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Dear Pastor and Church family:

Evangelism in Embulbul

Last month, we began door-to-door evangelism in a new area for Karen Baptist Church. With a mosque just down the road, we had discovered that there were many Muslims that live in this area. As we had mentioned last month, the reception to the Gospel of Christ was a bit cold. This month, we are continuing with evangelism in this same area of Embulbul. While the men took to the streets and went door-to-door, the ladies stayed near one church member's home for a Bible Club time with the neighborhood kids. There were still some cold receptions as we talked with people in the area. There were some who were too busy or uninterested to do more than politely take our Gospel tracts. We praise the Lord for the few who allowed us to take the time to show them what the Bible says about how an individual may have a personal relationship with God.

I and my visitation partner were able to spend nearly three hours in three homes. The young men we visited allowed us to show them from the Bible how they could know the Lord as their Saviour. Please pray for Edward, Kevin, and for the two other young men that the Lord may continue to work on their hearts about their need of salvation.

Nearly 80% of Kenya claims to be Christian, with the majority of Kenyans being caught up in the country's stronghold of the Charismatic Movement. As we witness, we desire to be very careful in our Gospel presentation. I am reminded of a phrase I remember hearing years ago... "Before they can get saved, you have to get them lost." Every Kenyan I have met during church-wide evangelism or as my wife and I are out around town, all depend upon their good works. I could not help but be reminded of what the Apostle Paul wrote to the church at Corinth (2 Cor. 11:3), "*But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.*" Their minds balk at this simplicity that is in Christ. Would you pray with us as we continue to labor in the Embulbul area?

Progress in Kiswahili (Swahili)

Missionary Cormier continues to allow me to preach in both English and *Kiswahili* services (in Swahili, all languages begin with "Ki-"). As much as I need the practice, it is a lot of work to write out my message in *Kiswahili*. This practice causes me to wrangle with the language to convey the Biblical truth of the message. My former language instructor keeps in contact with me and asks that I send him videos of my preaching in Swahili. Bro. Cormier records every service then shares the links to the videos with me. I am thankful for the progress made in the language since we have been here, and I am thrilled that my Pentecostal Assemblies of God former language instructor is faithful to watch the sermon series out of the book of Galatians.

Crystal is doing well in her language learning. Lord willing, she will finish her classes in October. I enjoy hearing her use Swahili as we take our walks around the neighborhood and come across ladies. A couple of Sundays ago, one of the ladies my wife met and invited to church while we were on a walk showed up at church with her daughter. We were thrilled to see Salome and Lydia. Please pray for them as they are also depending on their works to be accepted of God.

Thank you for your faithful prayer and financial support!

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