



## Investing in the Mission

This last Sunday I had the opportunity to teach on the topic of the scope of the mission that Christ has given to the church. A quick comparison of Matthew 28:18-20 and Acts 1:8 will give a complementary answer to the breadth of the call—all peoples and all places. The depth of the call is also clear from these texts. We begin by being witnesses (Acts 1:8), but we are not done until we have taught everything Jesus commanded (Matthew 28:19), including the command to make disciples itself. Christ our captain has not called us to an easy mission—Teach every command to all peoples in all places.

At least his mission is not at all easy for us. Of course Christ could commission legions of angels to bear the message for him if he wished it. His supernatural servants could have proclaimed the gospel to all nations centuries ago. But this is not his plan. It is God's plan that bringing the gospel to the nations would cost his people dearly. And this is no mere logical inference from the historical facts. Paul explicitly draws the connection. He makes clear that his suffering is instrumental in the cause of building up Christ's church in 2 Tim 2:10.



## Partnership

We're already missing our teammates the Huffstutlers and the Moores. But our team is so much bigger than these three families. We pray that the next few months will provide great opportunities to reconnect with our crucial teammates here in the States. What a grace God has given to call us together in this mission!



We're **not putting our friendships on hold** while we're away. We've already begun meeting with our friends in Kenya using the Internet. It's not the same as face-to-face, but we're glad to be able to stay in touch.



**Hosting church leaders** at our Proclaim Conference was a great privilege. God brought over 100 pastors our way, along with many others—400 total. The theme of the conference was expositional preaching. Thank you for praying for it!

**I endure all things for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory.**

While we may be tempted to ask why this must be so, a better perspective would be to realize that this understanding grants meaning to our sacrifices for the sake of Christ's cause. God has planned for the church's mission to be accomplished through the means of sacrifice. In this economy sacrifices become investments.

Your partnership with us has been characterized by one of these investments after another. God is using your efforts to prepare a harvest. Thank you for teaming up with us in this costly but eternally worthwhile mission!

I have sent this newsletter to churches and individuals who have expressed interest. If you would like to receive updates like this through email, please email me: [pittsley@gbmke.org](mailto:pittsley@gbmke.org). You can also keep tabs on me through my blog [www.pittspot.com](http://www.pittspot.com) or on the "Pittsleys to Kenya" Facebook page.

For Christ and Kenya,  
Jeremy & Jenny (with Josiah, Jonas, and Jamin)

## Kids' Corner

**Josiah** (right) and I have made a tradition of grabbing a bite to eat together on my day off. We discuss the week, any books we're reading, and memorize a Bible verse. We also take some time just to hang out together. I consider it a highlight of my week, and I know he does too. We're looking forward to getting back into the routine while we're here in the States.



When we left **our kids** (left) with a sitter for a quick weekend getaway with the EABST team, we didn't realize that the kids in all three families would be getting together too. It looks like they all had a great time.



## Praise and Prayer Reminders



In answer to your prayers, the Lord provided an open door of opportunity to get to know our next-door neighbors before we left. Pray for growth in this relationship and that this great family would follow the Lord wholly with their lives.



We're thankful for safety that the Lord provided on our return home and on our road trip to Syracuse. The kids did a great job with the long day of flights. After two weeks, I'm still readjusting to the traffic patterns (and laws) on this side of the Atlantic.

### Please Pray for:

- Wise & godly parenting
- Health and security
- Travel in the United States
- Our teammates in Kenya
- Mutual encouragement of faith with partner churches