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Missionaries in Kenya



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Dear Pastor and Church family:

Evangelism in Kerarapon



As we continue to evangelize the areas around Karen Baptist Church, we have been working in the areas of Kawangware and Kerarapon. Most recently, we have been focused on reaching an area of Kerarapon that we had thought was a small area; however, we discovered that this area had more homes than what we originally thought.

It is in this area where I met Rhoda, a 75 year old lady who asked me to call her *cucu* (pronounced "show-show" meaning "grandmother" in the Kikuyu language). During our time in her home, she told me how happy she was to have guests since she lives by herself. Due to her health, she does not get out much. When I asked about her salvation, she assured me that she was saved and began to tell of all the good things that she had done in recent years. We were shocked to hear this Kenyan grandmother tell us of a life where she sold "*pombe*" (alcohol- usually home-brewed) and generally lived without concern about God or eternal consequences. One day, she realized that she was getting older with not many days left; so, Rhoda decided she needed to be reformed. She joined a "church" that teaches a works-based salvation and began to faithfully labor to build up a level of good deeds that would outweigh the bad that she had done in her life. While I appreciated the life story of Rhoda and how her life had been reformed, I realized that she had never been transformed and made a "new creature" in Christ. Please pray for Rhoda that the Lord would work in her heart to show her the sufficiency of Christ's work on the cross over her own works.



Training Men

It has been a privilege to have a part in training young men for the ministry. During our first term here in Kenya, we have invested time and effort into the lives of young men who have been called into ministry. Just as it takes time for a farmer to see a harvest after investing time and money into his crop, so it is with investing in the lives of people; it takes time to see the fruit. In just the last few weeks, we are seeing that the young men we have been training are now showing some fruit of their training. One of the subjects that I had been teaching in our Bible Doctrines class was Soteriology (the study of the Doctrine of Salvation). This past week during an in-home Bible study with Moses, one of my students was leading the study; and I was encouraged to hear Bro. Derrick explaining to Moses some of the same Biblical truths that were taught and discussed in our Bible Doctrines class regarding salvation.

Another example was with Bro. Brian who had the opportunity to preach during Karen Baptist Church's missions-emphasis month. While all students were able to preach missions-themed messages and improvement was noticed in all of their sermons, yet Bro. Brian seemed to be the most improved. It encouraged our hearts to see Bro. Brian exhibit confidence and clear preaching that had as its goal a call to action. This was a great improvement over the beginning days of the timid Bro. Brian preaching his first sermon at Karen Baptist Church. Please continue to pray for Bro. Brian, Bro. Derrick, and Bro. Vincent as they continue to further their training that they may be fully equipped to serve the Lord here in Kenya.

Thank you for your faithful prayer and financial support!

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