



# 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 2020**

Dear friends,

Happy new year! Although last year was different in many ways, we repeatedly saw God's loving kindness toward us. We are so glad to be in Kenya and are looking forward to what God will do this year. We are thankful for your partnership and your burden for those who are lost. We pray that this will be a wonderful year for you as you seek to serve our Savior!

Your prayers for us are making a difference. Early in December, Matthew and Priscilla were driving home on a two-lane road when a dump truck full of sand struck our vehicle. The truck driver was heading in the opposite direction and came into their lane to pass some stopped vehicles. He did not see our van. Praise the Lord he did not hit Matthew and Priscilla head-on. Instead, the truck slid down the driver's side of our vehicle. No one was hurt. We praise God for His protection and your prayers! Our insurance company has approved the repairs, and we are hoping to have our van back before February.

As we talk to people here about Jesus, we are finding many Kenyans who are trusting their goodness for salvation. They aren't sure that they are good enough for God to save. They want to keep trying to do better. It is hard for them to see that they must simply trust Jesus. One lady Matthew talked to said that she has been saved but has made many bad decisions since then. She is worried that God has taken away her salvation and that she must clean up her life before God will save her again. These false teachings are taught in the majority of churches here. Please pray with us that God will open the eyes of Kenyans to the truth of salvation by faith in the finished work of Christ.

Matthew's religious work permit has been approved and issued. Thank you for praying! We have more immigration paperwork left, but this is a huge step. Our whole family is healthy and doing well. Our girls have made many friends in the neighborhood and we are enjoying the beautiful forest around our language school. There are so many monkeys and birds to watch! We are progressing well in our Swahili studies, and we can now understand a large part of a slow Swahili conversation. There are three exams left in our course, and we anticipate being finished sometime in March. We appreciate your continued prayers for our growth and fluency in this language.

After our Swahili studies are complete, we plan to move to the town of Kericho (pronounced Kě-rē-chō). This is about a six-hour drive from where we are living right now. Would you pray that God will provide a good house for us to rent in Kericho? This is the town for which God has burdened our hearts. 42,000 people live there, and they desperately need good churches.

### **We praise the Lord for:**

Protecting Matthew and Priscilla  
Opportunities to share Christ  
Progress in Swahili

### **We pray for:**

Kenyans to understand the truth of the Gospel  
Our growth and fluency in Swahili  
God to provide a good house in Kericho

Your Missionaries to Kenya,

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