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Dear Pastor and Church family:

We thank the Lord for His care of us as we have been in Kenya for nearly six weeks. Three weeks after we arrived, my parents returned to the states so that my dad could begin his chemotherapy treatments. Crystal and I were grateful for their invaluable help as we began our adjustment to Kenya living. My wife especially appreciated having my mom around to teach her how home life in Kenya works. While my parents were with us, my dad took us around to see some of the national pastors and their churches in the Nairobi area. A couple of the national pastors invited me to preach in their services. While I have lost some of my ability to easily speak Swahili, I still remember enough to be able to say many things. It was a joy to be able to use some Swahili during my preaching!

Each week, as Crystal and I take our regular walks in our neighborhood and go to various places, we seek to pass out gospel tracts and begin conversations with people about the Lord and their need of salvation. The unfortunate part about Kenya is that the charismatic movement has had a large impact in the country. So far, everyone we have met and had a conversation with are convinced that they are saved. By their own words, they are depending on their works to get them to heaven. We understand that they cannot get saved until the Holy Spirit shows them that they are lost and in need of salvation. Please pray for us as we continue to follow up with the people in our neighborhood whom we have met.

This past weekend, we had the privilege of working with another missionary family in the Nairobi area. They have been in country around ten years. While out on Saturday afternoon visitation, we were able to meet Justice. Since my ability to speak Swahili is rusty (though I can understand it being spoken by others), the missionary did the talking and was able to give Justice a clear presentation of the gospel. In the end, Justice assured us that he was fine since he had been to a Catholic church where a priest prayed over him. Justice agreed that he would be willing to allow a Bible study that he may learn more about the Bible. We praise the Lord for the open door to visit Justice again! Please pray that the Holy Spirit will work on Justice's heart and reveal to him his need of salvation.

Swahili Classes

Last month, we asked for prayer concerning language instruction during COVID restrictions. I was able to get into contact with my language instructor who taught my dad and me 22 years ago. It happened that my former language instructor is still teaching Swahili and that he and his wife were available to teach my wife and I at our own home. I am taking a refresher course focusing on vocabulary building while Crystal has begun learning Swahili. We are thrilled to finally begin digging into the Swahili language, but we have lots of work ahead of us.

Prayer Requests

- For Crystal and I as we adjust to Kenyan life
- For our work permit application process to go through smoothly
- That we may be able to retain what we learn and practice what we learn in Swahili classes
- For my dad as he begins his chemotherapy this month

Thank you for your prayer and financial support!

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