

Divinely Appointed Transition for Belz Family

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Dear family and friends,

Although many of you may have already heard from ReachGlobal, I wanted to share directly with you about the **significant transition** happening for our family. Following God's leading, and after much prayer and seeking wisdom, we realize that although in our hearts we desire to return to Africa, this is not a wise move for our family. Holly estimates that she is approximately 40-50% healed from serious adrenal burnout, and specialists say it will probably be 1-2 years before she is fully recovered. Andrew is also very slow in healing from his GI issues. The intersection between Holly's **God-given temperament** and the busy, high-stimulus, toxic, non-private, cross-cultural **life we lived** in Dar es Salaam, along with bearing the stress of the kids' sicknesses, have led us to the clear decision that we need to be in a different context for Holly and the kids to flourish.



The Global Training Team

An amazing group of godly, gifted, mature people

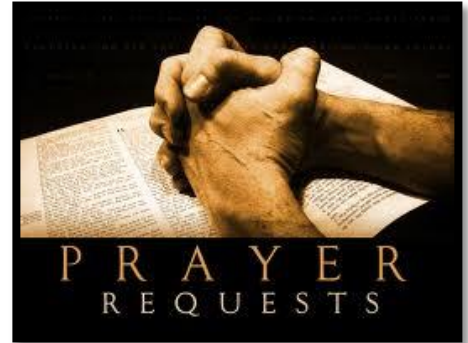
However, we are convinced that our time in **Africa was not a mistake** as we see what God did in the lives and eternal destinies of the many Africans with whom we worked. So here's the **GOOD NEWS!** God has graciously opened an exciting door so I can continue to do what God has called me to do, **training pastors globally** who are hungry to learn so they can "study God's Word, obey God's Word and teach God's Word." (Ezra 7:10) All the amazing stories you read in the previous newsletter and saw in the video are still our focus and will still be my full-time work. I've been invited to be a **"Global Pastoral Trainer"** on the Global Training Team in ReachGlobal. My primary focus will be the **continent of Africa**, and also **equipping pastors on the West Coast** so they can partner with us in training pastors globally.

Please read this attached letter from ReachGlobal (EFCA Mission Agency) which shares more about our transition as ReachGlobal leadership is VERY EXCITED about us serving in this capacity.



Friends, we have many changes before us, so we'd humbly **ask for your prayers:**

1. Please pray we will **find a location on the West Coast**, probably California, where we can settle into a **permanent residence**. This will be my "launching pad" as I travel to do trainings in the US and globally, especially in Africa.
2. Pray that we will find a **home** where Holly can continue to heal and a good **school** for the kids. Also pray that we can **rebuild our life** in the US (we got rid of nearly all our belongings before going to Africa 3.5 yrs ago) and **build relationships** in the community where Holly and the kids will feel supported while I am away.
3. Pray that our **supporters and churches will continue to stand with us** as we continue to do our mission work. Although we will be living in America, we still will be "missionaries" **leaning upon the prayers and financial support of our partners** who contribute regularly and generously so we can do our work of training pastors in Africa.



This week I will be in Los Angeles to do a training of pastors and church leaders toward equipping them to be global trainers. Please pray for Holly and the kids while I'm away.

We know God is at work in all of this, and although we only "see through a glass dimly," we walk by faith in our gracious, sovereign, good God.

Once again, **THANK YOU for your faithful and generous partnership** with us in prayer and finances. God is using your investment for eternally significant purposes!

Pressing on by God's grace,

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