



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 2023

Dear Friends,

The end of 2023 was a very happy time for us as we watched God form a new church. Faith Independent Baptist Church opened on Sunday, October 22. The Sunday before opening, five believers followed Jesus in baptism—four men and one young man. These men were the first members of the new church. Since then, five more believers have been baptized and one more has transferred his membership to our church. The church now has eleven members—ten men and one woman. You have been praying with us concerning this church for several years. God has answered our prayers, and we praise Him for what He has done.

There were many people helping us during the week of opening. Seven Independent Baptist pastors from neighboring areas came to help with canvassing and outreach; they even brought some people from their churches. Our pastor and his family also come to help. Six people trusted Christ during that week, and sixty-eight people attended the first service! We praise the Lord for all of the people who prayed and for all of those who helped during that week.

Since the opening service, four new men have been saved and have become faithful to attend services. Our people are so excited about their church, and they are hungry for the Scriptures. Some asked us about having more time to learn the Bible. We proposed starting a Bible institute on Sunday afternoons, and many have agreed to study together. We are planning to begin classes at the end of January.

Some of our men have begun helping us with Saturday visiting. It has been a blessing to watch their compassion for souls and their ability to share the Gospel grow. We have been visiting in a new neighborhood and have seen several people trust Jesus. We are encouraging these people and praying for them that one day soon they would begin to attend our church.

Thank you for all of your prayers for our family and our ministry. During Christmas time, we received many cards and monetary gifts from our supporters. We are grateful for each one. Our family is well. Our youngest child, Jason, celebrated his first birthday in October. We trust you will enjoy the updated family picture at the top of this letter. We are praying for you that you will have a wonderful new year of serving Jesus. He is worthy!

We praise the Lord for:

- The new church in Kericho
- Those who prayed for and helped with our opening service
- The spiritual growth of our people
- The 17 people saved in the last three months

Your missionaries to Kenya,

Matthew & Rebecca Rose

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



We pray for:

- The saved who need to begin attending church
- Our members to continue to grow
- The beginning of the Bible institute
- God to continue to save those who are lost

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