



# Billy, Crystal, & Hudson COLEY



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Dear Pastor and Church Family:

## Kenya Life

For Kenya, the 7th of July (7/7) is a day to remember. In the Swahili language, they refer to this day as “Saba, Saba” (SAW-bah SAW-bah), meaning “Seven, Seven” and is infamously remembered much like Americans remember 9-11, though it carries a different national meaning. This date in 1990 was a political turning point in Kenya where leaders stood up against the one-party rule where former President Moi had suppressed all political opposition through intimidation and even violent means. The opposition leaders called for a rally. The government banned the rally, and violent protests erupted where citizens clashed with police in the streets. A year or so later, changes were made in the government to allow a multi-party system. Each year since that day in 1990, Kenya remembers this event, often with protests.

This year due to the citizens’ perception of poor leadership leading to a struggling economy, people have been upset with the current administration. Throughout President Ruto’s first term, there have been protests which have been violent. This year’s “Saba Saba” protests were anticipated by the government to turn violent. Many roads were blocked by police, including the main road between us and Karen Baptist Church. Hundreds of arrests were made, over a hundred people were injured, and dozens of lives were lost. It is in this climate that Kenyan missionaries must navigate as we seek to lead souls to Christ and to firmly ground them in Bible truth. We must always be careful as we travel around our area and through town to keep our eyes open to our surroundings and the temperament of the people around us. Please keep missionaries in prayer as we labor in environments that can change without notice.



## Evangelism in Kerarapon



Karen Baptist Church is now focusing our evangelism efforts in the area of Kerarapon, a neighboring area to Chonjo where we have spent this year in our outreach. Kerarapon (Care-ah-rah-PONE) has fewer homes than Chonjo (CHONE-joe) with fewer families on each property. While this area may not have as many contact opportunities, we do not want to skip over any of our neighbors. I met Martin in Kerarapon down a dead-end path that had only a few homes. Martin was doing some yard work out in front of a home when I stepped up to greet him. While Martin was kind enough to listen to the presentation of the Gospel, he made no decisions that day; however, he wanted to hear more when he was not at work. He promised to come to church in a couple of weeks as he had some prior commitments. Please continue to pray for Martin and Filemon as we work to follow up with these young men about their need of salvation.

Thank you for your faithful prayer and financial support!

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