



# 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

May & June 2020

Dear Praying Friends,

Thank you for your prayers and financial support of our family while we wait to leave for Kenya. We know that many of you have been praying for us because we have received several encouraging emails, notes, and cards over the last couple of months. We have been praying for you too—praying for your health, for your spiritual growth, and that God would use you in His work. God desires to use all of us in His harvest because He loves every person and died for them. There are still so many people the world over that need to hear the Gospel!

On Friday, May 8th, our family watched God do something special. It wasn't in Kenya—it was in our small town of Cochran, GA! Ten neighborhood children, ages 4-12, gathered to hear the Gospel. The children were quiet and leaned in to hear of Jesus, of forgiveness of sin, and eternal life. There were no decisions, but God's presence was felt. It was one of those moments when we asked ourselves, "How did we get here? How did they get here?" We had not knocked on their doors; we had just invited one girl to a Bible study because she said that she missed attending her church. God brought all of the children. It melted our hearts to hear one of them say, "You didn't go to Kenya last month so you could teach us today." Some of these children have been returning every Friday to study the Bible with us. None of them have trusted Christ yet, but we are confident that He is working in their hearts to help them see their need for Him. Your prayers for these young ones are appreciated.



Our family is doing well. Priscilla had her second birthday in May, and Lydia turned five in June. In May, we (Matthew and Rebecca) began studying Swahili online through our language school in Kenya; we will be taking our first exam soon. Recently, Matthew had the opportunity to fill the pulpit for a couple of pastor friends. Even though we desire to be in Kenya, we are learning that God's ways and timing are best.

Last week, we received news that barring a spike in Covid-19 cases, Kenya is planning to resume international flights on August 1st. It looks like God is opening the door for us to leave for Kenya mid-August. We realize that this can change quickly. We want God's will. Please pray with us for His will to be done.

**We praise the Lord for:**

The ability to begin Swahili study  
Opportunities to preach and share the Gospel  
Kenya being on track to reopen in August

**We pray for:**

The children attending the Bible study to be saved soon  
God's guidance as we try to leave in August  
Covid-19 cases not to spike in Kenya

Your Missionaries to Kenya,

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