



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



October-December 2021

Dear praying friends,

Happy new year! Thank you for faithfully praying for us, especially over the last few months. At the end of October, we traveled to the States for the memorial service of Rebecca's father and to spend time with Rebecca's mother. God provided the funds for every expense of our trip: airfare, lodging, transportation, and even Covid testing. We marvel at God's goodness and the kindness we received from our supporting churches and friends. God proved once again that, "Where He guides, He always provides." Thank you for your prayers for Rebecca's mom. She has recovered from Covid; she still struggles with weakness some days, but overall, she is doing well.

While we were in the States, our friend, George, continued the Bible study. During our absence, six people accepted Jesus as their Savior. Praise God! Two of those men, Josphat and Kenneth, have become faithful and have attended the Bible study every Sunday. They are growing as they learn more about Jesus. Kenneth has even helped Matthew with Saturday evangelism in the public park. Since returning to Kenya in December, we have seen eight more people trust Jesus Christ for salvation. One of those men is Paul! We asked you to pray for him in our last letter, and God answered our prayers. After four months of attending the Bible study, Paul finally understood the Gospel and received Christ by faith. He has continued to be faithful to the Bible study and is growing in Christ.

Many people in Kericho are very receptive to the Gospel. The other day, Matthew met a lady employee at the supermarket. He gave her a Gospel tract and invited her to the Bible study. When he returned to the supermarket the following week, that lady approached him with a friend and said, "Can you give her a paper like you gave to me?" On a recent Sunday, twelve people attended the Bible study. Matthew invited those wanting to be saved to remain after and talk with him. A teenage boy approached Matthew and said, "I need to be saved." After Matthew finished talking to the boy, he turned around to find another man waiting. This man did not attend the Bible study that day; he only walked up while Matthew was speaking to the boy. Two of our faithful men began talking to him and he realized needed to be saved too. Matthew showed him the Gospel from the Bible, and the man trusted Jesus for salvation. These kinds of experiences happen almost every week. They show us that God is at work in our town. He loves the people of Kericho and desires them to be saved!

Please pray for God to give us wisdom as we minister to the people who have been saved. We want to help them grow in their relationship with God. God willing, we will soon begin meeting with one young man at his home. He lives on a tea plantation several miles outside of town. He trusted Christ a few weeks ago, but he lives too far from town to attend the Bible study regularly. Also, we are praying concerning starting another Bible study at a university about fifteen miles from town. Some of the students were attending our Bible study, but their campus is just too far away for them to continue. We are praying for God to guide us concerning these opportunities.

Our family is doing well. We had a wonderful time celebrating the birth of Christ in our new home. In mid-December, we spent a day in Kisumu with our friends, Luke and Tonya Shelby. They have a Bible college located about two hours from Kericho. Matthew will be teaching the subject of missions at the college next month. He is also helping prepare a new music curriculum for the college and will teach that material in the fall.

We are so thankful for you. Your prayers make a difference in our lives and ministry because God hears your prayers and answers them. It is the greatest way you can help us. We are also praying for you. We are praying that God would draw you closer to Himself and that He would use you in wonderful ways as you serve Him this year.

We praise the Lord for:

The 14 people saved recently
Rebecca's mother doing well
Our safe travel to the States and back
God meeting every expense of our trip

Your missionaries to Kenya,

Matthew & Rebecca Rose

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Deborah, Hannah, Esther, Lydia, and Priscilla

We pray for:

Wisdom in ministering to the people of Kericho
People we speak with to be saved
The continued growth of faithful Christians
More of those who are saved to become faithful to Christ

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