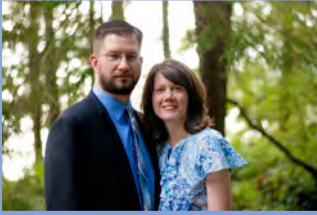


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Dear Pastor and Church family:

Although 2020 was a difficult year for everyone, we praise the Lord for His mercies and blessings that He brought to us! We were thrilled to complete our deputation this past September, and we were overjoyed to finish out the year here in Kenya. We also are grateful to the churches and church members who gave us monetary gifts, Christmas cards, and e-mails wishing us a very Merry Christmas. It encouraged our hearts this first holiday season in Kenya.

The other independent Baptist missionaries in the area have been very kind to us in offering their help when needed. Our shipment of our things from Washington state arrived a week before Christmas, and a fellow missionary helped us load up our stuff on his trailer. We sat in three hours of traffic to get it back to our place! After it being in transit for four months, we were relieved to see our things arrive safely.



As my parents have been stateside for my dad's chemotherapy treatments, I decided it would be good for Crystal and I to work alongside a veteran missionary as we take the time to adjust to Kenyan life and to learn Swahili. Bro. BJ Cormier and his family have been in Kenya for the last ten years and are doing a good work with the deaf, as well as the hearing, in Karen (a suburb of Nairobi). A couple of weeks ago, I was asked to preach in both the English and Swahili services. I agreed knowing that it would be a lot of work for me to prepare a message in Swahili. I wrote out the entire message in Swahili. As I was studying, I realized that this would be my first time to preach a message entirely in Swahili. Twenty years ago, I interpreted for my dad a couple of times as he preached; but I had never preached a message in Swahili. I am thankful that I was able to make it all the way through the message without faltering too much. Praise the Lord!

Prayer Requests

In addition to praying for the salvation of Justice, we would like to add two more names for salvation. Mercy is a lady Crystal met in our neighborhood. We have scheduled a time to meet with her so that we may have the opportunity to explain the Gospel in greater detail. Also, pray for "Jogoo" (This is his nickname; I did not catch his real name). "Jogoo" is a young man that Bro. BJ and I met this past Saturday. After hearing the Gospel, he seemed to be under conviction; but he did not make any decision at that time. Please pray that the Lord would work in the hearts of these three in regard to their need of salvation.

Thank you for your faithfulness in prayer and financial support!

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