

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

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Dear Pastors, Supporters, and Praying Friends,

We are thankful to report that this past month, God gave us consistent rains. Since our area has been in a drought for five years, rain has been a blessing. Thank you for praying.

Since the elections late last year, Kenya has experienced periodic political strife. At times, the losing party has held weekly demonstrations that have not been peaceful. Several people have been killed, buildings have been looted, and last week, two buses and a semi truck were burned. Thankfully, so far, they have announced which days of the week they will demonstrate, so we've been able to plan accordingly. These demonstrations, though, are severely hurting the economy. It is our prayer that God will bring peace to Kenya.

In Kenyan news, a certain cult was recently brought to light. A few weeks ago, police found over 100 dead bodies in a forest in the Kilifi region of Kenya. They were members of a certain "church" in the area. It seems their pastor locked them up and led them to fast until death, promising them that in this way they would see God.

In Nakuru county, a similar story made the news. Police found thirty people locked in a house also fasting until death, and around twenty of them were teens and children. The pastors were not fasting themselves, only leading their parishioners to do so. It is sad that people can be deceived into following someone like that. I believe it is because people are not reading the Bible for themselves to learn what God says. Each time an issue like this arises, the government tries to regulate churches and religious organizations. This week, two new committees were tasked with bringing churches and religious groups into line. "Into line" with what remains to be determined. Please pray for us in this matter. Less than two years ago, there were attempts to force churches into unbiblical associations, regardless of their doctrinal differences. This would have violated scriptural principles concerning the local church and Christ as her Head.

In April, I once again taught Bible college in Nakuru. During the day, I taught two Deaf men, and at night after chapel, I taught a class for the hearing. Due to school trips being scheduled during the term break, a number of Deaf were unable to attend Bible college this term.

That week Mary Atieno, the young Deaf lady I wrote about in our last letter who got saved in February, was also not able to attend Bible college. Her only child, a one-year-old little girl was ill, and that week, she passed away. That Saturday, I interpreted for Mary at the funeral. We would appreciate your prayers for Mary and her family. As a new Christian, she is having to walk through a difficult trial. She is not without hope because she knows her baby is in Heaven, but she is grieving. We are praying that God will be close to her during this time and give her the comfort she needs. Thank you for praying with us.



Because of Him,
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