

Dear Friends,

We are so grateful for the support and friendship of many of you, and we praise God for His indescribable grace to us through Jesus Christ. There have been many times recently when we have felt somewhat overwhelmed by the social and spiritual needs around us. Yet we have been amazed at how God's Word is powerful and effective in helping those who hear it. We are preparing to start the church plant on 29th November and would value your on-going prayer.



At a recent holiday away from Nairobi. Can you guess what the bone is from?

Encouragements

For several months, Rachel has been meeting with a young lady from the nearby slum. She shares shocking stories, and has struggled with her faith during this season of COVID. On one occasion I shared Philippians 4v8 with her and the following week she had a wonderful testimony of how this verse had helped her overcome temptation. We have begun studying Ephesians together and she has been amazed to read how secure her identity in Christ is.



Kip' and the 2 young men who will be joining us from iServe (Peter on the left and Ephraim on the right)

Another lady with whom Rachel studies is a fairly new believer. She hopes to join us in the church plant, and is hungry for the Word of God. Her husband still has many questions about the Christian faith and Kip' meets with him from time to time. Please pray that God opens his eyes to see Christ and his need of salvation.

Workers for the Harvest

We are delighted that two young men, Ephraim and Peter, will be joining us for one year to help with the church plant. They have both completed a 2-year apprenticeship at iServe Africa and are currently undertaking further Bible training via Cornhill, London. Their mission will be to reach out to young people in the slums, and help disciple young people in the church. A keen Bible college student called Alex is also hoping to join us. Praise God for these young men and pray that God would provide all that they need as they seek to serve him.

Practical Preparations

We are greatly encouraged that Chris and Janice have committed to join our church plant and Chris has agreed to serve as a deacon. They have a heart for the lost, and have been instrumental in inviting friends to our weekly Bible study.

GracePoint church, which grew out of *iServe* Africa, has agreed to help us with the necessary government registration as a new congregation.

We are still looking for a suitable venue and a pianist. In all likelihood, we will begin meeting as a church in our own home and garden but COVID restrictions will mean that numbers are limited. Please pray for God to provide and direct us in these practical needs, and for wisdom as we draw up policies, a constitution and such like.

Kyuna Church (Koinoinia Ministries)

The church that we have been partnering with until now has grown significantly during the last 3 years but services have been on-line since March. They recently met to consider how they can safely re-open and we pray that God continues to bless and use them, particularly in their desire to reach needy children from the slum.

Preaching and Teaching

Kip' recently preached for a small church which is without a full-time pastor. Since COVID-19, their messages have been on-line and they are getting several thousand viewings. Praise God that so many Kenyans are hungry for God's Word!

Family News

Thanks for praying for our children. They remain joyful and enjoyed their first camp in the garden of some missionary friends. The Masai gardener roasted meat around a fire and told us how he had to kill a lion before getting married. In the morning he spotted a serval cat in a tree and called the children to see it! Kenya is a truly beautiful place and we thank the Lord for the privilege of serving Him here.

May God strengthen and encourage you too.

Blessings in Christ

Kip', Rachel, Elijah, Ezra, Susanna and Bethany



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