

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

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Dear Pastors, Supporters, and Praying Friends,

Greetings once again from Kenya. We hope this letter finds you well as you continue to serve the Lord on your side of the ocean.

During the past couple of months, several first-time visitors have attended our services at Karen Baptist Church. It has encouraged our hearts to see them come back repeatedly since then and begin to show an interest in the Word of God.

Home Bible studies in the community are an effective way for us to reach Kenyans with the Gospel. Many times, these home Bible studies begin as a result of talking with people on the streets or in the stores, developing a relationship with them, and then being invited into their homes for a more in-depth study of God's Word. As a whole, Kenyans are very hospitable, and they enjoy talking over a cup of chai. Needless to say, God is using this tool over and over again in the ministry here to draw souls unto himself.

In September, a new home Bible study began in Kariobangi, a village about fifteen minutes away from where we live. Bro. Vincent, one of my homiletics students, has been leading the teaching of several young people at this Bible study. As he explains the Gospel message from the lessons, I am watching him grow in confidence as a young preacher. How thankful I am for the opportunity to have a part in training these Kenyan men to serve the Lord with their lives! Please be much in prayer for Brian, Princely, Espina, Syed, and another Brian that God would work in their hearts and help them to understand the truth of the Gospel.

For the past three years, our region of Kenya has gotten very little rain which has put us in the midst of an ever-worsening drought. Livestock are literally dropping dead for lack of water and grazing. Some places around the country reek with the smell of these animals. People have repeatedly tried to plant gardens, anticipating the rains that normally came in years past. Within weeks, however, their gardens dry up for lack of water. Because of their livestock dying and the fact that they are unable to grow and sell food from their gardens, the livelihood of many Kenyans is gone, and they are struggling even to survive from day to day. It is a difficult situation and one that only God can solve in sending rain to His people. We covet your prayers concerning this matter.

As a family, we would like to thank you once again for your prayers and support. Because of your sacrifice, for the past twelve years, we have been able to serve God in trying to reach these dear people with the Gospel. May God bless you as well as you continue to serve our Lord.

Because of Him,
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Bible college weeks for the Deaf and the hearing went well in Nakuru. Thank you for praying for us. During the first week, I taught twelve Deaf students. These Deaf came from various parts of Kenya to learn the Word of God. In addition to the lessons about God's expectations for servants, the students enjoyed sermons by Oscar and Andrew, two former KSL students. For the hearing, we continued our lessons on music, focusing on the elements of music. Unfortunately, because of the fuel crisis, we had fewer students this term at Bible college. People struggled to find transportation and then had to pay exorbitant fares. However, it was a blessing to teach the students who were able to attend.



Kenya is gearing up for its national elections in August. Already, there is much tension and slandering going on between the two main factions. The candidates are not being wise in how they handle things. In African countries, the possibility of violent conflict around election time is always a concern. Please pray with us that God will direct the upcoming elections and that He will grant mercy and protection to the Kenyan people.



Thank you for your faithful support and prayers for our family.

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