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Dear Pastor and Church family:

In our last letter, we had mentioned that the President of Kenya had placed more restrictions on the country, especially the Nairobi metro area. In addition, Missionary BJ Cormier had tested positive for COVID and needed to quarantine himself for two weeks. We praise the Lord that Bro. Cormier has recovered from his bout with COVID. He was able to receive treatment and to recover at home without needing a hospital visit. No one else in his family contracted the virus.



While Bro. Cormier was in quarantine, I preached the English and Swahili services for three of the four weeks in the month of April. I am thankful for the opportunity to be pushed in my Swahili as I know that will be the best way for me to grow in my understanding of the language. I am grateful to see that the time it takes me to translate a message has been reduced from two weeks (the first time I preached in Swahili) down to about two days of translating. As time goes on and I become more free in the language, I look forward to reducing the amount of translating time. With the additional restrictions this past month, our church wide outreach program suffered; however, my wife and I were able to talk to many people about the Lord and leave them with tracts as we went about our "essential" errands.

Another Presidential Announcement

On the first day of May, the President of Kenya made another announcement rescinding the restrictions that he had placed on the country for the month of April. We were thrilled to hear this announcement since we were expecting to be locked down for at least sixty days! We are now able to have one-third capacity church services. The lock down of no one leaving or entering the Nairobi metro area has also been lifted. The up-country trip to Western Kenya which had been previously planned for March is being planned for May or possibly early June. This trip would be to visit a church plant out of Karen Baptist Church that has not been visited since the initial lockdown just over a year ago. We would appreciate your praying for us as we prepare for this trip. We expect to do evangelism in the area as well as having times of preaching and teaching at the church plant.

Youth Bible Study

On Monday last week, some young men, who had previously attended Karen Baptist Church, showed up to Missionary Cormier's house with questions regarding salvation and assurance of salvation. For four days this past week, Bro. Cormier and I spent an hour and a half to two hours each day going carefully over these subjects with five young men: Sinful Hearts, Eternal Judgment, Effective Sacrifice, and Decisive Faith. Missionary Cormier led the Bible study, and he assigned to me some small portions of the study to give me practice in Swahili. No one made a profession of faith during that time, but several were struggling with doubts of their salvation. One young man had many questions about the false doctrines he grew up hearing compared to the truth of the Gospel of Christ preached at Karen Baptist. Please pray for **Mark, Sammy, Eugene, Mani, and Seli** as we continue to follow up with them regarding saving faith in Christ's work alone.

Thank you for your faithful prayer and financial support!

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