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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,

March - April 2024

Thank you for your prayers as we returned to the field. Despite mechanical delays on our flights from Little Rock, Atlanta, and New York, totaling 4 days of travel, we are grateful to be home. Please pray for Tonya's acclimation to the elevation here in Kisumu, Kenya. She has been improving a lot over the last two weeks.

Here are some specific prayer requests and updates from our ministries for 2024.

CHURCH PLANTING:

1. The Lord has opened the door for Ezekiel, a 2023 graduate, to start a Bible Study in **Buyangu** under a tree. I will be visiting there this weekend.
2. We have begun meeting with a group for a Bible Study in the village of **Mibasi** on Saturdays and some Sundays. **Over 20 individuals have been saved** in the last month in this village!
3. I will be visiting the new Bible Study started last year in **Ilikerin Maasai village** this month, staying for about a week. It's about 10 hours from home, and I'll be visiting 2 other churches along the way. Land has been donated to build a church building in **Ilikerin**.
4. We are discussing with the 2 other Bible Studies in **Sigoti and Nyamiobo villages** about when those churches will be started.

SOUTH NYANZA BAPTIST COLLEGE

We have started up our Pastoral Classes in 3 locations with 12 students who have graduated and are pastoring or looking for a place to start a church. This is a 2-year course that will ready them for any challenges they would face in the ministry.

INTERNSHIP PROGRAM: We will not be able to start our internship program this year due to the prep work that needs to take place. We had two young people seriously interested in coming this year, but unfortunately, it was not possible. We are taking applications for next year. We ask those who are available to start preparing 6 months in advance. This program is geared for Bible college students who have been called to the mission field.

KENYA LEGACY FUND #501: We have received the money for the 1st phase of our College Dorm building and have started the site planning for this project. Thank you so much. **Please use the account #501 for these projects. Thank you.**

!!!ORPHANAGE URGENT PRAYER REQUEST!!!

During our furlough, the 5-acre property given by the village community has been taken control of by the County Government for rice processing. The church and orphanage will need to move, so we have been dismantling buildings and storing materials at church members' homes while we look for a new place. We are considering a plot that had a nursery school that is now closed. We would need at least \$3,000 to buy the land and start using it. **PLEASE PRAY!!**

For Souls in Kenya,

Luke + Tonya Shelby

Luke & Tonya Shelby
Missionaries in Kenya