



The Smith Family

Missionaries to Kisumu, Kenya | East Africa

March - April 2026

Dear Praying Friends,

The months of March and April were especially meaningful for us because my wife and I were able to take a break from furlough and travel back to Kenya. Our goal was to spend time checking on the ministry and encouraging the people we had left behind. However, I must admit that we were the ones who ended up being encouraged.

We arrived in Kenya on March 20th and immediately hit the ground running with our church promotion efforts. The first Sunday after our arrival was our annual Watermelon Sunday. On this special day, we serve watermelon slices to everyone who attends church, and this year we had approximately 120 people in attendance.

My wife later recalled sitting on the front row during the invitation time, anticipating the work of cutting and serving all the watermelon. She found herself wondering how we would organize enough help to complete the task. As she quietly turned toward the kitchen, she was surprised to see three ladies already busily cutting and arranging the watermelon for our hungry guests.

Not only that, but the church had already prepared seven individuals for baptism—people who had placed their faith and trust in Christ and had begun discipleship lessons. After most of the watermelon had been served, I looked around the auditorium and noticed that the various discipleship groups had already broken off and begun their lessons. At that moment, I thought to myself, “I feel like I’ve returned home to find my children faithfully doing exactly what I taught them to do.”

The weeks that followed were filled with blessings. We celebrated Donkey Ride Sunday, Easter Sunday, and Pineapple Sunday. I wish I had the time to tell you everything God did during those weeks! Before we left, three more people were baptized, and our church family distributed more than 10,000 gospel tracts throughout the community.

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I also have a special prayer request. Many of you may remember Daniel—the man who was saved and whose life was dramatically transformed by the grace of God. It saddens me to report that Daniel is currently struggling spiritually. I cannot share many details, but I would ask that you please lift him up in prayer. Pray that God would work in his heart, draw him back to Himself, and restore his walk with the Lord.

As we look ahead, we are excited to share that we have purchased our plane tickets and are scheduled to return to the field on August 4th. Please pray for us as we make final preparations and travel back to Kenya.

One thing I noticed during our recent trip to Kenya was how worn and damaged our songbooks have become. Our current hymnals are paperback, and after years of use, along with the effects of dust and the climate, many are in poor condition. My goal is to return to the field with 40 new hardback hymnals, if possible.

I am looking at purchasing hymnals from North Valley Publications at a cost of approximately \$14 each. I know many of our supporting churches have already given generously toward building renovations and other ministry needs, and we are very grateful. However, if the Lord would lay it on your heart to help us provide these hymnals for our church family, it would be a tremendous blessing.

Thank you once again for your faithful prayers and support. Your partnership in this ministry means more than words can express, and we are grateful for each one of you.

In Christ,
David Smith

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