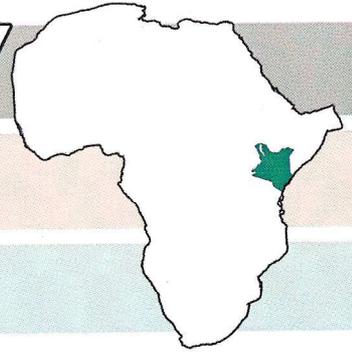


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Hello from the Shelby Family in Kenya. We thank God for His protection and His guidance in helping those who were displaced earlier in the year. We have had a serious problem with e-mail and communication, but I believe it has been fixed now. It has been doing well for two weeks now, and there is a lot of news to report.

Calvary Baptist Church—Kisii

God has continued to bless our church over the last few months. We have had visitors every week, due to many people moving to our area because of the violence in other parts of the country in the beginning of the year. National statistics have said that Kisii is the fastest growing area in the country this year. We had a spring program that boosted our attendance from an average of 76 in February, to a **high attendance of 202** on our first anniversary, and to an **average of 107 in May**. Right now we are in the middle of the malaria season, and it has given a lot of our folks problems. It has been especially hard on the children.

South Nyanza Baptist College Graduation

We held the 2nd graduation of our college in April with **6 graduates**, who finished their 3 years for a diploma in Theology. All of our college classes and functions were delayed by the violence, but no one was immediately affected. We opened Pastoral Classes for **12 graduates and pastors** in April, and we began the Diploma Course Program with **30 students** in May.

Bethel Baptist Church

The Lord allowed us to open **Bethel Baptist Church** in the village of Opoya (which is 45 minutes south of Kisii) on April 27th under the leadership of Calvary Baptist Church in Kisii. We held their first baptism, and there were over **70 in attendance**. Pastor Walter Oluoch, one of this year's graduates, assisted by two other graduates, is doing a good job in soul-winning, Bible teaching, and preaching.

High Prices

Please pray for the finances of all missionaries in this region; the devaluation of the dollar and the rise in price of oil has caused price hikes of up to \$6 per gallon for diesel and \$6.50 for gasoline. This also increases the prices of other commodities. With the rate of the dollar losing ground to local currencies it is as if our support has dropped by \$500-700 per month. God has provided to meet our personal needs; but the needs of the ministry are beginning to suffer. Please pray for this situation.

Displaced Pastor and Family

Since February, we have been assisting a pastor and his family, whose house was burnt to the ground along with the houses of all of his church members. He was pastoring the Glory Bible Baptist Church in Kuresoi town. He fled with his wife and 5 children between the ages of 1-11. They were able to make it to their father's ancestral home and were received well. A couple of missionaries sent some money to help him to build a small house. It is nearly finished except for a few furnishings so that they can move in. We have been able to help him with food, clothes, blankets and etc. We are requesting for \$200 for a door, windows, and a few pieces of furniture so he can move into his house. Thank you very much and God Bless You.

For Souls in Kenya,

Luke and Tonya Shelby
Missionaries in Kenya

*"To give light to them
that sit in darkness
and in the shadow of
death..." Luke 1:79*