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Dear Pastor and Church Family:

Conversations with Wazee

With Olkeri being a village area, the population of wazee [wah-ZAY], or elderly, has a higher concentration than the Nairobi area. The refreshing part about the older population is that they are not in a hurry and they retain the old customs of receiving guests which have largely disappeared in the Nairobi area. When we come to the homes of retirees, we are welcomed into the home or seats are brought outside for us to sit and talk. Often, some tea and bread is offered. Once we have been invited into the home of an older person, we can expect that our visit will not be one that lasts five minutes. I am grateful for these opportunities as it is customary for the hosts to listen to whatever the guests have to say. In these times, we are allowed freedom to present the gospel to the elderly without concern for time.

This month, two older couples allowed us to share the gospel with them. Thomas and Eunice are Anglicans. While Thomas was hard of hearing and Eunice was not confident in her Swahili, they were able to understand my Swahili, especially after Eunice asked me to raise my voice for Thomas' sake. Thomas and Eunice readily agreed with Christ's sacrifice on behalf of sinners, regardless of race or creed; however, they still held on to their works as being necessary to complete the work of salvation in their lives.

Gideon and Mary also welcomed us into their compound. As is the custom, they took some time telling of the various relations who live in the same compound and nearby. We could see the pride that they had in their children and grandchildren. They were also grateful to hear of a Baptist church beginning in Olkeri, even though they were Presbyterian of the East African sect. Like Thomas and Eunice, Gideon and Mary believe in the necessity of their works plus their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. While these retirees were not yet persuaded to put their trust in Christ's work alone for their salvation, they welcomed us back for another visit. Please pray for Thomas and Eunice, and Gideon and Mary as we continue to present the gospel in Olkeri that the Lord will work in hearts about the sufficiency of Christ.

Thank you for your faithful prayer and financial support!

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