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Dear Pastor and Church Family:

Sunday School

This month, I would like to highlight the Sunday school at Karen Baptist Church. My wife, Mrs. Cormier, and Mrs. Githinji Gichuhi (a.k.a "Mama Ryan") are the Sunday school teachers. Each week, these ladies work together to teach the "Primary" children of Karen Baptist Church about the Lord. Bro. Vin and Bro. Phillip teach the older class of "Juniors." The adults and youth meet together for Bible study. Bro. Cormier and I take turns teaching the adult and youth Bible study. For the development of our Bible institute students, we also will have them take turns occasionally teaching Bible study.

With Mrs. Crystal being one of the teachers in the Primary class, I know much of the class preparations and lessons that are being studied as she prepares for her teaching time. One of the burdens for the Primary

teachers is that they have a desire to see the children in their class come to know the Lord as their Savior. One of the challenges is that primary-aged children are not taught, in general, about their sin. The average Kenyan view is that they are too young and cannot understand; however, Jesus said to his disciples, "Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me: for of such is the kingdom of heaven" (Matthew 19:14, KJV). The Sunday school teachers at Karen Baptist Church are laying the foundation by teaching them about God, sin, and salvation. Please pray for all the Sunday school classes and Bible studies as we seek to not only train our people in the Word of God; but also, that through exposure to the clear teaching of God's Word, to see souls saved. Especially remember the Primary class in prayer as the teachers endeavor to point them to Jesus.



The Passing of a Kenyan Political Icon

This month, one of Kenya's famous political opposition leaders, Raila Odinga (rah-EE-lah oh-DEANgah), passed away. He had been receiving medical treatment in India when he passed away. Mr. Odinga had run for president five times and lost each time. Raila Odinga was at the forefront of much of the political unrest in Kenya. Over the last twenty-five years, the unrest from his opposition resulted in many violent altercations with the police. He was well-known for being a hot-headed leader. As in his life, so also in his death, there was violence that broke out in Nairobi and Kisumu areas in his name. Three people lost their lives and many were injured in the events after the news of his passing broke here in Kenya. Raila Odinga's passing will change the political climate in Kenya. Since Kenyan politics often cause violent protests in the streets, please pray for Kenya over the next year as we head into the presidential election campaign season. Many politicians will be fighting to take Raila's place as leader of the opposition party.

Thank you for your faithful prayer and financial support!

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