



The ROSE Family

Missionaries to Kenya, East Africa

"...Immediately we endeavoured to go... assuredly gathering that the Lord had called us for to preach the gospel unto them." -Acts 16:10



November & December 2018

Dear Praying Friends and Faithful Supporters,

We are now at the halfway mark! As of the end of December, God provided us with 50% of our monthly support! We prayed for this. You prayed for this. God saw fit to answer our prayers! To God be the glory! What a joy it is to have Crossroads of Life Baptist Church of Canton, GA; Hallmark Baptist Church of Enid, OK; and two new individuals partnering with us in reaching Kenya with the Gospel!

November Travels

Our deputation adventures took us to Oklahoma and Missouri during November to present our burden for Kenya in several churches. It was such a blessing to see God at work in these churches and to hear stories of lives that have been changed through the Gospel! We even saw snow—the girls were so thrilled!

Second Survey Trip

In December, our trip to Kenya fulfilled all of our expectations and then some! We stayed with four different missionary families and had the opportunity to help in some of their ministries. Matthew preached through an interpreter on three occasions; Matthew and Rebecca were able to assist with a teen camp, and Deborah had a wonderful time meeting and playing with many Kenyan children.

During our stay with the Luke Shelby family, we had the opportunity to partake in a street preaching crusade in the town of Kisii in preparation for a new church plant. At the end of two days, there were ten adults who trusted Christ as their Savior!

We were able to meet with the administrator of the Shade School of Language. It seems like this school will be a good fit for us as we learn Swahili. Language training will take about a year, and there is limited housing available on campus. Renting one of these houses would be very convenient as they are fully furnished and large enough for our family. We are praying that one will be available when we arrive in Kenya.

All of the missionaries were a tremendous help in transporting us from place to place. They helped us to better understand what life and ministry in Kenya will be like and what kind of things we need to take with us when we move. We also were able to speak with several Kenyan men and women who helped us understand some aspects of Kenyan life and the Kenyan response to spiritual things.

One such man is Kevin. He was saved under the Shelsbys' ministry years ago. He has since left Kisii and is now living in the town of Kericho. When we visited Kericho, we met with Kevin, and he acted as our guide for two days. Kericho is a town of 42,000 people. There are no Independent Baptist churches in Kericho; in fact, there are no good churches in Kericho. The churches of Kericho teach salvation based on works and traditions of men. The town is overshadowed by a large Catholic cathedral and one of the largest Sikh temples in Africa. The people of Kericho need a Gospel witness; they need a Bible-preaching Independent Baptist church.

Kid's Corner

Highlights from the Rose Girls

"I am thankful God let me go to Kenya! I made a lot of Kenyan friends. I saw zebras, monkeys, gazelle, elands, and camels. I drank a lot of chai (Kenyan tea), and I love it!"

—Deborah

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As we were leaving Kericho, Kevin told us that he desires to help us start a church in Kericho! He plans to attend the Shelbys' Bible college so that he will be better prepared to help us. Having someone to help would be a huge step towards starting our first church. Will you join us in prayer for Kevin? Will you pray that God will guide us if He indeed wants us to base our ministry in the town of Kericho?

We praise God for giving us the opportunity to take a second survey trip, and we thank Him for blessing us with safety and a fruitful journey.

The New Year

Our God is good; He has proven Himself faithful to us over and over again! He has called us to Kenya, and we are confident that with His calling comes His provision and His perfect timing. We have set a goal of finishing deputation and moving to Kenya in December; this is our prayer and goal, but ultimately, we want God's will. Please pray with us for God's will as we work towards our December goal.

We praise the Lord for:

His faithfulness and provision
Answering our prayer of 50% support
Souls saved while we were in Kenya
Several meetings scheduled for 2019

We pray for:

God's will concerning our December goal of moving to Kenya
God to continue to work in Kevin's life
God's guidance as we consider the town of Kericho
God to fill our 2019 calendar with meetings

Thank you for all your prayers in our behalf!

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Deborah, Hannah, Esther, Lydia, and Priscilla

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Kevin



Matthew Preaching at the Crusade



Rebecca and Deborah at the Crusade



Some Children at the Crusade