

Training pastors in Mombasa, Kenya

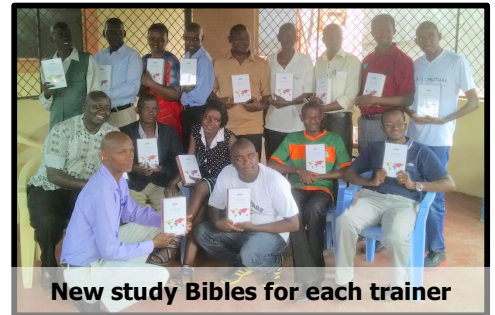


Dear partners,

In this prayer update, we primarily want to update you on the **family situation** and ask for your prayers. So I'll be brief in other areas to focus on the family.

Ministry updates

In what was possibly the **greatest training experience** I've had so far in Africa, we launched a new Pathways network in Mombasa, Kenya which has the vision of reaching pastors in every county throughout the country with tools in how to study and preach God's Word well. My training partner and I stayed with the pastors in a small, rustic village compound, and everyone was able to speak English well, so we built some **excellent relationships**. Go to www.belzglobal.com to read testimonies from pastors and hear more, like that every trainer received a new ESV study Bible donated by the publisher.



In between overseas trainings, I've been conducting trainings for US pastors (recently in St. Louis and in WA state), visiting supporting churches and partners, continuing doctoral studies and preaching in our local church.

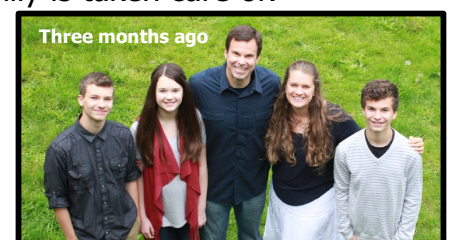
Current situation

In just a few hours, I leave for my **next training** among the Masai in southern Kenya. Although there will be challenges in the training, our **biggest prayer request** is for the family while I'm away. Over the past couple months, **Holly** has taken a sharp turn for the worse in her health, and spends all her time **stuck in bed**. As you can imagine, this is VERY difficult for her, since she had been making slow but steady progress up to that point. **Answers are elusive**, and the fallout is that **Allie's** and **Andrew's health** has also declined a bit. If you are interested in hearing more, visit belzglobal.com to read a blog Holly just wrote. So I've been trying to hold things together at home with cooking, shopping, cleaning, etc., friends have brought some meals which is great, and the kids help as they are able. But while I'm away, it will be tough. **PLEASE will you join us in prayer:**

1. God will **heal** Holly and the kids.
2. God will be glorified in difficult days, so we feel **joy and hope** instead of discouragement.
3. I will be able to **focus** on my training with a peace that the family is taken care of.

Thank you again so very much for your partnership with us, friends. Knowing you stand with us greatly encourages us!

Pressing on, *Eric, Holly, Adam, Andrew and Alyssa*



"So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day." - 2 Corinthians 4:16