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Dear Pastor and Church family:

Remembering Missionary Bill Coley



Memorial Service

On the 24th of March, Bethel Baptist Church of Komarock in Nairobi, Kenya hosted a memorial service for my dad, Missionary Bill Coley. My dad had requested this venue be used for his memorial service. BBC Komarock is the home of Independent Baptist College of Ministry where my dad assisted fellow missionaries in the training of national pastors and church workers. According to the missionary who founded the college, my dad's class notes for the classes that he taught will be used in the training of men for years to come.

We were grateful for the fellow missionaries, national pastors, and church members that were able to come to the memorial service. It was an encouragement to us to see so many people that dad had led to the Lord, trained up in ministry, and had an influence on their lives over the last 24 years. Upon first meeting my dad 20+ years ago, national pastor Jared Aruwa said at the service that he didn't understand why this *Mzungu* (white man) kept coming to see he and his family. Surely there were other families that this *Mzungu* could go bother. Some time later, Bro. Jared and his family accepted the Lord as their Savior. After receiving training at the Bible Baptist Institute of Tena Estate under my dad's leadership, this man eventually became the pastor over the ministry that he was saved under. We praise the Lord for someone caring about my dad as a young airman enough to invite him to church and then later lead him to the Lord. My dad's salvation decision changed the course of not only his life but also the lives of my family and the lives of many here in Kenya.

Karen Baptist Church Youth

We have been on a roller coaster ride of emotions with family events. Three weeks after our son Hudson was born, my father passed away. Crystal, Hudson, and I took some time to be with my family this past month. My mom is currently staying with us for a little while as we help her work out what needs to be done in the coming days. Meanwhile, we are getting back into the swing of ministry at Karen Baptist Church.



Along with regular church wide evangelism, passing out tracts as we go about town, and talking to people about the Lord to those who are willing to listen, I also had the opportunity to help Missionary Cormier as he took advantage of the school break this month. There were 3 days of youth meetings. I took split sessions on two of the days with the young men (ages 13 up to 24) and taught out of Proverbs chapters 1 and 7. Using these passages, we sought to learn wisdom from a wise father. Being a new father and having lost my father recently had me thinking a lot on fatherhood and the responsibility we have to prepare our young men to face the storms and temptations of this life. We pray the Lord used this 3-day meeting to help the youth of KBC to be grounded and settled upon a solid foundation.

Thank you for your faithful prayer and financial support!

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