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Dear Pastor and Church family:

Butula, Kenya

The first week of January, Missionary Cormier and I loaded up his van and headed out to western Kenya to spend five days working with a church plant out of Karen Baptist Church. Pastor Ephraim planted a village church in his own home area where Bro. BJ and I have the privilege of taking trips to be an encouragement and help. This trip consisted of three days of youth meetings dealing with subjects that, in Kenyan culture, are often ignored or handled according to custom and not Scripture. From ten in the morning to four in the afternoon, we had classes for the youth on that Thursday and Friday. On Saturday, the parents joined their youth for a full day of classes.

The second Sunday of this year, Pastor Ephraim invited me to preach for their morning service. Bro. BJ wrapped up his lessons for the Sunday school hour. During our time in Butula, both Missionary Cormier and I dealt with different illnesses common to Kenya which made the trip more interesting. We praise the Lord for His help through those five days as we sought to preach and teach God's Word in Butula, Kenya. Please pray for Pastor Ephraim, his family, and church family as they seek to be a witness in Butula.



Evangelism

Back in the Nairobi area at Karen Baptist Church, we continued with our regular outreach programs of in-home Bible studies, Bible Club for the children, and church-wide Evangelism. Gospel tracts were handed out, and I had the opportunity to speak with many people this month about the need of their salvation. Most conversations were brief as the people gave me polite attention, yet they showed little interest. On the other hand, I met Priscilla, Samuel, and Isaac who allowed me to present the Gospel to them in further detail. At the end of my time with these three, each responded to me in a similar way as some of the Athenians responded to Paul on Mars' Hill in Acts 17:32, "We will hear thee again of this matter." Each placed their trust in their good works for their salvation. Samuel freely acknowledged that he was a sinner, but could not bring himself to believe that his sin would separate him for eternity from God in hell. Please pray for Priscilla, Samuel, and Isaac that God would show to them their need of salvation.

Thank you for your faithful prayer and financial support!

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