



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



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Dear friends,

Your prayers for us over the last few months have made a difference! God delights to hear and answer our prayers. God has a burden that the Lost hear the Gospel; He longs for them to be saved. Your prayers for missions and your missionaries are not in vain. Every time you pray for global missions, you are praying about God's burden. God tells us in 1 John 5:14, "And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us." When you pray for your missionaries to be equipped to serve, when you pray for their needs, when you pray for them to have opportunities to share the Gospel, and when you pray for lost peoples' hearts to be receptive towards the Gospel, you are praying for God's will. We praise God for answering your prayers, and we thank Him for prayer partners like you.

You have been praying for our continued growth in the Swahili language. The whole purpose of learning this language is to effectively communicate the Word of God with people here in Kenya. Some long-time missionary friends, Jerry and Nancy Novak, invited us to their established church so that Matthew could preach in Swahili. Matthew wrote out his message in English and then translated it into Swahili. The message was checked for errors by several people. He practiced the message every day for a couple of weeks. When he presented the message to the congregation, God did speak to hearts. During the invitation, many people raised their hands to say they wanted to give themselves to God to be used as His vessels. One teenage boy trusted Christ as his Savior! Praise the Lord!

In our last letter, we asked you to pray that we would find a suitable house to rent in Kericho (Kě-rē-chō). God has provided a good place for us just outside of Kericho. With the help of another missionary family, Luke and Tonya Shelby, we have just finished moving to Kericho. We are excited to be living in the place for which God has burdened our hearts.

Already, God has given us a couple of open doors to share the Gospel here. We needed some plumbing work done on the house. The plumber, Julius, and Matthew had a spiritual conversation. Matthew explained what it means to be a Christian. Julius asked Matthew if he could have a Swahili Bible because he has difficulty understanding the Bible in English. Matthew gave him a Swahili New Testament, and Julius invited Matthew to come to his home to meet his family. Matthew asked Julius to read the first chapter of John and said that they could discuss the chapter when he visited. Matthew went to Julius' home last week for a Bible study. Julius' neighbor, Denis, also came. Through the use of both English and Swahili, these men heard the Gospel. Neither made a decision, but Julius asked to hear more. Matthew plans to return this week. Most likely, this was the first time these men heard the true Gospel. There is not a good church in Kericho. Churches here teach that you must be good to go to heaven. Please pray that these two men would understand that Salvation is by faith in Christ alone and that they would trust Jesus!

God has brought a young man named George to Kericho to work with us. George is from an Independent Baptist church about an hour away from Kericho and has graduated from Bible college. He and his church have been praying for a church to start in Kericho. George moved to Kericho several months ago for his job. He has seen some people in town trust Jesus and holds a Bible study with them every Sunday. George and our family are happy that God has brought us together to reach Kericho with the Gospel!

Our family is adjusting well to our new town. The girls have a large yard and enjoy playing with a new puppy. In May, Priscilla, our youngest child turned three years old; our fourth child, Lydia, turned six in June. Deborah, our oldest, celebrated her tenth birthday in July. We praise the Lord that He has allowed us to serve him as missionaries in Kericho, Kenya! There is so much work to be done here, but we know that God loves the people of Kericho and wants them to know Him. The lies of Satan have a firm grip on the people of Kericho, but the truth of the Gospel can set them free!

We praise the Lord for:

Our new home in Kericho
The salvation of a teenage boy
Opportunities to share the Gospel in Kericho

Your Missionaries to Kenya,

Matthew & Rebecca Rose

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Deborah, Hannah, Esther, Lydia, and Priscilla

We pray for:

Julius, his family, and Denis to trust Christ
Wisdom as we begin Gospel outreach in Kericho
A 4x4 vehicle to use where roads are not good

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