

MORRIS family



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Dear Praying Friends,

Greetings from Nairobi, Kenya, East Africa. May was an exciting month. It was the **last meeting of the Pastors' Practical Training Academy (PPTA)**, with 14 in attendance. We focused on the books of the Bible. A **graduation service** will be held in **early August**. For graduation, I am giving them an Open Study Bible, a songbook of spiritual songs and hymns in English and Swahili with music, and hopefully a book on prayer. As they cannot afford such material, I am sure it will be a blessing to them.

I have been greatly blessed by the **spiritual growth** I have seen in these men who were grossly under-trained in the beginning, 18 months ago, to now understanding what it means, along with the **responsibility involved**, to truly be a pastor, the **importance of correct doctrine** and the need to be a **consistent soul winner, discipler, and teacher** of the people God has given them.

We have come a long way. We **started with 20 students**, and at our last meeting, we had **14**. I was very **happy with their commitment**. **Six students left because of money issues or because they did not appreciate the amount of study involved.** Of the 3 churches that hosted the Medical and Eye Clinics in March, Pastor Wycliffe has seen **19 people join his congregation** and wants to build a **permanent church building to accommodate the ongoing growth.**

Pastor Samuel, who is having 20 attend an open church service under an open public-market building with no walls, says that if he had a building, his number would jump to **50 or 60 adults immediately**. This building has no walls and is better than under the trees, but not by much. It costs this group \$20 per month, which is significant to these people. **At the moment, people are walking 5-7 kilometers to another church** when the weather is acceptable. In his location, there are **no other churches**. This pastor is on the **border of Kisii- and Luo-speaking areas**. He has the **potential to build a large congregation** in this **excellent but remote location**. He has an **ideal half-acre piece of land** in his area **priced at only US\$4,000 (500,000ksh)**. The purchase of this land would be a good start and a great blessing to these young Christians.

Pastor Gilbert, **who has been very faithful, has come to understand the necessity for soul winning** and has seen his church grow to over 100. His church has managed to build a permanent brick building. He has **one window (metal frame)** with no glass and is looking to have another nine windows (with glass) and a **door** installed to make the building secure. They are also wanting to pour a **cement floor** at some stage soon. He is looking for help and **needs only US\$2,480 (324,000ksh)** to complete everything.

A total of **US\$6,480 would cover the simple needs of these two fledgling ministries** and be a blessing to these two faithful pastors in a very **poor part of the country**. Both of these pastors are **excellent soul winners and teachers**. If you or your church would like to contribute to a part of these needs, please send your contribution to **FBMI: Kenyan Pastors' Offering c/o Peter Morris**.

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In early May, there were **flooding rains across the country**, with over **400 fatalities**. Please pray for the people of Kenya as they restore their lives after these devastating events.

I also ask you to **please pray**, as we seek a way to bring an **Afghani family** (husband, wife, and three children), who are **residing in Iran**, to **Kenya as refugees**. They are Christians and could be a great blessing to the ministry here in Kenya and would be **removed from harm's way**.

Thank you for the **many years of support** you have given our ministry and our family. **May the Lord greatly bless you for partnering with us for the cause of Jesus Christ** here in Kenya. **Thank you for your generosity, sacrifice, and faithfulness**. May the Lord bless you with **fruit that remains to your account** and **laborers** raised up to carry on the work of spreading the **Gospel and planting churches**.

Please continue to pray for us. God bless you.

Your friends and co-laborer's in Christ,

Peter, Melody, and Lindsay Morris

Pictured Below (top to bottom/left to right):

- *Working with the interpreter, Bro. Emmanuel, to make sure there is a proper understanding of the teaching*
- *Pastors in training, along with their teacher, on the stairs of the church building May 2024*
- *Pastors concentrating in class*
- *Pastor Gilbert with a few of his church members in front of their church—the broken wooden door in the background needs replacing.*

