



Billy, Crystal, & Hudson
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Dear Pastor and Church Family:

Final Preparations for First Service

As we approach the first service of Valley View Baptist Church, we are finishing up preparations to the building and property. Karen Baptist Church (KBC), where we have been working with another missionary family, has been an invaluable help to us. Missionary Cormier has graciously loaned us some of his guys to help us in our evangelism efforts each week. In addition, the last Saturday of August, KBC members will join us to canvass areas of Olkeri that we have not yet reached during our evangelism. We thank the Lord for the friendship and help of the Cormiers and Karen Baptist Church in laboring together with us in this new church plant.

A Time of Rest and Ministering Away from Home

This August, Crystal and I celebrated our tenth wedding anniversary. Most of our married life, we have been missionaries in Kenya. I thank the Lord for my wife and son that He has given me. Part of the balance of ministry life is in understanding that family and ministry are not in competition with each other. God has given me both a family and a ministry. One should not be sacrificed for the sake of the other. In celebration of ten years of growing together and preparation for the work ahead, my family and I took a few days of rest away from Nairobi.

The Sunday that we were away, we stopped in for church services at Grace Baptist Church in Naivasha (nigh-VAW-shuh) which has Swahili only services. As it is not uncommon for a visiting preacher to be asked to preach last minute, I mentally prepared to preach. I was thankful for the previous experience in visiting churches in Kenya because it prepared me for this past Sunday when I was asked to preach a few minutes before the main service. I thank the Lord for His help in preaching the Swahili service. As we begin our services in Olkeri, I am expecting to preach and teach in Swahili. Olkeri is close enough to Nairobi that English may be incorporated in the services depending on the need of the people. We appreciate your prayers on our behalf as we take this next step in ministry.

Thank you for your faithful prayer and financial support!

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