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Dear friends and family, greetings from Kenya!

We moved to Kenya in January 2007. Kenya has been home to our family for over a decade. *Where have the years gone?* It has been nearly four years since we last visited our other home in America. *How have the seasons flown past so quickly?* It has been two months since our last update. More has taken place than we have space to share about.

In August, our missions team visited the CMF-Tanzania team for a conference. Our time there was fruitful. But most importantly, while we were there we received a joyous reason to celebrate — Ruth immersed our daughter HannahGail (12).



Community Christian Bible Training Institute



CCBTI continues to thrive, although not without hiccups now and then, with classes meeting in three branches — Lodwar in Turkana County (TBTI), Ng'ataek in Kajiado County (Maasai), and Ewaso Ng'iro in Narok County (Maasai). Our mentee Ntinga Sam Tome Oloibor-Mongi (a young Maasai pastor) is continuing to grow in his role as administrator of the Maasai branches. He has also taken over teaching of two of our classes, *Eating the Word of*

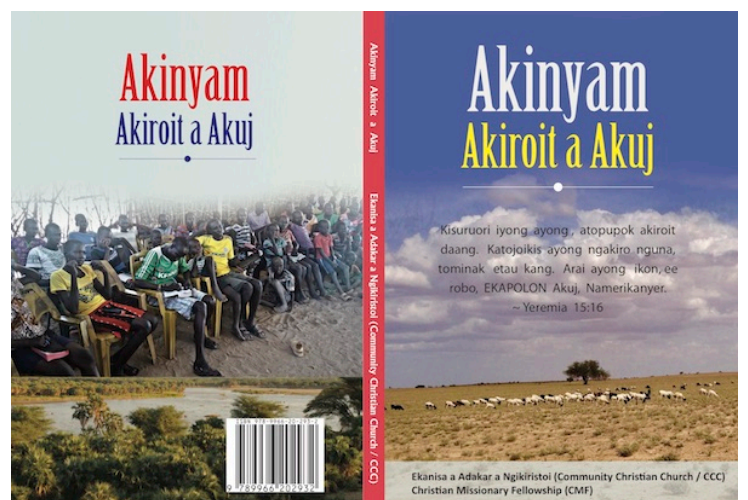


God and *Spiritual Disciplines*, both of which he has taught for TBTI this year. Coming from the cool and misty Loita Hills, he finds Turkana Land to be quite hot!

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After many trials, we are pleased to introduce our first Turkana language book. It is a translation, with appropriate cultural adaptation, of our Maa book *Enkinosata Ororei le Nkai* (“Eating the Word of God”). I (Joshua) ended up having to do more of the editing than I had intended, and as a result know more of the Turkana language than before. This book is the text for CCBTI’s “Eating the Word of God” class. A highfalutin academic title would be “Equipping Congregations for Biblical Understanding,” though we subtitle it simply “How to read or hear” (for the illiterate) “the words of God in the Bible so that you understand their meaning and can do them.”

... Oh, and this one has an upgrade — this is our third book to publish, but the first one with an ISBN!



Kenyan politics: election update

In our last newsletter, we asked, *"Please join us and Kenyans of good will in praying for free and fair elections with a peaceful outcome."* The election was deemed "free and fair" by outside observers. Incumbent President Uhuru Kenyatta was declared reelected. There were, however, some discrepancy in the transmission of the results from the different precincts to the central electoral commission. As a result, the opposition challenger, Raila Odinga, challenged the results. In a move as astounding as it was unprecedented, Kenya's Supreme Court ruled in favor of Mr. Odinga and ordered an electoral rematch to take place on October 16th. All of this was following Constitutional procedures and is to be commended. Yesterday (10 October), however, Mr. Odinga resigned from the poll in protest of a new electoral law which Parliament was about to pass. He also has called his supporters to step up their protests on the streets. (So far these demonstrations have been limited to a couple of areas of Nairobi and towns in the far western regions of Kenya.) So now we're not sure what will happen next. *Please continue to pray for peace and justice for Kenya.*

Coming to America

We depart from Kenya THIS FRIDAY (October 13). We are taking a long over-due vacation on the way. We will be away from email during that time. We will arrive in Cincinnati on October 30th, then we will

- visit supporters in the Midwest throughout November;
- be based in Bristol, TN in December;
- be based in Greeneville, TN from January through May;
- Joshua plans to return to Kenya for the first two weeks of January;
- be based in Mechanicsville, VA (greater Richmond) from May through August.

In our last newsletter, we shared some important needs for our time in the States.

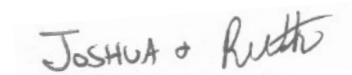
- **A vehicle** — has been provided for us! Thanks goes to First Christian Church in Greeneville, TN *and to all of you who prayed* that this need be met.
- **Housing**
We have housing for our time in Bristol, TN-VA. We still need places to live for our times in Greeneville and Mechanicsville. As we mentioned in our last letter, we aren't able to sign a year's lease. Again, we have been working with our hosting congregations to nail down housing in the different areas where we will be based. Please pray that these remaining housing needs will also be met.

While in the States, we need to raise additional support in order to return to Kenya. We'll write more about that later. We have also been authorized to raise \$40,250 in one-time contributions to purchase a second vehicle, so Ruth and the children aren't stranded at home when I need to take the 4WD out to the bush for 1-2 weeks at a time. *Why so much?* That's a fair question. A used minivan here costs considerably more than a new one in the States (in part due to the high tax and duty rates).

To our supporters and family: we again thank you for your partnership with the expansion of God's Kingdom in Kenya!

As always, we would be happy to hear your own news of the Kingdom. If you'd like to join our prayer team, or our team of financial partners, let us know that as well!

grace and peace to you in our Lord and Friend Jesus,



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