Rwanda) – Final workshop and graduation in a nation under spiritual attack.
- August (West Coast) – After visiting grandbaby #1 in Kentucky... preach in churches, mission festival in San Diego.
- September (Nigeria and Liberia) – Workshop #2 in Nigeria, final workshop and graduation in Liberia.

Dear friends, we are truly blessed to be engaged in the work God has called us to. **Thank you** for your continuing partnership that enables us to *"keep our hand to the plow."* (Luke 9:62)

Pressing on, *Eric and Holly*

Prayer Recap

- Pray for Alyssa as she heads to Asia (two locations) to do mission work for six weeks.
- Pray for Holly as she continues to struggle with health issues, awaiting on God's healing.
- Pray for Adam and Sofia in the arrival of their baby.
- Pray for Eric in upcoming trips and following God's lead on equipping global indigenous workers to reach people near them who have never heard the Gospel.



Adam's graduation from Southern Seminary