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## Missionaries in Kenya



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Dear Pastor and Church family:

### Evangelism in Embulbul

Over the last year and a half, Karen Baptist Church has been working faithfully, as government lockdowns allowed, to evangelize the area of Embulbul. We praise the Lord for the opportunity to hand out gospel tracts, talk with people about their need of salvation, and host Bible clubs and in-home Bible studies. Through this effort, souls were saved, converts baptized; and we are still following up on several contacts for salvation, Bible study, and discipleship.

This past month, we were able to reach the last new area of Embulbul. It happened that this area, pre-pandemic, had a lot more residents than there currently are. However, we had the opportunity to share the Gospel with many. While we were finishing up going door-to-door in Embulbul, we had climbed a small hill that gave a view of the neighboring area of Kangawa. As we took a moment to enjoy the breeze and to wait for the rest of our group to join us, we looked out over Kangawa. Missionary Cormier and I, along with church member Bro. Derrick, took the few minutes we had to talk about plans for reaching Kangawa. Though we praise the Lord for the results he has given us over the last year and a half of evangelism in Embulbul, we certainly see that there is a lot more work to do.

### Reaching New Areas with the Gospel

Embulbul, Kangawa, and Kariobangi are all located in Kajiado county, and they are all within walking distance of Karen Baptist Church. Kenyan "walking distance" is much greater than American "walking distance." Most Kenyans are used to walking more than two kilometers a day just going to work. Walking a mile to church is not an uncommon thing here in Kenya.



Kajiado county has a population of over 1.1 million people in an area of 21,292 km<sup>2</sup>. While the county is large, I only know of two independent Baptist churches in this region. In contrast, Oklahoma City has around 1.4 million people in an area of 1,556 km<sup>2</sup> with eleven independent Baptist churches that I know, possibly more. Karen Baptist Church is located right inside the border of Nairobi county but is a short walk from Embulbul in Kajiado county. Will you pray with us as we continue to spread the Gospel to this needy region that souls would be saved and discipled?

Thank you for your faithful prayer and financial support!

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