

Kenya Evangelical Mission
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Dear Family and Friends,

Great greetings in the name of Jesus our Savior! I can't think of a time when we have been busier than now! We are so thankful to have things to do!

Last month I took a four-day trip to the Bungoma region with the Board. What I saw made me both glad and sad. At our newest church, which is running over fifty, the group had been asked to vacate the empty house they were using, but couldn't find a place in the large college town to meet. About 2 pm on Saturday afternoon, the church members began arriving for Saturday prayers. Some came from distant areas. They would spend the afternoon in prayer and then sleep in the mud church to be there for Sunday church because it is too far to go home and come again the next day. I never saw such dedication!

What a joy it was for me to speak to them. We met with the council earlier. The pastor is leading six Bible studies far from town, and these are the people who came on Saturday afternoon to pray and worship. Pastor Noah desperately needs a motor bike to get



around to these six Bible studies.

The next day, Sunday, we moved on to another church at Chapachai where we were met by a packed church. They now run about 150 people. I taught Sunday School and then the service continued for another four hours. Sunday belongs to God, so no one is in a hurry.

Everyone speaks- pastors from the region, their wives, deacons, all church leaders and so on. It was a joyous, loud, happy service with special music from anyone who wanted to sing. I watched the people carefully but never saw any signs of boredom or tiredness.

At the end, people lined up and began to give me gifts: chickens, bunches of bananas, eggs, beans, dried peas, sweet potatoes, avocados and so forth.

It was so touching when one man came forward with one egg cupped in his hand and gave it to me. All he had?

After a huge feast, we met with the pastor from Uganda. He was a very humble and God-fearing man. The guys will go back to Uganda in December and then a final decision will be made about starting the work there. We have also been requested to come to Rwanda, and other regions in Kenya- ten in all .

On January 8th, Lois, Shad and Fitz will be leaving for the US to try to raise support for these new churches we want to open. If you know of any churches or individuals who might be interested, please let us know. The fields are truly "white unto harvest." We believe with all our hearts that the Lord is coming soon. Let us work for the day is coming when we can work no more.



We wish everyone a blessed Christmas and Happy New Year!
Lois and the KEM Board.

P.S We have decided to turn our big lorry (truck) into an Evangelism vehicle with sleeping quarters at the back and a stage on the other end so we can travel around and spread the gospel where there are no churches. Keep Praying!

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