

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

November/December 2021

Dear Pastors, Supporters, and Praying Friends,

Greetings to all of you! We hope this letter finds you well as you endeavor to serve the Lord. The past couple of months have been interesting as some of our plans had to change. Thankfully, those plans were not canceled, just postponed.

In November, Bro. Billy Coley and I were able to share the Gospel with Paul and Sharon, a young couple who had recently moved to our area. During evangelism, they invited us into their home where we spent a couple of hours explaining to them the way of salvation. At the end, both of them prayed, and we rejoiced together. Sadly, despite numerous promises, they have never come to church. I am writing this story because this is also part of missions. Many Kenyans believe that praying the "sinner's prayer" is one more thing in a long list of good works that they can do to gain God's favor and insure their entrance into Heaven. Others believe that to please someone else is testimony to their own goodness. Because of this, they will do whatever you ask them to do because they want to make you happy. We know, however, that salvation does not come through words that we pray or through the perceptions that other people have of us. Salvation is a spiritual rebirth that takes place in the heart when a person turns to Jesus Christ in simple faith. Please pray for Paul and Sharon and for their two children that God will show them their true eternal state. Please pray that if they are not saved, God will give them true saving faith that will bring about a change in their lives.

The first week of December, my son Seth and I traveled with Billy Coley to visit Pastor Ephraim and his church. It is always a joy to teach and preach to the people of Butula Baptist Church. In addition to evangelism in the community, we were able to hold classes for the adults and for the young people as well as preach on Sunday.

In December, we had a full schedule planned because Kenyan schools went on break for the holidays. During school breaks, we like to hold "work and learn" seminars for our young people. In the mornings, they work on our farm to earn money for their next school term. Then after a hearty lunch, we teach them the Bible in the afternoons. I had prepared lessons on baptism, and my wife, Jessi, had prepared additional lessons for the young ladies. Bro. Coley was also planning to teach some of the classes.

But then we got Covid which meant that the youth seminar had to be postponed until their next school break in March. For the next five

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weeks, Covid made its way through our entire family. Bro. Coley and his wife, Crystal, were also unwell during that time. In recent months, Kenya has seen another spike with Covid, but thankfully, the symptoms this time seem to be more mild. Needless to say, our remaining plans for the month of December and for early January had to be postponed. Our Christmas service was rescheduled as well as the baptism service that we'd planned for our new converts. When our plans get changed, it is good to know that God never makes mistakes. He knows the way that we take. It is His job to lead; it is our job to follow.

We want to thank all of you who sent us Christmas cards and special offerings during the holiday season. It is a blessing to know that you are holding the ropes and remembering our family through prayer. We love you all.

Because of Him,
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