

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

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Dear Pastors, Supporters, and Praying Friends,

We have several praises to share with you this month. First of all, COVID-19 numbers in Kenya have decreased to the point that the President extended the ages for those desiring to meet together in groups. The age bracket now includes children six years of age and over and adults up to age sixty-five. It has been wonderful to see more of our people able to attend church. Our church services have had good attendance, and we've had several visitors. This past Sunday we only lacked seven people from being at full capacity under the current COVID-19 guidelines. Should the attendance continue to increase, and we are praying it does, we'll need to split our service into two services.

Those of our members who are still unable to attend church in person have been watching the services live via the internet. We are also recording and uploading the services to YouTube. This not only helps our hearing members, who can watch the service later if for some reason they missed the service, but it also allows me reach out to the Deaf. Because the messages are in Swahili and also signed in KSL, Deaf here in Nairobi and around the country are able to "hear" the Word of God on a weekly basis. It has been a blessing to receive reports from them about how the Word of God has been working in their hearts through the messages.

In addition to meeting together on Sundays, we also resumed our Wednesday evening Bible studies, and four new young people have begun attending. What a blessing it is to be able to teach these men and women the truths of God's Word!

Another praise that we want to share with you has been in regards to our paperwork. Our work permit was approved and then recently applied to my passport which means that we are once again legal in the country. A second facet of our paperwork, Stacy's birth certificate, was also received. With those two things behind us, we now move on to obtaining my alien ID card, which will allow me to renew my driver's licence that has been expired for almost ten months. In addition we're still waiting for our daughters' dependent passes. Jessi's passport is also in need of renewal, and Seth's passport is soon to expire as well. Unfortunately, with procedures in place due to COVID-19, it is very difficult to follow up on paperwork. Please continue to pray with us that all of this necessary paperwork will be processed as quickly as possible and that we will be able to resume several ministries that have been hindered by these inconveniences.

One more praise: As a family, we have been very healthy. We have not had to deal with sickness of any kind in almost a year. Thank you so much for praying for our family, and thank you for supporting the ministries here in Kenya. Because of your sacrifice, our family is privileged to serve our Lord among these precious people.

Because of Him,
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