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Dear Pastor and Church Family:

The Cormier Family Returns to Kenya

At the end of July, the Cormier family returned safely to Kenya. We worked together with the Cormiers during our first term. We have been watching over their ministry at Karen Baptist Church (KBC) while they have been reporting back to their supporting churches. My plan for August was to give the Cormier family time to take this month to recover from all their travels and to get their home back in order after being gone for nearly a year. I also wanted to give Bro. BJ time to plan for the coming year of ministry at KBC before he gets back in to the busyness of ministry life in Kenya.

The month of August is a month for Kenyan schools to be out for a school break. At the same time, we finished up our first term of Bible institute since we have been back in country. The Bible institute young men, the deacon, song leader, and I continued on with the preaching, teaching, and evangelism schedule as we did during the Cormier family's absence. It was encouraging to me to hear Bro. BJ say in a recent meeting with the church leaders that he and his family have been blessed to find growth and faithfulness in the church after their return. Praise the Lord for how He has worked at Karen Baptist Church!



Evangelism

While out on evangelism this month, we had the opportunity to speak with many about the Lord. As is usual, most were polite to listen to our presentation of the Gospel of Christ; yet they chose to remain with their faith in their own works. In my opinion, I am grateful for the chance to present the Gospel to all who will listen, even if they make no decision at that time. Trusting that Isaiah 55:11 can be applied to spreading the Gospel, it is my expectation that God will not allow His Word to return unto Him void.

One such example is Aaron. I met Aaron while out on evangelism with Karen Baptist Church. I had two young men with me who have been faithful to the church and helping with interpreting for the deaf during church services. Aaron was visiting in the area where we were for evangelism. I approached him and began speaking to him about the Lord. At the beginning of our conversation, Aaron had full confidence in God accepting his works to allow him into heaven. After opening my Swahili Bible and sharing with him what God's Word had to say about the matter, I noticed a change in his expression and how his head began to hang (showing that the confidence he had previously felt was now shaken). By the end of our conversation, Aaron admitted that his works were not enough and that his sins before God were the cause for him to miss heaven. After a few more minutes of my asking some kind, yet pointed questions, Aaron told me that he was ready to accept Christ's work alone for his salvation. After I prayed a moment, I invited Aaron to pray in his own words confessing the faith of his heart. Aaron took the opportunity to confess to the Lord not only of his sin, but also of his faith in Christ. It is always a blessing to hear sinners pray from their heart as it reveals how the Holy Spirit has dealt with them in changing their faith in works to faith in Christ alone. I was able to contact Aaron again this week to plan future discipleship meetings with him at church and possibly at his home. Please pray for Aaron that the seed that was planted may grow to bear fruit.

Thank you for your faithful prayer and financial support!

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