

"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations..." Matthew 28:19

Jambo!

"Jambo" is Swahili for **hello**, a word I learned during my time in Africa in late January and early February. That trip left a deep mark on me, and I want to share a little of what God allowed me to witness.

One of the things that impacted me most was the hunger people had to grow in their faith. Some walked as far as **18 miles** just to attend training on discipleship and evangelism. One woman especially moved me. She walked with the help of two canes, bent over at nearly a 90-degree angle. Her presence was a vivid reminder that her desire to grow in Christ was greater than her comfort.

What made the experience even more powerful was seeing people not only hear the teaching but also immediately put it into practice. The very next day, some returned with stories of going into the marketplace and sharing the Gospel. One person would stop to listen, then call someone else over to hear the "good news," and then another would join the conversation. In one testimony, three people gave their lives to Christ right there. We heard multiple stories like that throughout the trip. It was a beautiful picture of how God works when ordinary believers are equipped and willing to share!

My primary role on this mission trip was to help capture the story through photography. It was a privilege to document our team of five as we trained leaders in discipleship and evangelism. Through those images, I was able to help tell the story of what God is doing in and through His people in Uganda and Kenya.

One very special moment for me personally came during the first church service I attended in Africa. Unexpectedly, I was asked to share a message. Though I had not planned on speaking, I was grateful for the opportunity. I shared from **1 Peter 5:8-9**, encouraging believers not to isolate themselves and become vulnerable to the enemy's attacks:

"Stay alert! Watch out for your great enemy, the devil. He prowls around like a roaring lion, looking for someone to devour. Stand firm against him, and be strong in your faith."

It was humbling and meaningful to have the opportunity to be a part of ministering to my brothers & sisters in Africa. What a joy and privilege it is to be involved in kingdom work all around the globe!



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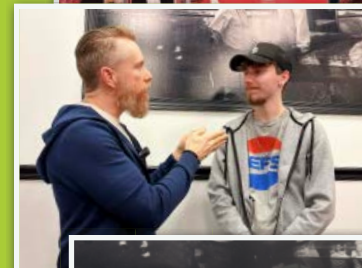
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Making Disciples That Change the World

Back at home, our family also celebrated an important milestone. In January, our son Josiah turned 18. I wanted to mark this new season in his life in a meaningful way, so I planned a surprise gathering with several men I have had the privilege of discipling over the years—men who know Josiah and have watched him grow into the young man he is becoming. I asked them to speak words of encouragement over him and point him to Christ.

It was one of those moments that leaves a lasting imprint on a young man's heart. Watching these men pour into my son was deeply moving for me. It reminded me again of the power of discipleship. To invest in men, walk with them, and then see that investment overflow into the life of my own son was a gift. It was a clear and personal reminder that making disciples truly matters.

As we reflect on these moments, we are grateful for the ways God continues to work through relationships, training, and Gospel witness—both across the world and right here at home. Thank you for praying, encouraging, and partnering with us in this ministry. Your support makes it possible for us to keep stepping into opportunities like these, equipping others, strengthening families, and pointing people to Christ.



How You Can Pray

Please pray with us:

- for the believers and leaders in Africa to remain bold and faithful as they continue sharing the Gospel
- for lasting fruit from the discipleship and evangelism training
- for Josiah as he enters adulthood, that he would walk closely with Jesus and become a strong man of God
- for our family and ministry, that we would continue to serve with wisdom, humility, and faithfulness

Thank you for standing with us. We are deeply grateful for your prayers, your encouragement, and your financial partnership. God is at work, and we are thankful to be serving together with you in what He is doing.

With joy and hope,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Rebecca". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Billy & Rebecca

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