



The Smith Family

Missionaries to Kisumu, Kenya | East Africa

January - February 2026

Dear Praying Friends,

Over the past couple of months, we have had the opportunity to visit and report to 15 of our supporting churches. It has been a tremendous blessing to see so many familiar faces and reconnect with those who have faithfully prayed for and supported our family. Returning to the United States after four years has certainly been a culture shock, and our children have made some humorous observations as we travel.

Recently, our son noticed an African American police officer driving past us in his patrol car. You could almost see the wheels turning in his mind as he asked my wife, “Mommy, can the white police pull over the black people, or just the black police?” In Kenya, we have been pulled over on a few occasions, but the officers there are never white, and he was trying to make sense of the difference. Moments like these have reminded us just how much our children have grown up in a different culture.

We are grateful to report that our church in Kenya is doing very well. I have received several encouraging updates from our national leadership. They continue to see souls saved, baptized, and disciplined. In February, they held our annual adult banquet, with around 20 adults in attendance. Additionally, six of our church members have enrolled in Bible college this year. They are greatly enjoying learning more about Bible doctrine, and it has been especially helpful in equipping our Sunday school teachers with greater confidence as they teach.

My wife and I plan to return to Kenya in March for three weeks. My goal during this trip is to check on the ministry and be an encouragement to those we have left behind. I would ask that you please join me in prayer for a serious matter concerning one of our faithful converts. While I cannot share many details, I am confident that, by God’s grace, He is able to work in this situation. We would deeply appreciate your prayers.

Lord willing, we will return to the field to begin our next term in August. Thank you for your continued prayers and faithful support. May God richly bless you as you continue to serve Him.

In Christ,
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New Family Photo



ADULT BANQUET

