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Dear Pastor and Church family:

Happy New Year!

As the year 2021 came to a close and 2022 began, we had lots of plans for the holiday season. Here in Kenya, the schools were closed only for 10 days as they are following the government's plan to get back on schedule after being shut down for much of 2020. Missionary Cormier, as pastor of Karen Baptist Church, sought to make the most of the Christmas break and planned quite a full schedule for the last half of December and the first half of January. A Christmas Day service was scheduled where Crystal, myself, the Cormier family, and Crystal's piano students would provide the special music.



The week after Christmas, we had scheduled a four-day youth seminar where Bro. and Mrs. Cormier and I would be teaching split sessions. For the first week of January, Bro. BJ had planned a baptism service for those who were saved this past year; but due to the lockdowns and restrictions, they were waiting to be baptized. All this was planned, and we were looking forward to the opportunity to minister to the members and guests of Karen Baptist Church and to the area of Embulbul; but then, sickness hit our families.

The Cormier family had several waves of sickness in their home which lasted a month. The day before Christmas, I became sick with flu-like symptoms. Bro. BJ, the last to become sick, decided to get tested for COVID; and it came back positive. Due to our families' sickness, all the special meetings and evangelism needed to be postponed. Church services were held in a modified format. We praise the Lord that our symptoms were mild! I am also very grateful that although Crystal was not feeling well for a time, she never had a fever nor other symptoms that I had. Now that we have all recovered, we are getting back to our regular church programs of church services, Homiletics and Music classes, in-home Bible study, and evangelism.

Government Paperwork

After a year of wading through red tape, Crystal was able to finalize her Kenya Dependent Pass (KDP) this week. This pass is dependent on the validity of my Kenya Entry Permit (KEP). So long as I keep renewing my permit, Crystal's dependent pass is valid. Getting my wife's passport stamped with her KDP was a big relief! I had been anxious for the last 14 months with having to renew her visitor's pass every couple of months. I had wondered if someone in a government office would tell us, "This is the last renewal; you will have to leave the country if this expires and you have no KDP." We praise the Lord that my worries never came to pass and that the government paperwork is done until I need to renew my entry permit.

Prayer Requests

We would appreciate your prayer with us in the following ways:

- For Billy and Crystal:
 - As we are expecting our baby boy to be born at the end of February.
 - As we seek the Lord's direction in planting a church in 2022.
- For my dad and his cancer treatment.

Thank you for your faithful prayer and financial support!

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