

# SUMMER 2025

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## April

April was a full month, hosting 20 guests to observe Passover, Good Friday, and Resurrection Sunday followed by family visiting for 5 days.

## May

May was extremely full, with a trip to the coast to assist in a fundraising event for a ministry we support, Paul traveling to Uganda for a training, and Elizabeth and the boys finishing up the school year on the road and at home.

## June

June was even FULLER! Just as Paul returned from Uganda, Elizabeth traveled to Ethiopia to visit a dear friend. On returning, we hosted various groups of visitors - a former missionary partner from Paul's childhood, 5 missionary kids transitioning to college, friends on a work trip from the U.S., cousins visiting from the States, fellow missionaries and good friends from the coast. We have two more days of hosting before we fly out. Now we just have to find time to pack!

## Pressing Out

This image captured my attention as I gathered photos for this quarter's update: the way this snake has completely pressed its whole body up against the glass jar, looking out intently with her giant eye. It's as if every part of her is trying hard to get back to her natural habitat. Is she pressing out in hope? desperation? longing? .



DON'T WORRY: SHE'S NOT VENOMOUS. WE FOUND THIS BATTERSBY'S GREEN SNAKE IN THE YARD. WE OBSERVED HER FOR AWHILE BEFORE RELEASING HER BACK INTO HER NATURAL HABITAT. SHE DID NOT LIKE HER CLOSED QUARTERS ONE BIT!

Her posture expresses how I feel as I look out on the world: every part of me is longing. When I watch the news, I feel myself pressing out, longing for Christ to come again and bring a new heaven and a new earth. When I look out my window (lovely as the scenery is) I feel myself pressing out, ready to take a break from my Kenyan habitat and return for awhile to a place where people look more like me and where my surroundings give me some breathing space. When I look out at the future, I feel my eyes get wide and my body press and twist as I wonder how in the world we will ever transition our kids and our family to life outside of Kenya? Maybe it's safer in here in this jar, but... I know I don't belong here forever, and, scary as it may be, I need to be released from here to find out what awaits in the world outside. It's time to go "home" for awhile.

*"Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me... I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. And you know the way to where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" ...*

## Photo Journal



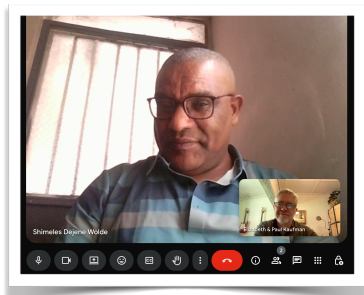
PAUL TEACHING WORLD RENEW STAFF (HIS FORMER COLLEAGUES!) IN UGANDA.



KENYAN ANGLICAN PASTORS & LEADERS RECEIVING TRAINING IN MODULE 8 OF 10.



OUTDOOR CLASSROOM IN UGANDA.



MEETING WITH SHIMELES IN ETHIOPIA TO DISCUSS HOW TO EQUIP HIM WITH TCT TRAINING MATERIALS.

## Work Highlights

### Zimbabwe:

After helping to hire and onboard the new National Coordinator, Pastor Phil Bhunu, Paul has been able to successfully hand over the management of TCT Zimbabwe to our Southern African regional coordinator, Mweemba, and Africa Director, Edo Mulenda. This has freed Paul to now refocus on East Africa in order to spread TCT in the regions closer to home.

### Kenya:

The work in Kenya continues to move along well. Two of our partners will be graduating this year, which we are very excited about! This opens the door for us to invite others to join new TCT trainings. Jonathan (Kenyan National Coordinator) already has several potential partners on his mind, and Paul was able to meet last week with a potential new link for new partnerships: Dr. Aila Tasse, from Lifeway Global is active within a network of rural churches in North and Eastern Kenya may provide an amazing partnership opportunity as well.

*Pray that God brings along the right groups and future partners for us in Kenya!*

### Uganda:

Paul was able to attend the graduation of another TCT partner in Kampala Uganda. With partner churches now beginning to graduate, we are able to move one step closer to our goal of developing a National Wholistic Discipleship movement in each country. Rather than graduate a partner and send them on their way, our desire is to establish a network of churches committed to discipleship who encourage, support, and pray with and for each other. They would focus on continued wholistic discipleship in their churches and communities.

### Ethiopia and Rwanda:

Paul continues to receive requests from various churches in other countries asking for us to bring our training to them. With limited personnel, this is not feasible, so Paul is beginning to launch 'independent partners' who have the capacity and existing structure to implement TCT on their own, allowing Paul to act as a consultant. We currently have two potential independent partners in Rwanda and Ethiopia!

*Pray for Paul as his work and focus shifts from structuring to equipping and empowering.*

## Family & Future

This year, we are heading back to the States from August-October, in order that we might visit some college campuses. This will help our family to get a feel for campus life and start to explore if, when, and where college is the right next step for Inman and Owen.

It's a big challenge to visit family, visit church family, visit college campuses, start school away from our own home, and continue work from afar. We covet your prayers as we aim to do much, learn much, and still find time to rest.

*Pray that we will be **attentive** to where God is opening doors,  
**proactive** to pursue opportunities,  
**careful** to not over-plan,  
and **confident** that God has a plan for our family's future.*

**See if you can find:** Owen builds a forge, Easter morning worship, Passover Seder, on safari, building a garage, Dutch cousins visit, the python that nearly killed our dog, father-son motorbike trip, pizza with missionary friend, Paul gives a riding lesson, bananagrams with cousins, bike race, Elizabeth directs local art project, laundry!, home church worship time, making tortillas, Elizabeth meets one of her students in person!, hosting students. That's family life the past 3 months!

