

## Happy New Year!

In Kenya, it is appropriate to say that any time in the year if you haven't seen the person since the beginning of the year. I apologize for not doing an update sooner. Life has been busy!

## Election update

Last I wrote, we were waiting for the first Kenyan election to be finished in August. It was contested and run again in October. It was still contested, but declared free and fair. Kenya is still a bit tense because the opposition candidate had himself inaugurated as president the end of January, in spite of the fact that there is already a President of Kenya. There have been some arrests and some protests, but for now things are tense, but calm.

Please pray that things remain calm.

## ESL classes

I was able to begin my ESL (English as a Second Language) classes in October. We have now met three times. I have 12 new students in my beginning class and anywhere from two to 10 in my intermediate class. Things have gotten off to a rocky start because of the famine, election worries and other concerns, but all are excited to be learning new things.

Please pray for my students that they will have good memories, easy tongues to be able to pronounce English, and boldness to speak even when uncertain.



New students work with my teaching assistant.



Maasai students head to their class. It was a real blessing to teach them.

## Teaching

I was able to journey south to Kajiado, a district in Maasai-land, to teach at their Bible Training Institute this month. It was a blessing to be able to teach some dedicated Maasai pastors. They enjoyed learning about the Old Testament prophets and the book of Hosea and I enjoyed teaching them. While I was there, I saw a food distribution that was being delivered because of severe drought and famine in the area. Most of the cows, which are the mainstay and bank account of Maasai culture, have died and people are very hungry.

Please pray for these pastors as they teach what they learned from the book of Hosea.

Pray also for those who are hungry because of the famine. Pray that the rains would come all over Kenya to water this very dry and thirsty land!

## My continuing education

I began my studies towards a Doctor of Ministry at Portland Seminary last September. I am enjoying the learning so much and did well in my first semester. I travel to the US once every six months for a face-to-face class in Cannon Beach, Oregon. All other classwork is done online and in my home. I will be traveling there again on February 27. I'm feeling a bit overwhelmed with all that is required, but the Lord has seen me through thus far and I know He will continue to do so.



*This is my D.Min. learning cohort with our lead mentor in the middle. I'm privileged to travel this schooling journey with them!*

Please pray for my travels and that I will gain wisdom in how to better serve here in Kenya through these studies.

Thank you for your prayer and financial support of my ministry in Kenya!

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