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Dear Pastor and Church Family:

Progress in the New Year

“Happy New Year!” is a greeting that we typically use in the states only on January first. Here in Kenya, this greeting will be given upon the first time a Kenyan sees another Kenyan in the New Year, even if the year is already several months old. So, for the Coley family in Kenya, we have been saying, “Happy New Year!” all month long as we go about town greeting people for the first time this year.

As we continue to watch over the Cormier’s ministry while they are on their furlough, we have been working with baptism prospects for the past couple of months. There are seven with whom we are following up regarding baptism. There are many false teachings prevalent in Kenya about baptism. It is our responsibility to ensure, as much as is possible, that only those who have repented of sin and professed their faith in Christ’s work alone for salvation are baptized into church membership. We have completed a series of Bible studies on Biblical Baptism during adult Bible study on Sundays. We are now individually meeting with the candidates for baptism asking each candidate to write out their salvation testimony. In the case of those who have difficulty in writing, I am asking for a verbal testimony. Once each candidate has completed the lessons and salvation testimony, then we will schedule a warm day for baptizing. We do not have a water heater for our baptistry, and our people appreciate us waiting for warm days to have a temperate baptism.

Evangelism



Karen, Kenya- One of our Bible institute young men witnesses to a group of young men in Kerarapon.

We continue to evangelize in the areas around Karen Baptist Church. This past month, and the coming months, we will focus on the area of Kerarapon. This area is opposite of where our church is located and happens to be the same area in which we live. I was encouraged once again by our Bible institute young men as they continue to show greater boldness in their witnessing to their fellow countrymen. We met a few this month that we are following up with the Gospel Seed Bible study. The purpose of this Bible study is to give greater depth of understanding regarding the matter of one’s salvation. With all the false doctrine taught about salvation and baptism in Kenya, we must spend extra time in unseating these commonly held beliefs. Please pray for these young adults that I met: Tomas as he was uncertain of his salvation, and Juliet who had never given the matter of salvation any thought. Please pray for our Bible institute young men as they follow up with additional salvation prospects. There is much to do here in our part of Kenya. We appreciate you praying for us as we labor for souls.

Thank you for your faithful prayer and financial support!

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