

### Dear friends,

Last week our team leader shared some great **encouragement** with us that I want to pass on to you. In **1 Peter 1:6-7** we read, "*In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ.* "To be honest, the past years of Holly and Alyssa being sick have led us at times to "grieve by various trials." But this verse clearly states that through these trials <u>our faith will result in praise and glory and honor to Jesus</u>. We have certainly found our faith has grown, and our **deepest desire is that God would be glorified** – if by Holly's and Alyssa's healing, praise God, and if by our tested but genuine faith with no healing, praise God.

# Looking Back...

The above picture was from a training I did in February in **Ethiopia.** I am pleased to share with you that we will be launching a **new training network** in Addis Ababar in the fall, and it has the potential of reaching thousands of pastors throughout Ethiopia. Learn more by watching the video...

Please take about <u>three minutes</u> to watch a **video** that highlights a **couple key African leaders** sharing about the importance of the Bible training we do in Congo and Ethiopia. Just click the picture to the right.



# **CLICK HERE** to read about a training of

US pastors and ministry leaders I did in Florida at the beginning of March.

# Looking Forward...

In just a few hours I leave for **Kenya** to launch a new training network among the **Maasai** south of Nairobi. This group of pastors has been so eager for our training, and they are hoping to **take it to other countries** where there are Maasai. I will be there March 20-27.

- April 10-17 Workshop 2 in Congo.
- April 26-May 21 Share about global pastor training with several groups of pastors in Northwest.
- May 25-June 1 Workshop 7 in Tanzania.

### Coming Near You...

Lord-willing, our family plans to make a **trip through California** to check in with supporters and supporting churches. **We would LOVE to see YOU!** I will also attend the EFCA One National Conference so I can connect with many pastors, hopefully drawing some to join us in training globally. Our **tentative schedule** is as follows:

- June 12-13 Sacramento and Northern CA
- June 13-15 Kingsburg and Central Valley
- June 16-18 EFCA One Conference in Vista, CA
- June 19-21 North San Diego area
- July 5-17 I (Eric) will be in the LA area and available to meet July 10-12.

If you are interested in meeting with us, **we'd love to spend time with you**! Please email me and we'll try to set up a visit. <u>eric.belz@efca.org</u>

May our gracious God grow "the genuineness of your faith" ultimately resulting in "the praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ!"

With love and gratitude,

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Please stay in touch and let us know how we can pray for you.

