

Our Family:

I gave warning to our boys that in the midst of the blessings exceptional to the USA, we are not to be distracted from the holy calling of praying for souls. Clay responded with amazing understanding as he was able to see the "blessings of struggles" experienced in Kenya and the fruit of faith it produces, verses, the "struggle of blessings" which distract from crying out to God here in America. May God help us to be unmoved whether in blessings or trials. Our need for God will always be greater than our want for God.



This has been one of the most enjoyable furloughs thus far. We have actually had incredibly sweet times of rest and times of re-connecting with family and friends, sweet fellowship while camping in some of the more beautiful regions of California (Big Sur and Yosemite) and finding refreshment not in the "doing", but in the "resting" in God's presence together, and somehow still getting done all that has been set before us. Thank you Father for these precious gifts and thank you family and friends for helping make special memories, largely for our boys!

Our Ministry:

We praise God for the special opportunities He opened up for both Nasiema and I to share the love of God and counsel from God's Word to our own family members, and for me to share with the Body of Christ in home Bible studies and with our precious family at Irvine Canaan Christian Community Church and re-connect with the beloved body there.

As a Bible College teacher, friend, and Missions Pastor, I have had the privilege to disciple, counsel, and invest in both Benedictor and Ibrahim. Both men and their families have ventured in faith to begin the process of a church-plant this summer; and by the grace of God, I get to witness the hand of God upon both of these brothers' lives!

Church-Plant Updates:

MOMBASA...Pastor Benedictor now has two home fellowships and has been going "house to house" sharing the good news of Jesus Christ to the Muslim community and nominal Christians in the area. Pastor Benedictor writes: *"I am so much blessed to be here with my new brothers and sisters in Christ here in Mombasa...as I teach verse by verse currently through the book of Romans, most of them ask a lot of questions that challenge me to study more...this reminds me when I joined CC Nairobi and used to ask a lot questions to my pastor...most of the guys here are eager to know more and get deep into the word of God! The challenges: we meet many Muslims who don't know much about their faith and they refer us to their leaders for discussion."*

Please pray:

**For Pastor Benedictor to be led by the Spirit and continue to equip himself and his Fellowship with the Word that they might be ready to give every man an answer for their faith!*

**For wisdom as to how to go about the church planting (Calvary Chapel Mombasa) amidst this predominately Muslim community*

**That the Lord would provide for him and his family*

CONGO...Pastor Ibrahim writes: *"I am glad to be working in the field of our Heavenly Father... Currently, we are gathering for Home Fellowship Bible Studies in local houses...In general,*

everything here in Baraka, Democratic Republic of Congo must be done officially and demands money for finalizing everything."

Please pray:

**That God would give Ibrahim favor with all the officials and wisdom in preparing all the proper documentation for the church-plant (Calvary Chapel Baraka)*

**That God would provide for a home and church building for Ibrahim and his family of 9*

**Anointing as he continues to teach and translate the Bible into his Tribal Bembe Language*

Please also pray:

**For my time of preparation to minister to missionaries-in-training in the Extreme Missions Training Program, and for the preparation of their hearts to receive what the Lord has for them during this time. Once I begin teaching the EMT program, I will be in Murrieta while my family will remain behind in Placentia.*

**Please pray for the boy's hearts to find comfort and joy in the Lord during the transition away from daddy for the 8 week duration, and for obedient hearts while mama will be "alone" to disciple the boys (I will only be able to meet with my family on some weekends during this time)*

**Although we are in the States, I will continue to administrate for the Bible College in Kenya. Please pray for diligence and efficiency with my time*

**Please pray for the preparation of my own heart as I teach in various speaking engagements*

**Please pray that the construction on our town home in Nairobi would be completed before we return as the water tanks, and electricity meters are still being installed..*

**Please pray that God would provide the additional \$250 per month needed so that our family would be able to live in this community and find safety with our team members, especially as I will be traveling more with the EMT's and as Missions Pastor in the months to come*

** Please pray that Nasiema would be yielded in her spirit to minister however the Lord sees fit in any given moment, as well as for wisdom and grace as she has picked back up homeschooling the boys again.*

**Most importantly, I ask for prayer in the midst of business, to be faithful to my family.*

We are truly grateful for each sacrifice made so that our family may be here in Nairobi to serve our Lord. May His blessings be upon you all. We humbly request that when enclosing financial gifts on behalf of our family, please be sure to write "Ramirez Family" on the "memo" line of your checks. Should you choose to give us a onetime gift on-line, please write: "Ramirez Family" in the "gift designation box" to ensure that your gift gets to our family. Thank you again for co-laboring with us for the gospel's sake.



By His grace, for His glory,
The Ramirez Family, Psalm 73:25-26
Arie, Nasiema, Clay, Joram, and Ezra