

The Cormier Family:

Reaching the Deaf of Kenya With The Gospel of Christ

January/February Prayer 2022

Dear Pastors, Supporters, and Praying Friends,

Greetings from Kenya! We hope this letter finds you well as you continue to serve God wherever He has placed you.

In recent weeks, we were blessed to see the harvest of a soul whom we have long been praying for. William is a cashier at the grocery store where we shop. For many months, when our weekly shopping was done, I made it a point to go through William's checkout line. At the cash register, William and I discussed many topics ranging from current events in Kenya to politics to world news and eventually to spiritual things as William began asking Bible questions. As William's interest in God's Word grew, Billy Coley and I began visiting his home on Friday nights to teach him the Gospel.



Please pray for William!

The home Bible studies were a continuation of what was taking place at the store. Even as we studied the Gospel Seed lessons together, I continued to cultivate our friendship. In Kenya, it would not do to abruptly focus only on the lessons "because we no longer have time for less-important conversations now." We Americans are sometimes abrupt with people in order to be efficient with our time and scratch one more thing off of our list for the day. But when you are dealing with the souls of men, it doesn't work that way, and it doesn't work like that in African culture either.

To the African mind, it would be better to arrive late to a commitment somewhere, even if that happens to be their job, than to rush a conversation with a friend. It's easy to apologize for being late. It's much harder to repair a broken friendship because your friend felt that you were too busy for them. This is why it is so important to take time to talk WITH people and answer any questions they might have.

Recently, we finished the Gospel Seed lessons. Even then, I did not rush William into making a decision. It was obvious that he was seriously considering it all and that the Holy Spirit was convicting his heart, but he asked for one more week to think it through.

The next week William was unable to meet on Friday night, but we were



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able to meet on Saturday. We invited William to our house, enjoyed chai together in my office, and then William told me that he was ready to accept Christ. That afternoon, he prayed and asked Jesus to come into his heart. What a tremendous blessing it was to see the increase after more than a year of prayer and labor! Thank you for praying for the salvation of souls in Kenya.

I'd like to share a few more prayer requests with you. During the third week of March, our family will travel to western Kenya to minister at Butula Baptist Church. On Saturday, my wife and I will be teaching separate classes for the men and the ladies. On Sunday after the morning service, we will have the Lord's supper. Please pray for our safety as we travel eight hours there and back. Please also pray that we will be a blessing to the people of Butula Baptist Church.

In April, we are planning another "work and learn" seminar for our young people. Whenever they are on school break, they enjoy working in our garden to earn money for their next school term. In the mornings, they work, and in the afternoons, we serve them lunch and teach them the Bible. We are praying that this week will be a help to the young people of our church.

During the second and third  weeks of April, I will be at the Rift Valley Baptist College in Nakuru teaching first the Deaf and then the hearing. As always, I covet your prayers for those two weeks that the students will be strengthened in the Word of God. Thank you for being our co-laborers in the work of God.

Lastly, please pray for our paperwork. Four of us need passports renewed, and our two-year old still doesn't have a passport or her certificate of birth abroad. Without these things, she cannot legally leave the country. In 2020, Covid shut down the American embassy, and now they have a backlog of work to do which causes things to move very slowly. Kenyan elections are scheduled to take place in August, and it would be a blessing to have those documents in hand beforehand. Thank you for praying for us.

Because of Him,
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