

MCDONALD FAMILY

KENYA, EAST AFRICA

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Pastors and Praying Friends,

The months of July and August were some of the most exciting months around our church. We celebrated our 5-Year Church Anniversary and held our 3rd Annual Youth Conference.

We were honored to have Pastor Barker and his wife, along with 9 members of Victory Baptist Church in Fairmont, West Virginia, come and help us put on the conference. They were an amazing blessing and really added a great deal. We had a significant increase in the number of attendees and churches that joined us this year. Additionally, we saw 19 people call on Christ for salvation.

One of those was a young man named Gabriel. Since the conference, he's been baptized, attends every church service, has joined our institute, attends Men's Bible Study, and attends our Saturday visitation. Gabriel is a 15-year-old refugee from South Sudan. He had never heard the Gospel before. I dream of going to his homeland with him someday and preaching to his family and village.

Another blessing of the conference was seeing our young people getting involved and serving the Lord. Several of them sang in our choir and assisted Corey Jr. with putting on skits.

In our last letter, I mentioned three young people who have joined our church and been a great blessing. Teddy now runs our PA, Andrew leads congregational singing, and Joy is being trained to work in the nursery. Each one has brought visitors with them to church, and because of them, we regularly have six others attending church.

In July, we started praying for a local homeless man. We had seen him pass the church in a hurry, and the Lord put him on our hearts immediately. There are numerous homeless men in our area, but this man was different. This past Wednesday evening, we drove by him lying in a nearby field, and I met him myself. He committed to meeting me for a cup of tea the next morning at 9:00, but he didn't show. I found him sleeping outside the Catholic church and couldn't wake him. I learned from a lady staff member that he sleeps inside there every night and even attends the daily mass Monday through Friday. No one can say what happened to him, but it's said that three to five years ago, he was a lawyer and lived a normal life. He told us he has amnesia, and his problems seem to be injury-related and not substance-abuse related. Please join us in prayer for Jeff, as we are certain that God has put him in our path. We try to minister God's love to him.

We continue to praise the Lord for the location of our church. Being right off a main street, we see, on average, five-plus visitors a week. We have become an international church, having attendees from Turkey, South Sudan, Uganda, Tanzania, Congo, Kenya, and the United States. After praying for a new location for four years, God proved His timing to be better than anything we could have asked for. Our next big event is our Christmas Program and Live Nativity!

To God be the glory; great things He hath done.

Your missionaries,

Corey and Elizabeth McDonald and Family

