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## Missionaries in Kenya



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Dear Pastor and Church family:

#### "And let us not be weary in well doing:" -Gal. 6:9a

The average Kenyan is very religious. Most Kenyans go to a church of some type on a regular basis. Though the times have changed where Kenyans are slowly following after the influence of the western world, I do remember the days 20+ years ago with my family that Sunday was a day most would dress up in their best clothes, go to church, and then spend the afternoon visiting with friends. Due to very little traffic on Sunday, it was the day for new missionaries to get out after church and practice driving in Nairobi. The days we are in now are a far cry from those days. In the past, a gospel tract would never be found dropped on the ground, and every home would offer you a cup of tea and some buttered bread as they invited us in to hear a Gospel presentation. Though those days are far behind us, yet there is still an openness to listen to the Gospel. The challenge we find is the abundance of corrupt doctrine; it takes time to unravel the error before many Kenyans can understand the "simplicity that is in Christ."

This was true for Collins, his wife Maureen, and their neighbor Susan. We were welcomed into their homes and allowed the opportunity to present to them the Gospel. All three have charismatic style churches that they grew up in. All three agreed with me on faith in Christ, yet they added works to their faith. Though Christ said, "It is finished" on the cross, Collins, Maureen, and later Susan all seemed to believe that Salvation is a process. Susan was taking some classes at her Deliverance Church, so she believed she was only at "step two." She believed her salvation was dependent on additional works yet to be done. What a quandary to be in a position where you want to be saved, but your "religious leaders" have led you to believe that until their process is complete, you are not fully saved! Though God's Word was presented in a way that left no doubt Salvation comes by grace through faith without works, Susan was still holding on to her process. We left her with a Gospel tract, and I encouraged her to compare what God says in His Word to what men say.

At the end of our time with Collins and his wife, we also left them with information to read and meditate upon. We were invited back for another time of Bible study. We thank the Lord for the opportunity to follow up with them and labor some more in planting the seed of the Gospel. Please pray for Collins, Maureen, and Susan as we follow up with them in the coming days.

#### "...For in due season we shall reap, if we faint not." -Gal. 6:9b



Last year, I wrote in a letter about five young men that Missionary Cormier and I were having Bible study classes with on the subject of Salvation. This past month, we are happy to report that three of the five young men, after getting the matter of their salvation settled, submitted to baptism. A fourth should also be baptized the next time there is a baptism service. We praise the Lord for the results that He is allowing us to see in Karen and Embulbul, Kenya!

Thank you for your faithful prayer and financial support!

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