



# The Smith Family

## Missionaries to Kenya East, Africa

September - October 2024

Dear Praying Friends,

The Last two months have been so exciting for our church family. We worked really hard trying to finish renovating the first two units of our church building. We were trying to get everything finished in time for our anniversary Sunday and grand opening. I am so thankful that God allowed us to accomplish our goal. Before I get too much into the details, I wanted to thank all of those who had a part in giving towards these renovations. I have said this in the past, but our church members have given all the money necessary for the labor. The materials have been provided for by generous donations from our home church and others. This would not be possible without your prayers and sacrificial giving.

I will link a video in this email so that you can see the changes to the building. Over the last two months, we finished all the plastering inside and out, painted all of the walls, installed tile in the auditorium and lobby, painted the church sign, put glass in all of the windows, painted portions of the outside walls, installed lighting, and made a wooden wall hanging for the front of the auditorium.

We celebrated the 2nd year anniversary of Hope Baptist Church, on October 27th. We had 80 adults and 90 children in attendance that day. One of the men in the church suggested that we plant a mango tree in honor of where our church started. It was a blessing to see our church family taking time to look back and remember where God has brought us from. The men and I butchered a goat and the ladies made us a wonderful meal. We had a good service, played lots of games, and had a wonderful time of fellowship.

Over the last several months we have been doing a discipleship class with several of our church members and teens. Miss Erica (the single missionary lady who helps us) has been doing one on one discipleship with several of our youth. Seven of them have been saved, baptized, and finished the first book of the discipleship class. We are so thankful for the time she has spent training them. Four of the adults that I have been teaching, have completed three of the discipleship books. Even more exciting than the building renovations, is seeing our church members studying the Bible and growing in their faith.

In December we will take the teens to camp. We also have several Christmas focused events coming up in the month of December. Please pray that God will continue to work in the hearts and lives of our church family.

I Hope you all have a Merry Christmas. May God bless you for your faithful prayers and support.

In Christ,  
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