



Dear friends,

What an amazing God we serve! I hope we are not inoculated from the **wonder of this message**: "When the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons." (Gal.4:4-5) May we be drawn to worship our "wonderful counselor," as prophesied by Isaiah, who offers hope, purpose and life. We'd like to reflect a bit with you on some personal **highlights of the year**:

- **Holly** – I am thankful for the opportunity to live in the beautiful northwest with my awesome hubby and three kids. This year has brought some improvements in Alyssa's and my health which is encouraging. A highlight has been walking alongside Eric as he researches and writes for his doctorate program, and helping the kids study each day for their various classes.
- **Alyssa** – I'm grateful that I get to take math class at my school and that it is going well. I'm happy that we got a dog. I like it when I can help people in small ways.
- **Andrew** – I'm most thankful for Loki, our dog. I'm enjoying being in high school and thought it was cool having my cousin and some good friends from Kingsburg come and visit this summer.
- **Adam** – This year I enjoyed playing high school soccer, getting a dog, good friends and the waterslide we made. Eating is always a highlight too!
- **Eric** – I'm am so grateful to be the father of my children, the husband of my wife, and to be able to serve God in Africa by training incredible pastors to study God's Word. What a privilege!



Training Sudanese Church Planters in Cairo, Egypt



I have just returned from training a group of **25 Sudanese remarkable young men** who will return to their homeland in eight months to plant churches in that challenging context. The students and other faculty of the school eagerly soaked up the training. **Pastor Saveny**, a teacher at

Tyrannus School, shared, "Last week I prayed that God would help me to better pastor a church and preach the Word. I struggled much with this and did not know what to





Pastor John, me and Paul

do. Now you have come and given us the answer. Now I know what I have to do and have hope of preaching well." **Tyrannus School Director Samir** said, "We have all benefitted so much from this study. We have learned important truths about how to study and preach the Word. We have been changed."

At the conclusion of the training, I was able to stop by the pyramids next door in Giza! [CLICK HERE](#) to learn more, and check out this short [VIDEO](#) of our **Sudanese brothers praising God.**



Edge of the Sahara Desert

Investing in Eternity

As you know, we could not do this ministry without **your faithful and generous support.** One thing you may not know is that a portion of that support goes directly to **helping African pastors** receive our trainings, covering costs for transportation, meals, and translation and reproduction of materials. As God blesses and expands training networks, the **need for support for African pastors increases.** We launched four new venues in 2015, and already have plans for at least four more in 2016. If you would consider an **extra year-end gift** toward helping these pastors, we (and they) would greatly appreciate it!



Small groups studying

Within the next couple weeks, I will make available on our website my end-of-the-year report featuring ministry highlights, challenges and the plan for 2016.

Just in case you are interested in reading some of what I'm writing for my doctoral studies, check out the Gospel of Mark like you've never seen it before by [CLICKING HERE](#).

Schedule for Early 2016

Jan. 3 – Preach at Hope Community Church – Olympia, WA
 Jan. 12-18 – Global Equipping Division meetings – South Carolina
 Jan. 22-24 – Meet with supporters and give presentation at ERBC – Los Angeles, CA
 Jan. 26-27 – Lead Pathways Workshop 2 training for pastors – Seattle, WA
 Feb. 1-7 – Final training and graduation for pastors – Dar es Salaam, Tanzania
 Feb. 8-11 – Launching of new training network – Nairobi, Kenya
 Feb. 26-29 – Meet with mission team and preach at Cornerstone Church – Prescott, AZ
 March 3-9 – Launching of new training network – Kinshasa, Congo

We wish you a truly blessed Christmas celebration and a joyful New Year!

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

