

Training of Trainers in Africa



Dear friends,

A central theme running throughout the Bible is **God's heart for the nations**. You can't properly understand the Scriptures without seeing His passion for saving people from every tongue and tribe and nation. Sometimes when we hear of over **2,300 deaths** in West Africa due to **Ebola** virus (according to World Health Organization), it seems so distant from us. But it certainly is not distant from God, who loves each of these enough to sacrifice His Son so they may be saved. May we **share in His heart** for the nations, and do all we can to reach them for Christ. Although they are not all dying of a deadly virus, without Christ they are entering an eternal death separated from God.



What are we doing to reach the nations for Christ?

I am absolutely convinced that **Christ is the only hope** for the nations, and the **church** is the primary vehicle through which Christ works. When the Word is taught well, people are saved, disciplined and grow to maturity by the power of the Spirit. So that is where we are investing our lives – training African pastors to **study and teach God's Word well** so that dear souls God loves so much will come to know and follow Christ. God has put thousands of pastors with whom we network in the perfect place to reach their people. But they crave Bible training so they can do it well.

What are our specific plans?

With summer behind us, we are launching into a fall schedule filled with trainings in five countries of Africa. Over the summer, I preached in several churches, trained pastors stateside, and worked with our team to develop and **refine the curriculum** we use to

train pastors globally. It was a joy for my family to host Pastor **Abraham Mudidi** from Kinshasa, Congo, who will be a key leader in launching a new Pastor Training Network in November.



Hosting Pastor Mudidi



ReachGlobal Pastor Training Team

Upcoming Schedule

- **September - Tomorrow** (9/11), I leave for **Ethiopia** to train a group from a large association of hundreds of churches.
- **October** - I will be continuing to train a group in **Dar es Salaam**, and then work with a new group of Maasai pastors in southern **Kenya**.
- **November** – Lord-willing, if Ebola doesn't stop us, I will launch a new network in **Congo** that has the potential of reaching **thousands of churches** in dozens of denominations throughout West and Central Africa.
- **December** - I will be back in **Rwanda** to continue the third workshop in our series of nine.

Please join us in prayer:

1. Pray for the many who have been affected by Ebola, and that **God will stop the spread of this virus**. In the words of one of our Liberian partners with whom we work, *"The Ebola disease in Liberia is out of control, and our government is not able to control the situation."* Economies are tottering as prices for food, fuel and necessities soar. There is widespread teaching that this is the judgment of God, and medical treatment is ignored in favor of remedies like, *"bathing in salt placed in hot water before 6 a.m. which will bring Ebola to a complete halt."* Several of our trainings and plans have been affected with others in jeopardy.
2. Pray for my time in **Ethiopia**. I will be **preaching** at a large church in Addis Ababa this Sunday, then will **train** a group five hours to the south in Hawassa. There will be very little sleep for the next 10 days, so pray for **endurance and wisdom**. Please also pray for **Holly and the kids** while I am away.
3. Praise God that He has revealed His redemptive plan through His Word, and we have a **message of HOPE** to share with a world desperately in need of God's grace.

We are truly **grateful for your faithful, generous and vital partnership** with us. We would love to pray for you as well, so please share with us.

With love and appreciation,

The Belz Family
Eric, Holly, Adam, Andrew, Alyssa

"Heal those who are sick, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.'" -Luke 10:9,
Words Jesus shared with those he sent on mission trip.

