



# Billy, Crystal, & Hudson COLEY



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Dear Pastor and Church Family:

## The Gospel Seed...



As I write this letter, we have completed another session of Bible study with Edna. Edna is one of seven who expressed interest in baptism to the Bible institute young men while we were completing our furlough. As is our policy, we meet with each person desiring baptism to go through a series of lessons regarding salvation and baptism. Since there is so much false doctrine rampant in Kenya regarding these foundational doctrines of the Bible, we are very careful in our approach to both. Edna has been a regular attendee of Karen Baptist Church for several years. Yet for all of this, Edna, who has said that she is saved, has yet to make a public profession of faith and to follow the Lord in believer's baptism. Through the last month as we have been meeting weekly for Bible study, I am increasingly convinced that Edna has not

yet trusted in Christ's work alone for salvation. We are nearing the end of our series of lessons on salvation which will bring her to a place where a decision must be made. Over the years, we have seen a change in her attitude toward God's Word and this matter of salvation, especially with the passing of her mother this past December. Today, Edna came to class with questions regarding a previous lesson about "Eternal Judgment," a particularly difficult lesson for everyone. She sought clarification in some of the finer points regarding God's judgment upon sinners. It was encouraging to me to see her desire to know and understand the truth of God's Word. Please pray for Edna that the Lord will continue to work on her heart in this matter of salvation.

## ...Is Planted at Home

This second term, Crystal has once again chosen areas of ministry where she had helped during our first term. She plays the piano for the congregational singing, and she takes her turn in the rotation for teaching the children's class. This past month, Crystal taught for a couple of weeks a lesson on the Parable of the Sower. For her hands-on object lesson, she had the kids come up and help her plant. Each child had an opportunity to go up and have their time physically touching the dirt, seeds, and plants in an effort to help cement the truth of the lesson in their minds. Our son Hudson is in this class and is participating along with all the other students. In all of our efforts to reach the lost in Kenya, I do not want to neglect the responsibility that I have as a father to teach my own son the truths of God's Word. As Hudson is getting older and we are stepping up his training in all areas of life, we take time each evening to read God's Word together. The Gospel Seed is being planted at home. It is our prayer that God's Word would find fertile soil in Hudson's heart and that, in due time, Hudson would respond to God's call to salvation. Please pray with us that the Lord would bring a harvest here in Kenya and in our own home.



Thank you for your faithful prayer and financial support!

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