

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

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Dear Pastors, Supporters, and Praying Friends,

In January, I taught the hearing and Deaf at Rift Valley Baptist Bible College. That week, a Deaf girl named Mary whom we have known for many years told me that she wanted to learn more about salvation. Because we live several hours away from Nakuru, teaching her beyond that one week would have been difficult, but one of the interpreters whom we trained at Grace Bible Baptist Church could and did take up the slack. For six weeks, Esther Andanje taught Mary about salvation, and Mary gave her heart to Christ. Mary's story is an amazing one. I believe that Mary is a major reason why God brought us to Kenya.

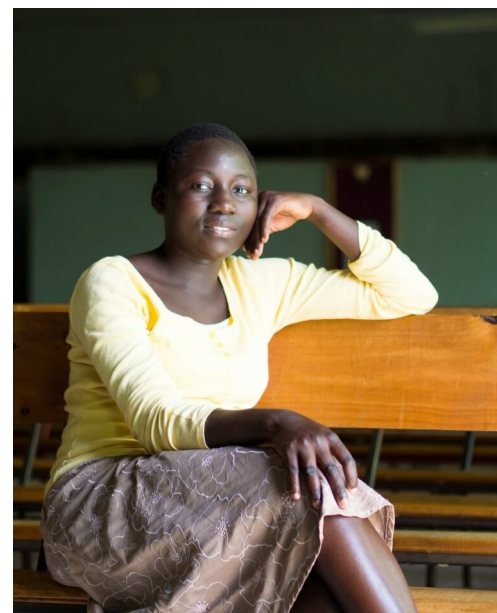
In 2005, Mary's mother, Millicent, began praying that God would send a missionary to Kenya who knew sign language so that her three-year-old, deaf daughter could "hear" the gospel and be saved. Our family arrived in Kenya five years later, and the following year, we began working with the Mickeys in Nakuru. Because Mary spent most of her growing up years away at boarding schools, we had limited opportunities to teach her the gospel, and at that time, Mary showed little to no interest in the gospel. However, during those years, God allowed us to teach KSL to many people in her church. Several of those people, including Esther, became proficient interpreters. Isn't our God amazing? Eighteen years after Millicent began praying for her daughter's salvation, her prayer has been answered.

In January, Billy Coley and I taught a four-day seminar in Butula on courtship and sexual purity. This is a big problem here in Kenya, especially out west. A recent Kenyan newspaper stated that 15% of girls ages 10-19 have a child. There is a great need to ground our young people in God's principles.

In February, I again traveled out west to preach a funeral at Butula Baptist Church. An elderly man in that church passed away, but Pastor Ephraim was confident of his salvation. At the funeral, God allowed me to preach the gospel to approximately 800 people, many of whom were Catholic or Charismatic. I was very thankful for that opportunity.

Thank you for your faithful prayers and support of our family and the ministry here. We could not be here without the sacrifice that you continually make on behalf of souls in Kenya.

Because of Him,
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