



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,

The end of August marked two years that our family has lived in Kenya. For the first year, we lived near the capital city of Nairobi where we studied Swahili. Then one year ago, we moved to our town, Kericho. God burdened our hearts for this town while we were on our survey trip in 2016. After living and ministering here for one year, we can see why God led us to this place. There is a huge need for both the Gospel and good churches.

There are 42,000 people living in Kericho and its surrounding residential areas. However, there are no true churches. As a country, Kenya has had the Gospel for a long time. But somehow, the Gospel has been lost in our town. There are many churches, but they are filled with false gospels—gospels of good works, gospels of prosperity, and even the mixing of traditional, animistic beliefs with the Bible. It is hard to find someone who is not a “Christian” by name, but most people we have met do not have the hope of eternal life because they have never received salvation through faith in Christ.

But God is working here! It is evident that He began working in hearts before we arrived. Since last August, we have seen 74 people trust Jesus as their personal Savior. Not all of these are faithful at our Bible study, but we praise God for saving them. But some have become faithful and are growing in Christ! God is continually adding to our Bible study. We are regularly seeing over 20 people in attendance.

There are a few people who attend every Sunday but have not yet decided to receive Jesus. We are praying that, soon, they will trust Christ. God keeps bringing them, so we know He is working in their hearts. Please join us in praying for the salvation of Mary, Magdaline, Edith, Fred, and Ivy.

Our goal is to one day form a church from this Bible study. A good foundation is being laid. Our people are memorizing many common Scriptures and are beginning to understand baptism and eternal security. This is a huge step for these new believers because these two doctrines are commonly misunderstood. Many churches teach that salvation comes through baptism and that a person can lose his salvation by doing big sins. We ask you to pray for these believers that they will continue to grow to be like Jesus. Please pray also for wisdom as we teach, preach, and evangelize here.

God has been so good to our family, and we enjoy watching Him do His work here. Our oldest daughter, Deborah, turned 11 years old in July, and we are expecting our sixth child to arrive very soon. So far, Rebecca's pregnancy has been good, and the baby appears healthy in the ultrasounds.

We want to remind you that you have a part in our ministry, and your part is just as important as ours. This is God's work. All of us are only His vessels. God is using you, your prayers, and your finances to reach the people of Kericho, Kenya. God has done so much already, but we know there is much left to do. Thank you for your help! Thank you for giving! Thank you for remembering us in your prayers!

We praise the Lord for:

You, our prayer partners
The 12 people saved recently
A peaceful presidential election

We pray for:

The salvation of Mary, Magdaline, Edith, Fred, and Ivy
The believers to continue to grow to be like Jesus
Wisdom as we preach, teach, and evangelize

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