



Dear Praying Friends,

September - October 2025

As most of you know we have been planning to leave for our furlough at the end of September. With that in mind I really wanted to leave our church on a high note. I wanted them to be encouraged to do more in our absence. One afternoon towards the end of August, my wife and I were sitting on the couch discussing this very topic. I started spouting off ideas about her and I doing walking routes. My wife had tried doing one in the past but because of cultural dynamics it didn't go over well. She suggested that instead of her and I doing it, we should put the church in competition with each other to see who can bring the most visitors. At the end of four weeks whoever brought the most visitors would win a new set of clothes. The following Sunday we asked the church members and youths to stay behind for a meeting. To my surprise we had 20 youths and adults sign up to take part. We paired them up in groups of two. We gave each group a booklet to keep track of names and a sign to carry with the name of our church and number of their route. Although I was praying God would use this idea in a great way, I was really doubting that they could bring many visitors to church. I was praying that we would have 70 children by the end of the month instead of our average 45. Well, I have to tell you I really underestimated God's ability to "BRING THEM IN". The first Sunday we had all 10 groups go out and they brought back 120 visitors. My wife's Sunday school class was so full there were ladies sitting outside listening through the window. We had to split the children's class because there was not one room big enough to accommodate all of them. The highest week we had 170 visitors. The winning route was a brother and sister duo who brought a total of 68 visitors. TO GOD BE THE GLORY!!

We did finally make it back to the states on October 2nd. Another sweet missionary family who was finishing up their furlough gave us a van, so we were able to hit the ground running. We have been able to report back to 6 of our churches so far. If you would like for us to come and give a report in your church, please contact me at (785)551-2163 or by email at smithstokenya@gmail.com. I would also appreciate it if you could respond to this email, so I know who is getting our bimonthly prayer letters.

On October 26th, Hope Baptist Church celebrated our 3rd year anniversary. I wished we could have teleported ourselves back for that day, but all went well in our absence. They had 180 in attendance. They feasted on lamb and praised God for all he has accomplished in our church over the last 3 years. Thank you again for your faithful prayers and support. May God bless you as you continue to serve Him.

In Christ,

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Walking Routes



Anniversary Sunday

