

# FALL UPDATE

## Family | Work | Prayer

### Quarter in Brief

#### JULY

- Inman & Owen in Michigan with Elizabeth's parents
- Paul continued capacity building with National Coordinators

#### AUGUST

- Paul traveled to Zimbabwe for trainings
- Elizabeth's parents visited for 2 weeks and brought Inman and Owen back to Kenya.

#### SEPTEMBER

- Paul traveled to South Africa for 2 weeks of annual RW meetings and planning
- Elizabeth & the boys started school & work at home

### Upcoming

- Paul continues to organize partnerships in Uganda, Zimbabwe and Kenya. He plans to travel to Zimbabwe again in November and will also oversee another training here in Kenya.
- Elizabeth and the boys manage academic schedules at home.
- Isaiah turns 13!



## Family Time & Fall Kickoff

In August, Elizabeth's parents were able to visit us for two weeks, and they brought the two older boys back from spending the summer in Michigan. This was John and Carole's first time to see where we live here in Kenya! We were so thankful for generous financial gifts that made their travel possible: it's so important for all of us to feel known in our "home away from home." We all enjoyed a wonderful time together with lots of laughter and a couple of special outings: we even got Papa out on a motorbike for a ride and went on a day safari. It was truly a special time together!

Immediately after their departure, Paul flew to South Africa for meetings while Elizabeth started the homeschool year with the boys. Isaiah and Simeon are each taking an online class for the first time, while Elizabeth teaches the rest of their curriculum. Now in grades 10 and 11, Owen and Inman take a hybrid of live online courses, pre-recorded courses, and some one-on-one instruction with mom. Homeschooling gets more complex (and more expensive) each year! Besides teaching our kids, Elizabeth also teaches four online courses for a classical Christian school. This keeps her extra busy late into the evenings and helps cover some of the educational costs for the boys. She loves her work, and we are thankful.



# TCT Regional Update

## New Partners

Over the past 6 months, we have been able to introduce the TCT program to a number of churches in Uganda, Kenya, and Zimbabwe. Uganda has just added three new partners, in Kenya we have two new partners and Zimbabwe has also added two. Partners are church groups (both rural and urban) that approach Reconciled World, ask for training in Truth Centered Transformation, and commit to a 5-year relationship of discipling their congregations and communities in TCT.

## Training & Travel

With new partners joining us, it has been a busy season of training and onboarding. Zephaniah, our trainer in Uganda, has been busy training two of the new partners, as has Jonathan here in Kenya. In addition, Paul was able to travel to Zimbabwe in August to welcome and help the onboarding process for our new partner, Matopo District Church. Regardless of flight delays and additional days of travel, the trip was rewarding because of the eagerness the church displayed in pursuing what God has for them. The trainings were encouraging and hopeful as the participants look forward to how God might work through them to bring transformation to the communities that they care so much about.

## Planning & Building

South Africa is where bi-annual meetings were held for Reconciled World. Administrative staff, including Paul, met first for a week of reporting and planning. It was exciting to welcome the new Asia director, David Strong, and his wife, Doris, who is now the 'Head of Intercessory Prayer.'

During week two, all of the partner Program Directors came for four days of capacity building and training. These are volunteers who help organize trainings for each new partner who has committed to TCT. It was a fruitful time of growth and fellowship. A bonus highlight was visiting the Apartheid Museum together in Johannesburg.



Mwemba, the new Southern Africa regional coordinator, teaching partners in Zimbabwe.



Paul teaching in Zimbabwe.

Please pray for God's truth to begin to transform communities through these dedicated members.



# PRAYER

## Health & Wellness

Just before Paul left for South Africa, Elizabeth ended up in the ER with two blood clots in her left leg. Fortunately they were in superficial veins, and we were able to return home the same day. Since she stays fit and is generally very healthy, this was quite unexpected!

*Pray that Elizabeth's clots would dissolve and we would find a healthy ways to avoid this in the future.*

We continue to live a fairly isolated and somewhat lonely life with few social / athletic opportunities for our sons. We are thankful they have opportunities to be outdoors in a beautiful environment, and very glad that they have each other!

*Pray for emotional wellness and that our sons would experience friendship and opportunities for others to speak into their lives in life-giving and formative ways.*

## Financial Needs

Finances are an issue for us that needs prayer. We are so grateful for generous and consistent support from many, yet we still find that we are short of monthly funding, and we have some significant upcoming expenses.

Please look for a separate financial report from us coming in early November. We will share specific financial needs and prayers requests for our financial future. In the meantime, **please pray with us** that God will move through people and circumstances as He plans to provide for our financial needs.

## Future Plans

We are due to visit the States as a family in the summer of 2025. We are exploring the possibility of shifting our dates or extending our stay into the autumn months in order to visit colleges and universities for our boys to consider. We feel it is important to visit campuses when classes and activities are in session.

Traveling always comes with extra costs. Although we always get to do special things and see special people, visits home are not exactly "vacations." This time around, we feel that we need extra time in order to be able to plan properly for our family's future, especially as higher education becomes part of our reality. Please pray for:

- someone to rent **our home in Kenya** to offset costs of being away
- **a car (or two)** that we could use while in the States
- a suitable option for **housing during our stay** in the States
- Direction in planning how much time away is necessary and feasible



Thank you for praying with us for future direction and provision.