



# 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,

When God called us to the mission field, we did not know everything that He would accomplish. We only know that He had called us and that He had a plan. We are still learning His plan, but looking back we can see many wonderful things that God has done. The work of missions is exciting because it is God's work. As missionaries, we have the opportunity to participate in what God is doing every day; it is awesome. Thank you for praying for God's work. Your prayers are making a difference in the lives of people.

People are trusting Christ for salvation, and the Bible study is steadily growing. In December, the average attendance was twenty. By the end of March, we were averaging thirty in attendance with a high attendance of thirty-five. It is amazing to watch lost people attend for the first time, hear the truth of the Gospel, and receive Jesus Christ by faith. Others are attending faithfully who are not yet saved. They attend because they know they will hear the truth of the Word of God, and the truth keeps bringing them back. We praise God for growth.

With this growth, comes the need for a more permanent location. As we mentioned in our last letter, we feel that God would have us transition from a Bible study to a church this year. Thank you for praying about this. Kericho has a small land area, but 42,000 people live here. This makes the search for a suitable location difficult. We have seen a good plot of land in a central location with a usable metal building. Everyone attending the Bible study loves this plot and is praying that God would make a way for us to rent it. The owner is a very old man and has been quite sick lately. Because of this, we have been unable to talk to him formally. We have talked to his wife, however, and she is in favor of us renting the plot. She has informed her husband about our desire, but her husband must make the final decision. Please pray that we will have the opportunity to talk to this man soon and that he will agree to rent us the plot if it is God's will.



Bible study



The plot we are praying about

We have seen that Satan does not want a Biblical church in Kericho. Some of our people are facing difficult times in their lives. Some have been in the hospital, one has faced divorce by a lost spouse, and others are facing financial difficulty. In our eyes, these trials have happened at a bad time. Satan would love to use these trials to discourage the believers and break apart our Bible study. But God has promised not to allow us to be tempted more than we can bear (1 Corinthians 10:13). Satan has already lost. God is using these trials to strengthen these believers individually and as a group.

Thank you for praying for our family. Jason is now six months old and is very healthy. He has doubled his birth weight as a normal baby should. Esther, our third daughter, turned eight years old in January. She and her sisters are all a very big help with their baby brother. We love what God has called us to do, and we are thankful for partners like you who help us fulfill God's call.

### We praise the Lord for:

- The 16 people saved in the last three months
- Adding to our Bible study
- Strengthening the believers
- Jason's good health

### We pray for:

- The salvation of Wesley, Joseph, Shadow, Brian, James, Magdalene, Edith, Mary, and Stephanie
- God to continue to strengthen our Bible study as we transition to a church
- An opportunity to talk to the owner of the plot we want to rent

Your missionaries to Kenya,

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