

The Cormier Family: Reaching the Deaf of Kenya With The Gospel of Christ

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Dear Pastors, Supporters, and Praying Friends,

The Kenyan Presidential elections were held on August 8th and were conducted rather peaceably. Although there were some accusations of fraud in regard to the counting of the ballots and some minor cases of ballot tampering, incumbent President Uhuru Kenyatta was officially declared the winner. Immediately after the election, the whole country tensely waited to hear what losing candidate, Raila Odinga, would do. Would he calmly accept defeat, or would he incite his followers to fight? Even the Deaf and hearing Bible College weeks were cancelled due to the palpable tension and high possibility of civil unrest in the country.

Thankfully, Mr. Odinga took his grievances to court instead of inciting violence. Everyone in Kenya breathed a sigh of relief assuming that the presidential elections were over and behind us for another five years. Such was not to be the case however. On September 1st the Supreme Court shocked the entire country with the news that indeed things had not been handled according to the constitution and that presidential elections would be held again in Kenya. This second election is currently scheduled to take place on October 17th.

The country of Kenya is once again tense as Uhuru Kenyatta and Raila Odinga have both hit the campaign trail for the second time. During recent rallies, some of the candidates' speeches have been laced with threatening and inciteful statements causing the Law Society of Kenya to reprimand the candidates to be more discreet in what they say. Sadly, these reprimands have gone unheeded. This kind of hate speech could very quickly incite the opposing political parties which are heavily allied along tribal lines to war against each other.

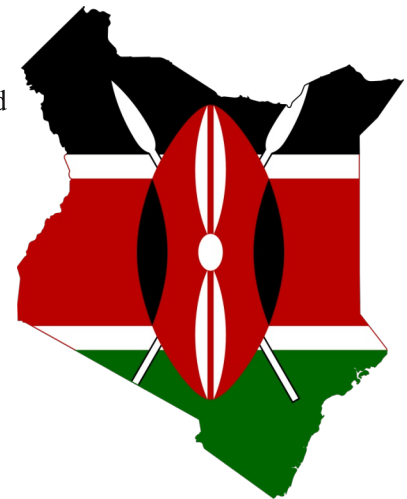
Dear friends, we ask you to once again pray for the country of Kenya.

Pray for peace in Kenya - this second election could very possibly be much more volatile than the first.

Pray for the peoples of Kenya - Kenyans, expatriates, and missionaries living in the country.

Pray for the economy of Kenya - Election tensions have stifled the economy resulting in higher prices and fewer job opportunities for the people of Kenya

Pray that the Lord would be glorified in the lives of His children during this time.



Pray for Kenya!

Because of Him,
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