



Dear Praying Friends,

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One of the most exciting weeks of the year is the regional youth camp held at the Shelby's church in Kisii. This year, eighty-four students, including sixteen from Hope Baptist Church, traveled in from various Baptist churches in the area. The Lord blessed during the week with a great spirit among the young people. We praise the Lord for many salvations. Another area in which we challenge the young people is purity. As in many countries, the number of couples



who make it to marriage pure is becoming increasingly rare. Some studies done in Kenya suggest that one in every five girls between the ages of fourteen to sixteen have already become a mother. We thank the Lord this year for the campers who promised the Lord to stay pure until marriage.

One of our teenagers who has really struggled with the assurance of his salvation got it settled at youth camp, and it was wonderful to see his eagerness in sharing his testimony with the church the next Sunday. He had been the first in his family to start coming to church. He began attending our Sunday school class over three years ago. Recently, the Lord has worked some great changes in his family. A couple months ago, his mother started attending church, and after several weeks of questions and Bible lessons, she accepted the Lord as her Saviour. His younger brother has also recently accepted the Lord. The following story tells how it happened:

He had started taking some Bible lessons on Sunday afternoon, but he didn't seem interested in seeking the Lord personally. One week, he randomly showed up to soul-winning on Saturday and tagged along with another teenager in my group. During the visits we made that week, I was able to go through the plan of salvation twice, but neither of those I witnessed to were interested in being saved. The teens must've been listening, however, because the next Sunday, as we were studying salvation, this young man asked the Lord to save him before I was even finished explaining it. I was surprised at his readiness until I remembered his having listened to the plan of salvation more than once the day before. I had thought during soul-winning that the Lord had sent me to witness to those at the door, but apparently, God had meant the testimony more for one of my soul-winning partners!

Thank you for your faithfulness last year in keeping me and those in Kenya in your prayers. May the Lord greatly bless you and those in your families and ministries in 2025,

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