



Billy, Crystal, & Hudson **COLEY**



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Dear Pastor and Church Family:

Bible Institute

After a long break while we were on furlough, we have started our Bible institute classes once again. For now, we are meeting together only on Wednesday mornings for classes. Once Missionary Cormier and his family return from their furlough, we will add more classes and days for Bible institute. We have three young men attending our Bible institute, Bro. Derrick, Bro. Vin, and Bro. Brian. These men have been filling the gaps in ministry while both my family and the Cormier family have taken our furloughs. We thank the Lord for the growth we have seen in these young men in how they have stepped up in ministry and have gained confidence in preaching and teaching. Please pray for these men as they seek to further their study in preparation for full-time ministry.

Baptism Candidates

Due to the common misunderstanding in Kenya regarding the purpose of baptism, all who show interest in being baptized into Karen Baptist Church go through a series of Bible studies to ensure that the candidate understands Scriptural baptism. In the case of Edna last month, part of working through these lessons revealed to Edna that she was not yet trusting in Christ's work alone for salvation. This month, we completed our series of study on baptism with Edna. We now are planning to have a Sunday where Edna will be baptized. One challenge we face here in Kenya when it comes to baptism is that we do not have the means to heat the water in the baptistry. We have a portable baptistry which aids us in not having to find a nearby river with sufficient water; however, the water will be cold. The rains have come bringing cooler weather. In talking with Edna about a time for being baptized, she had requested we wait until the weather is a bit warmer. She recently recovered from an illness with pneumonia-like symptoms and is concerned about a relapse. Here in Kenya, the matter of baptism is a slow undertaking. We thank the Lord for the rains, and we look forward to baptizing our recent converts.

Prayer Requests

- Please pray for our evangelism efforts as we spread the Gospel through the area of Chonjo (CHONE-joe) and surrounding areas.
- This week, we are having a three-day youth seminar during the final week of school break for the students. Pray that our young people would yield to the Lord their decisions regarding the paths their lives will take.
- Please pray for our Bible institute students as they are preparing for full-time service.
- Next month, we plan to have some visitors from the states come to help us for two days before they travel to other parts of Kenya to help other missionaries. They will give extra assistance as we evangelize the area of Chonjo. They will also be helping us as we host a Bible club at a local school. Please pray for their safety in travel.
- Please pray for us as we have the opportunity to reach into a local school with the Gospel that the Lord would speak to the hearts of children and youth.

Thank you for your faithful prayer and financial support!

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