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*"To give light to them
that sit in darkness
and in the shadow of
death..." Luke 1:79*

Dear Prayer Supporters and Friends,

We are filled with gratitude for the Lord's guidance and protection over our family. Please keep Tonya in your prayers as she prepares for more medical treatments in Little Rock, AR during November.

We are incredibly thankful for the faithful pastors assisting us in teaching at our Bible college, which spans across 8 different churches. These churches are actively reaching out to 15 other villages that currently lack a church, training our students to engage in soul-winning and visitation in their home areas. *We are thrilled to report that nearly 1,000 souls have been saved over the past few months*—a testament to the goodness of the Lord and to the hard work of these pastors and students.

Calvary Baptist Church in Uwasi and Orphanage Update

We are excited to share that we are getting closer to housing a few of the boys on the property as we update some of the existing buildings. The church is also in the process of selecting a new pastor, following the previous pastor's departure when the church relocated. I have been guiding them and preparing one of the leaders to take on these responsibilities. Three men have stepped up to assist in various areas, and we currently do not need additional funds for the building project. The church is raising funds for materials, and we will schedule workdays to continue the progress. Thank you for your ongoing prayers for this ministry.

Maasai - Oltepesi Land Fencing & New Church Starting SOON in Ilkerin

We are pleased to announce that we have completed the fencing of the 2.5-acre plot generously given to us by the community. The Lord is opening many doors for the Gospel in the surrounding villages. During our last visit, we walked 8 kilometers to the village of Mariti, where we preached at *three different homesteads to over 25 people, leading 13 to the saving knowledge of Christ* before returning. There are numerous unreached areas with significant distances between them. Please pray for laborers for His harvest in the Maasai regions.

On November 17, we will begin the new church in the village of Ilkerin, where we will spend a week conducting evangelism and constructing a temporary structure on the land that has been provided to us. The opportunities are amazing, and we are eager to make the most of the time the Lord has given us to serve Him here in Kenya!

Outreach Meeting in Kipkirui

We will also have a follow-up outreach meeting in Kipkirui from November 1-3 (previously named Ong'adi). This area sits on the border of the Luo and Nandi tribal divisions, and land has been donated for future use. The average attendance has been around 25-30 each Sunday, and we hope to officially start the church in the coming months. Bro. Marsden is doing an excellent job, and several have been saved there. There is a rich history of a Baptist church in this area dating back to the 1980s, which has laid a solid foundation for this Bible study.

We are immensely grateful for each of you who lift our family and ministry in your prayers. Your support is invaluable, enabling us to carry out the work God has called us to do.

May God richly bless you,

Luke + Tonya Shelby

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Your Missionaries in Kenya