



# 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



May & June 2022

Dear friends,

Our recent experiences have reminded us of the tenth chapter of the book of John where Jesus told the parable of the sheepfold, the thief, and the shepherd. In the same chapter, Jesus explains that He is the Good Shepherd who gives eternal life to His sheep and that the thief only comes to kill and destroy the sheep.

**"The thief cometh not but for to kill, and to destroy. . ." –John 10:10a**

One Sunday in May, a man named Yusuf was sitting on the ground in the park where we meet for Bible study. One of our faithful men went to the Yusuf and invited him to join us for our Bible study. Yusuf came! He took one of our chairs and seated himself behind everyone else. Little did we know that Yusuf had come to the park that day with a plan to kill someone. Yusuf had been wronged by another man, and Satan had convinced him that there was no other way to be satisfied than to take revenge into his own hands.

**"I am come that they might have life. . ." –John 10:10b**

God had other plans for Yusuf that day. Yusuf listened attentively during the Bible lesson and the preaching time. At the end of the service, He believed in Jesus for the forgiveness of his sins. Satan brought Yusuf to the park to destroy him, but God brought Yusuf to the park to give him life. That is the power of God, the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Yusuf is now reading his Bible and growing in Christ. He still has rough edges for sure, but God is continuing to work on him every day.

**". . . and that they might have it more abundantly." –John 10:10c**

Salvation is just the beginning of our journey with God. Until we reach heaven, God's plan is to continually make us like Jesus. One of our greatest joys is seeing God change new believers to make them more like Jesus. One man has given up working on Sundays, and another man is meeting with Matthew twice each week for discipleship. Meshack and Jimmy, the young men we mentioned in the last letter, have continued to grow, and God is using them. Jimmy brought two of his friends to the Bible study, and both of them received Jesus. Meshack recently told Matthew, "I know that Jesus has saved me, but now I want to follow Him. Since our last letter, God has used Meshack to help reach his brother, his cousin, and three neighbor women with the Gospel.

Our family is doing very well. Our youngest daughter, Priscilla, turned 4 years old in May; and Lydia, the next youngest, celebrated her 7th birthday in June. So far, Rebecca's pregnancy has been without complication. We are enjoying the life and ministry God has given us in Kenya. It is wonderful to watch God work in the lives of the people here. Your support makes it possible for us to stay here, and through your prayers, God is working in the hearts of people. We are thankful for your investment in God's work, in our family, and in the souls of Kenya.

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

The 8 people saved recently  
The growth of the believers  
A healthy pregnancy

### **We pray for:**

The new believers to make decisions that please God  
Strength and wisdom to both evangelize the lost and disciple the saved  
Peace in Kenya during the presidential election in August (it can get a little crazy)

Your missionaries to Kenya,

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