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## Missionaries to Kenya



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Dear Pastor and Church family:

The month of May was a wet month as the rainy season here in Kenya came to an end. We were thankful for the rains as they would be a help to the Kenyans in planting their various crops. Although there was a lot of mud present, we were excited about the country being opened back up with the opportunity to have in-person services! It was a joy to have the church programs get back on their normal schedules.

### Ministering at Karen Baptist Church

Missionary BJ Cormier was able to get back to preaching after his bout with COVID-19. I had the opportunity to preach the English and Swahili services half of the month of May as Bro. Cormier continued to recover strength in his lungs. I was also on standby on the Sundays Bro. Cormier preached in case he did not have the strength to preach the Swahili service after preaching the English service. We praise the Lord that he had the strength to preach all day and has gotten stronger since!

On the last Saturday of each month, Bro. Cormier has a youth meeting scheduled. We were not able to have a youth meeting in March and April because of the COVID lock-down. However, the youth meeting was back on schedule for May. The Friday before the scheduled youth meeting, Bro. Cormier learned that more than half of the youth who would normally attend this meeting would be in school on that Saturday and would not be able to attend. As disappointing as that was, we also learned that the youth had a scheduled four-day break from school the following week. Bro. Cormier called me up, and we began a quick plan of a three-day youth seminar during their break.



On Thursday and Friday last week, the youth came for a lunch at 1:30 p.m. Beginning at 2:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. they had classes. On Saturday, we had the normal schedule for a youth meeting from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. The classes on Thursday and Friday had two hours each day of Music classes taught by Missionary Cormier. His classes focused on defining Biblical music. The mainstream Charismatic groups in Kenya allow their "church" music to be culturally influenced and is not Biblical. There is a great need for Kenyans to know what God-honoring music truly is.

In between the first and second hours of the Music classes, the young men and young women were divided up for split sessions. I taught the young men on topics dealing with the specific temptations of sin that young men face and used Biblical examples of what young men should and should not do. In Kenyan culture, a "young man" is defined not so much by his age as by his marital status. The age range of the young men in attendance was from 14-24 years of age. Over the three days, there were about 20 of us total, 16 of which were youth. Some of the topics that were taught were obviously new ideas to several of these young people. Please pray the Lord will continue to work in the hearts of the youth at Karen Baptist Church. We would like to see them live their lives according to the Gospel of Christ and not according to the culture in which they were raised.

Thank you for your faithful prayer and financial support!

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