



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



July - September 2023

Dear friends,

God answers prayer! He has provided a place where we can open the church. In early September we found a large room in an office building in downtown Kericho. The owner agreed to rent it for a price that the church can afford. We were not looking for an office building; we were looking for a plot of land, but God knew what we needed. He has shown us that this is His will for right now. He has prepared the way and has helped us to organize everything necessary to open the church. We praise Him for His provision.

Our people have chosen the name Faith Independent Baptist Church. The belief that salvation is only by faith in Christ makes our church very different from other churches in town. The opening service of this new church will be on Sunday, October 22. We are planning much evangelistic outreach the week before we open. We ask you to join us in praying that many people will hear the truth, that many will choose to trust Jesus as their Savior, and that God would bring visitors to our first service.

Please pray for our people as we transition to a church. We want to reach new people with the Gospel, but we also want the believers to continue to grow in Christ. They have been giving themselves to prepare our building for services. At the same time, God has been preparing their hearts to be good church members. The believers will have opportunity to follow Jesus in baptism the Sunday before we open the church. There are several who are planning to be baptized; we are praying they will follow through with this decision.

As you can imagine, this is an exciting time for our family. We are thrilled with what God is doing and the way He is doing it. Family life continues like normal even with all the ministry excitement. The girls have started their new school year. Deborah, the oldest, turned 12 in July, and Hannah turned 11 in September. Jason continues to grow. He is walking very well and trying to talk.

Your prayers for us and the ministry here are heard by God, and He is doing good things. Please continue to pray. We cannot do the work without your partnership. We look forward to writing the next letter to tell you about what God does through the new church.

We praise the Lord for:

- Providing a place to open the church
- The 10 people saved in the last three months
- The end of the anti-government protests

Your missionaries to Kenya,

Matthew & Rebecca Rose

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Deborah, Hannah, Esther, Lydia, Priscilla, and Jason



Outside of the new building



Inside of the new building



Some faithful attenders

We pray for:

- The believers to choose to be baptized
- Many visitors to attend the opening service of the church
- Our evangelistic efforts the week of opening

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