



The ROSE Family

Missionaries to Kenya, East Africa



"...Immediately we endeavoured to go... assuredly gathering that the Lord had called us for to preach the gospel unto them." -Acts 16:10

January & February 2020

Dear Fellow Servants of Christ,

God in His perfect will has postponed our move to Kenya. We were not able to fly out on March 18th because Kenya closed its borders for thirty days due to COVID-19. Our airline has tentatively rescheduled our flight for Mon, April 20. We are aware that this may change again because of the fluid nature of airline schedules right now. Obviously, this means that we need to rework our plans a little bit once we land in Kenya. We are praying that we will still be able to begin language school right away as classes were supposed to begin the first week of April. We were ready to go, but we know that God has a purpose for our delay; nothing takes Him by surprise!

We had a fruitful time finishing our deputation during January, February and the first part of March. We were able to present our ministry in several churches in Georgia, South Carolina, Arkansas, Ohio, and Virginia. We were so encouraged by the love that these churches had for the spread of the Gospel. God gave us eight new supporters: six churches and two families! Thank you to Open Bible Tabernacle Baptist Church of Lizella, GA; Bible Baptist Church of Jacksonville, AR; Emmanuel Baptist Church of Brunswick, GA; Gospel Baptist Church of Claxton, GA; Anchor Baptist Church of Columbus, OH; and Calvary Baptist Church of McIntyre, GA.

Our minivan blew a head gasket during the last long trip of deputation, but God provided through the generosity of His people. We did not have to miss any meetings, and we were given enough money to pay for a rental van until our departure date. It is your prayers for us that make a difference in difficult times. We are just everyday people like you, and we are tempted to worry and be discouraged, but we have felt the arms of our Savior giving us strength during these times of uncertainty. He has proved many times that He is able to make a way when there seems to be no way.

Our family continues to be healthy and well. Esther, our middle daughter, turned six in January. We were able to get our shipment prepared for our container but there are still a few details to be worked out before the container will ship. We can see now why God has delayed its departure for a couple of months. As far as we know, all the paperwork we can complete in the USA is now finished; we will still have much more to do once we arrive in Kenya.

We are praying for you! We know that the coronavirus has inconvenienced and caused problems for many of our friends. May we all have confidence in our Lord during these times. He is worthy of our praise and our trust!

We praise the Lord for:

- His perfect wisdom and timing
- Eight new supporters
- Safety during break-down and providing a rental van
- A free airline ticket change

We pray for:

- God to allow us to leave on April 20th
- The language school to work with our delay
- The final details of the container to be finished soon
- All paperwork to be approved once in Kenya

Your Missionaries to Kenya,

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