



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

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Dear Friends,

We have been praying for each of you! We know that the COVID-19 pandemic has been a hardship for every person in one way or another. Through this time, God has taught our family that nothing in our lives is certain except Him. Praise the Lord that He never changes even though our circumstances and plans change! May we keep our focus on Him.

Thank you for praying for us. God is good! He continues to care for our needs, and we are well. We still do not know when we will be able to leave for Kenya. So far, the virus has not spread badly in Kenya, but there are still no international flights in or out of the country, and some cities, including Nairobi, are completely locked down. We are praying that Kenya will reopen soon and that they will be spared a severe outbreak.

Kenya is facing natural disasters as well as the curfews and lockdowns related to the coronavirus. There has been flooding, mudslides, and locust invasions. Some people have lost their lives, their families, their homes, or their crops. To be honest, life is difficult for a lot of Kenyans right now. But we have heard from our missionary friends, Luke and Tonya Shelby, that God is still working! Most Kenyans cannot host or view online church services, so right now they must meet in small groups of ten or less. Several of the pastors and young men that Brother Shelby works with have been leading Bible studies in homes, neighborhoods, and villages. One Sunday last month, 25 such meetings took place (some pictures to the left), and five people trusted Christ as Savior! Praise the Lord for the power of the Gospel and that God's people are adapting and serving despite the difficulties.

During this time of shelter in place orders, God has still provided opportunities for us to minister to others. We have been helping one church with pre-recording their services for internet streaming. We have assisted our church in the music ministry. We have given out Gospel tracts in drive-throughs, gas pumps, and even to people who have come into our yard. We praise God for allowing us to serve Him even when we are not in Kenya.

We praise the Lord for:

- A place to live and a vehicle to drive while in the States
- Opportunities to minister to others
- God working in the lives of Kenyans

We pray for:

- God's timing in moving to Kenya
- Kenya to be spared a severe outbreak of COVID-19
- That souls would continue to be saved in Kenya

Your Missionaries to Kenya,

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