



# THE HESELSCHWERDT FAMILY

MISSIONARIES TO EAST AFRICA

April 2024

Jeffrey

*Enjoying air conditioning in an apartment in Mombasa!*

Hannah

*Being in Mombasa during the week of my birthday!*

Esther

*Riding a camel in Mombasa!*

Dear Pastors, Friends, and Co-laborers,

April has been a very exciting month, as we have witnessed growth in Lighthouse Baptist Church of Acacia in many ways! Our family began the month by taking a trip to Mombasa for a few days to practice and sharpen our Swahili speaking! It was a much-needed trip, and our family has grown through the experience!

After returning from Mombasa, we were able to recharge and refocus on the process and future of starting Lighthouse Baptist Church of Acacia. We now have four different services going on each Sunday. During the Sunday school hour, I am teaching our main Sunday school class, while Daniel has started a new beginners' class in our twelve-lesson discipleship series. He has five faithful adults attending every week. During the main service time, everyone is together until the preaching time. At that time, Ali takes the little kids to a class, and I (English) and Daniel (Swahili) preach through the doctrines of the Bible. We are just focusing on one doctrine every one to two weeks. Lord willing, we will finish up our study by October! The goal is that by October, we will have gone through the doctrines of the Bible and have put together our Doctrinal Statement, along with our Church Covenant and Policies. After completing all of this, we should be ready in November to have our Charter Service to come together officially as Lighthouse Baptist Church of Acacia! Please be in prayer, as it is a long, but very exciting process!

Our teens have committed to meeting for about an hour and a half after church every Sunday to study through our twelve-lesson series on discipleship! It has been a blessing to see their growth and desire to live for Christ. From Daniel's class, we have been blessed to see some of the adults come to put their trust in Christ alone. We also have been overjoyed to see several new teenagers come to salvation in Jesus Christ! God is saving, and I believe He is adding to the future of LBC of Acacia! We are excited to see what God will do over the next several months. Please continue to pray that God will continue to grow the body of Christ here in Kitengela, Kenya.

Lastly, we just want to give an update and a thank you to all those who gave toward the church van. We have purchased the van. It is now being painted, and new seats are being installed. We are hoping to have it ready to use for the church by mid-May



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Please be on the lookout in our May prayer letter, as we will be sure to share a photo of the van and a thank you from all of us here!

Thank you again for your faithfulness, and may you have a blessed month.

Your co-laborers for lost souls across East Africa,

*The HESELSCHWERDT Family*  
Brandon, Ali, Jeffrey, Hannah, and Esther  
Romans 10:14



*Our main service—we are outgrowing our space already!*



*Daniel teaching his class in their discipleship series*



*A group of kids heading home from church*



*The teenagers studying during their discipleship class after church on Sunday*



*Jeffrey is trying to hold a cannonball from the Fort Jesus Museum in Mombasa!*



*Ali teaching discipleship to one of our teens after church*