

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

July - August Prayer Letter 2022

Dear Pastors, Supporters, and Praying Friends,

Thank you for praying for us during the recent elections. Before the elections, things were tense, but since then, we have enjoyed peace and safety. We are still praising the Lord for His protection.

Our home Bible study with Mama Sammy is going well. We completed the Gospel seed lessons with her, and now we are teaching her about assurance of salvation. My homiletics students continue to be very involved with this Bible study.

Recently, my students asked me questions about how to find God's choice regarding a mate for their lives. Their questions led to a third weekly class in which I am teaching them about courtship and God's plan for marriage. Please pray for them in this very important area of their lives. As many of you know, one's choice of a spouse has a great impact on his service for the Lord.

Several years ago, I became friends with Omar and Hussein. I often go by their watch shop to talk with them. We have discussed many topics of mutual interest as I have tried to build a relationship with them. They have excellent Swahili which helps me to improve my own Swahili. My son, Seth, and I are also learning Arabic which creates even more opportunities to talk with them. They have been very willing to answer my questions about Islam which has helped me in witnessing to other Muslims in our community.

My most recent conversations with these men have been eye-opening. One day a woman walked into their shop and invited us to visit her new restaurant and bar. She knew they would not eat before sundown because it was Ramadan, but she invited them to come when their fast was over. They politely told her that because they do not drink alcohol, they would not feel comfortable in the bar's atmosphere. They suggested that perhaps I could visit her restaurant. When I said that I also do not drink, it amazed them. They knew that I was a Christian, but they thought that all Christians drink. As I shared with them verses from the Bible regarding alcohol, their hearts opened up to me. Since then, we have been discussing what they see as holiness in religion—dressing modestly, not being involved in immorality, not listening to ungodly music, etc. They told me that they cannot believe they have met a Christian who believes just like they do in these areas.

Every day Omar and Hussein see professing "Christians" everywhere. Kenya prides itself on being a "Christian" nation. In the minds of these men, however, Christians have no self-control and no self-discipline. Their eyes tell them that in Christianity, you can do whatever you want to do. You don't have to be different to follow the Christian God. Is it any wonder that many Muslims despise our weak "religion"? Unfortunately, our testimony for Christ has lost its savor. Our light has been dimmed by worldliness when it should be shining brightly and unashamedly in a world of darkness. Please pray for Omar and Hussein that God will guide our discussions and that I will be able to be a light and a testimony to them for the cause of Christ.

Our family deeply appreciates your love, prayers, and support. Without your sacrifice, we could not be here doing what we love to do for the Lord.

Because of Him,  
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