



Dear Praying Friends,

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We labor, and God gives the increase. As the parable of the farmer implies, we realize that we are to work in faith waiting for the increase, knowing that God is working in unseen ways. But, what a joyful time it is when we get to see the growth! Since January, Hope Baptist Church has emphasized discipleship. I have been able to disciple one lady and three teens through the end of the course, with several others still going through the lessons. The Lord has worked in their lives in many different ways through these studies, which I would like to share with you.



One of our teenagers, who comes from a very works-based religious background, really struggled with putting her faith in Christ alone for salvation and not trusting herself either to earn or keep it. After many weeks and much Scripture, the Lord finally won a victory in her heart, and we are rejoicing in her salvation! Several others have been struggling with assurance of their salvation, which some aspects of the culture here make very common. I'd appreciate continued prayer for them in this area, but so far several have found peace, realizing they are kept by the power of God.



It has long been our desire for the young people who have been saved at Hope Baptist Church to be baptized. With a church under construction, we had to plan a Sunday when we could have the baptistry set up and filled and were really praying for some teens and adults to be baptized. Since most of our teens' parents are neither saved nor attending our church, getting permission for them to be baptized was a process. It is a strongly-held idea in Kenyan circles that a young person cannot make a spiritual decision before adulthood, which caused parents to hesitate. However, we praise the Lord that four young people both understood baptism and were able to get parental consent. We are greatly rejoicing in those who took this step in growing in the Lord!

Thank you so much for your prayers—God is working, and we are seeing a change in people's lives!

In His service,

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