

# Billy and Crystal Coley

## Missionaries in Kenya



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Dear Pastor and Church family:

### A New Birth

On the 24<sup>th</sup> of February, Crystal gave birth to a healthy baby boy! We praise the Lord for the relatively easy pregnancy, labor, and delivery. **William Andrew Hudson Coley** (We call him Hudson.) was born at 12:30 p.m. in Nairobi Hospital weighing in at 3.14 kg (6.9 lbs), and was 49 cm (19.29 in) long. Mom and baby are both doing well. Counter to Kenyan culture, I was with Crystal all the way through labor and delivery. Although family ties in Kenya are strong and fathers have an active role raising their children, Kenyan men typically don't hang around once they check their wives into the labor ward. They return after the baby is born.



### Another Kind of New Birth

For several months, we have been praying specifically for the salvation of several people. With 70%-80% of Kenyans claiming Christianity of various types, there is a lot of confusion about how one might be saved. The average Kenyan is convinced that salvation is a combination of Christ's work on the cross and their works. The unfortunate part is that many Kenyans go to church, but they don't know what the Bible says about the matter. They know what some preacher or pastor said, but they cannot take the Bible and show us what God says. Their hope for salvation is in following the traditions of men rather than God's Word. Kenyans are often shocked to learn that they don't have to earn their salvation by their works. For this reason, we are careful with our presentation of the Gospel and with giving time for the Holy Spirit to convince their hearts of the Truth of God's Word.

William is one such young man for whom we have been praying for several months. After months of Bible study and laboring to teach Bible Truth, William contacted Missionary Cormier and the result of this unscheduled meeting was that William was ready to set aside what he had been taught all of his life in favor of God's Word. While Crystal and I were in hospital with a newly born baby, William accepted Christ as his Saviour. We praise the Lord for a spiritual new birth!

### "...The Generation to Come.." -Ps. 78:4-6



Please keep my family in prayer as my dad, Missionary Bill Coley, passed away on Thursday, March 17<sup>th</sup> at 1:14 a.m. in Nairobi, Kenya. Though our hearts here must know sorrow, we praise the Lord for the hope of heaven! We are also grateful that my dad was able to meet baby Hudson. For 24 years, my dad and mom have served faithfully here in Kenya. We praise the Lord for their example and investment in us and in the Kenyans! As one generation passes, it is our responsibility to teach the next generation the *"praises of the LORD, and his strength, and his wonderful works that he hath done."*

Thank you for your faithful prayer and financial support!

*Billy and Crystal Coley*