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Missionaries to Kenya



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Dear Pastor and Church family:

What an exciting October it has been! We had our last meeting of deputation in Missouri. We were able to spend all day with Bible Baptist Church in Cassville, Mo. At the end of the evening service, the church voted to take us on for support! The next morning as Crystal and I were getting ready to leave Missouri, I was contacted by two more churches who let us know that they voted to take us on for support. We praise the Lord for gaining 3 additional supporting churches this past month!

Greetings from Kenya!

On October 21st, Crystal and I were dropped off at the Oklahoma City airport by her parents. We were thrilled to be on our way to Kenya but saying "goodbye" to family and friends is always difficult. We departed from OKC at 10:30 a.m. on the 21st and landed in Nairobi, Kenya at 9:07 p.m. on the 22nd. After 27 hours of travel, we were exhausted! We thank the Lord for the safety in travel!

The entry process into Kenya went more smoothly than I had expected. We had to prove that we had a negative COVID-19 test done within 96 hours of arrival; we had our temperatures checked; we then flew through immigration and customs. Due to Kenya's travel restrictions during the pandemic, only my dad was able to meet us at the airport. While our hearts were heavy at saying "goodbye" to those in the U.S., we were overjoyed to be able to say "hello" to those here in Kenya!

The First Two Weeks in Kenya

Much could be said about the nearly two weeks we have been in Kenya...

We have already experienced a water shortage and power outages (fairly typical in Kenya). We were able to move into a one-bedroom cottage next to my parents' house; this will be a temporary home for us. We have seen the middle-class living conditions that would be classified as slums in the U.S., and we even had a monkey walking along the wall 3 feet outside our kitchen window. These were vivid reminders to me of life in Kenya, but they were all new experiences for Crystal.

As we have traveled about, we have also been able to pass out tracts inviting people to know the Lord. This has been an opportunity for me to dust off my Swahili. I have been thrilled to hear Crystal use Swahili greetings with people, though she has not formally begun language lessons. It is an encouragement to me to know my wife cares enough for others to be willing to be uncomfortable for their sake.

Prayer Requests

As we begin ministry here in Kenya, there are many prayer requests that we have as we look to the future. I will list here some of the top requests that you all may be able to join us in specific prayer in these matters:

- For Crystal and me as we adjust to Kenyan life
- For our work permit application process to go through smoothly
- With COVID restrictions in place in Kenya, pray we can find a place for language training.

Thank you for your prayer and financial support!

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