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Dear Pastor and Church family:

Bible Institute

This past month, we were able to complete the first term of our expanded Bible institute classes at Karen Baptist Church. I taught Bible Doctrines 1 in a three-hour block this term to three of KBC's preacher boys. In comparison to the Kenyan testing and grading system that these young men have been used to, our near American-style system is more demanding. Though the class expectations were greater than what the students were prepared for, each of the students have done well this term. I am grateful for the opportunity to spend time training these young men for the ministry. It is a blessing not only to teach but also to work alongside these men as we labor together here in Kenya.

Evangelism and Home Bible Studies

On Wednesday afternoons, the Bible institute students, Missionary Cormier, and I head out to the areas around our church for a time of evangelism. Along with practical training for the students in the area of personal evangelism, we have a desire to reach each of the thousands of homes within a mile radius of Karen Baptist Church. During the Saturday church-wide evangelism time, we are focusing on the area of Kawangware. For our Wednesday afternoon evangelism time, we are working in a new area opposite Kawangware called Kerarapon. While we spoke to many people this month, it was quite clear to us that the majority of the responses to a plain Gospel presentation was that they did not want us to overturn the faith that they have in their good works and traditions of the churches in which they were raised. One lady named Esther expressed her frustration that while she always tried to do good, she was continually sinning. I was grateful for the open door to share with her and her friends from the Bible that *"there is none that doeth good, no, not one."* (Ps. 14:3b) which is why we are in need of a Savior. Please keep Esther in prayer regarding her need of salvation as she was not yet ready to accept Christ as her Savior.

After many schedule conflicts and failed attempts to meet up with Moses for Bible study, we were finally able to work out a time to sit down with him in his home and begin the Gospel Seed Bible study series. In these Bible studies, we go into greater depth in presenting the Gospel in order to root out false doctrine. Moses told us that there were many things in these lessons that he had never heard before. Eighty percent of Kenyans claim to be Christian (by a very broad definition); and yet for a "Christian" nation, I am constantly amazed by how little Bible the average Kenyan knows. Please keep Moses in prayer as we continue to root out false doctrine that he may come to know the Lord as his Savior.

Upcoming Furlough

As we enter into the last quarter of the year, my family and I have already begun making preparations for our first furlough. We have many meetings already scheduled for 2024 to report back to our supporting churches, yet we still have room for more. We are also needing to gain a few more supporting churches since our family and ministry needs have grown. We would appreciate prayers on our behalf as we finish up our first term, safety in travel while on furlough, and as we look forward to new ministry opportunities in our second term.

Thank you for your faithful prayer and financial support!

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