



Those who received prizes for saying all four memory verses at 5 Day Club in August, '11

Children who attended the meeting on the final day of the 5 Day Club-Aug '11



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Dear Paul and Jayne,

Greetings in the Saviour's name from a sunny morning here in Kakamega. The sky is a lovely shade of blue with white fluffy clouds overhead, but by this afternoon the sky will have changed to a dark grey and the rain will be pouring down with thunder and lightning thrown in too, such is life during the rainy season here in western Kenya. We are thankful to the Lord for the rains as many parts of eastern and northern Kenya are still in terrible drought and famine. Here in western Kenya we have harvested our maize and beans and have replanted both crops to be harvested in December again.

During the past month there seems to have been one tragedy after another. A couple weeks ago a ferry going from Zanzibar to Pemba island sank - it was overloaded!! Over 200 people died. Last week we had a terrible tragedy. The main fuel line that sends petrol to Mombasa and to Eldoret sprang a leak and fuel went down a storm drain and into a river (117,000 litres). There is a slum that sits on and beside this fuel line, at around 10 am these folk saw that petrol was coming down their storm drain so they went to scoop it up in basins, bottles whatever they had only it all exploded and over 80 were burned to death, about 35 folk have died in the hospital due to their extensive burns. They have to use DNA to establish who died at the slum site!! It is so awful. Over 160 people admitted to hospital with various degrees of burns, your heart just breaks! Then the next day the national news broadcast told us of 11 people had died from drinking an illicit brew and many others went blind - the curse of booze!! That total is now over 25. But you feel for the families that have to pick up the pieces and move on with their lives. Yesterday a passenger bus going to Nairobi skidded off the road and 13 people died on the spot. I am afraid to listen to the news, it is all bad news - people dying without knowing the Lord Jesus as their Saviour!! Please pray for this land, we need the Lord to come and to move in salvation power.

You are not going to believe this there was another petrol fire in Busia about 40 miles from me near to the Uganda border on Monday night. A petrol tanker rolled, and so the driver went to inform the police, and then the next thing all he heard was a loud bang everything was up in flames. The locals had seen the driver going for help so they went to help themselves to his petrol and two men went to steal the battery from the lorry, it was a spark from this that sent the whole thing up. 4 confirmed dead and 36 in hospital with severe burns. People never learn!!!!

Some good news. In August we had a very successful 5 Day Club! We commenced with 39 children and our numbers just went up and up. We finished on the final day with 92, during the week we had the privilege of teaching 105 children the good news that Jesus saves. The ages of those attending the meetings ranged from months old up to girls of 16 years. Out of this number over 40 were completely new children to us. A number of the children only come when we have our 5 Day Clubs on. Many adults in the area do not like our little church as it does not jump up and down, dance or speak in tongues. They do not like the fact that the Word of God is central in our worship of the King of Kings and Lord of Lords. Pray for our children that they will come and seek the Lord. They are all so very precious!!

The last Sunday in August we had our Teens Bible Class Exam, those who did the exam didn't do too bad and I was encouraged by that. During the last weekend of the month I am planning to go up to Kapenguria and then visit a different church each Sabbath in order to encourage the teens bible classes. Pray that we will see the work revived and that the Lord would be pleased to move amongst our teens. This past month I have been going through and revising the lessons for the teens for this 2011/12 session. One of the major problems with the work of the teens is that many teens in each of our churches attend boarding school and therefore are only home for a couple of weeks each holiday month. The kids are in school from Jan-Mar, off some part of April; May-July off some part of August; Sept-Nov off December. Not all schools send their scholars home at the same time. In December we have our Teens Camp which is always well attended. Last year was especially a blessing for we had 4 young people come to Christ. Pray for our teens - just as there are in Ulster many things to trip up the teens so there is here too. The old devil is as busy here as he is at home. Pray for those who are the Lords that they will stand fast in Christ, glorifying Him in all they do and say and for those who are unconverted that the Lord would have mercy on them.

The ladies meeting in Nyaporo has seen an increase in ladies who didn't normally come to the meeting, this has been a blessing. We are studying a book on James 1:2-4, as many of our ladies are going through deep dark trials at this time. One lady's husband is waiting to face a court case for impersonating a police officer, another her husband has had to go to Garissa which is approx. 439 miles away from their home in order to get work. Another lady her husband is a drunkard and she is expecting their fourth child in October. Other ladies are trying to make ends meet and it is hard. To be honest we have all felt the sharp point of the Sword of the Spirit as we have studied these verses. May the Lord be pleased to help us to "count it all joy" when we fall into various trials knowing that the trying of our faith worketh patience. Easy to say but oh boy it is hard to put into practice.

Pray for the little work here in Nyaporo, Mumias that the Lord would separate a people unto Himself who will do exploits for Him. Pray for us a team out here that the Lord will keep us safe on the roads, give us good health and wisdom as we seek to serve the King in this land of Kenya.

Every Blessing,

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