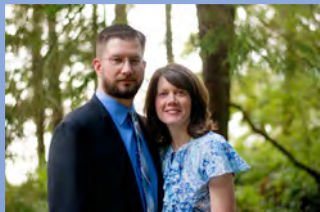


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Dear Pastor and Church family:

Our last letter spoke of our canceled trip to Western Kenya due to the region being placed on lockdown after a rise in cases of COVID. I am pleased to mention in this letter that after a month and a half of lockdown, Western Kenya was opened back up once again! Lord willing, we will be able to make a trip to Butula in the near future.

In Home Bible Study

Missionary Cormier had met a young man, named William, who worked at the grocery store where we shop. Over the last few months, Bro. Cormier had developed a friendship with William. This past month, William had expressed his frustration at his work schedule in not allowing him to attend church on Sundays. So, Bro. Cormier suggested a Bible study at his home on Friday afternoons (his day off from work). William, like most Kenyans that claim to be Christians, is steeped in a works-based religion. William agreed to having Bible studies at his home. Bro. Cormier invited me to join him so that I may continue to practice my Swahili. We have been able to meet twice with William and once with his friend, Washington, who also attended the Bible study. As of this moment, William and Washington are still hoping their good works will earn them God's approval. Please pray for William and Washington as we seek to teach them what the Bible says about the sufficiency of Christ's work on our behalf.

Independent Baptist Missionary Kids (IBMK) Kamp

Thirty years ago, Missionary Bob Stamper had a burden to give his kids and other missionary kids in East Africa an American-style summer camp. The purpose was to help reinforce in missionary kids Bible truths as well as to give an American atmosphere where American games and culture was the norm. Over the history of IBMK Kamp, many missionary kids have come through the camp (including my sisters) with many campers making decisions that impacted their future lives. The first week of August, I had the opportunity to be one of the counselors and to teach four of the classes during MK Kamp 2021. The fun part about this year's MK Kamp was that everyone involved were former East African missionary kids. I believe this was the first year in its history where all counselors and guest preachers were former missionary kids. As former MKs, the guest preachers and teachers were able to connect with the campers in a way that only East African MK's could. We had 12 MK campers ranging from age 7 to age 16. Collectively, 1,360 Bible verses were quoted. On that Tuesday, I was able to teach two one-hour classes on "Why am I a Baptist?" On Wednesday, I was able to teach two classes on "What is My Commitment to Missions?" Even missionary kids have a part in missions! We pray the Lord will use what was preached and taught to challenge the MKs in their walk with the Lord.

Evangelism

In addition to our usual habit of passing out tracts and talking to people about the Lord as we cross their paths, Karen Baptist Church reached out to a new area for soulwinning efforts. As it turned out, there were many Muslims that lived in the area; therefore, reception was a bit cold. Though no decisions were made, we do praise the Lord for the people who took our tracts and listened as we presented the Gospel to them. Please pray for the area of Embulbul as we continue to spread the Gospel of Christ in that area.

Thank you for your faithful prayer and financial support!

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