



Dear Praying Friends,

January 2022

Happy New Year! I pray that the Lord blesses each one of you with a renewed sense of His faithfulness in 2022. Every new year, I eagerly wonder, "Will this be the last? Will this be the final year before the Lord's return?" What a joyful year this would be if that were to be the case!

Oswald J. Smith, the father of faith promise missions, said, "We talk of [Christ's] Second Coming; half the world has never heard of the first." Christmas gave the Shelbys and me a wonderful opportunity to



tell those around us about Christ's first coming. We were able to visit each person in our estate with cookies and Gospel tracts. They were very well received, and we pray that the Gospel message we included will be received as well. We thank the Lord that during this past year, we were able to build relationships with several families.

The past two months were full of opportunities for us both to reach out to the lost and to be a blessing to other Christians. I encouraged the girls in my Bible study, who are already saved, to focus on reaching out to others. They had an opportunity to do something for others by coming to my apartment for a fun time of decorating cookies to give out to all the children in the Bible club!

Christmas time is always a special time for the orphans in the Shelby's churches, and it was such a blessing to get to have a part in this year's gift distribution (pictured above). Also, December closed the school year for the Bible Institute, and fourteen students graduated during the special ceremony in the town of Kisii. These graduates are already serving the Lord in their various villages, and several have been called to plant churches in the surrounding areas (pictured on the right).



Recently, I was able to start Bible studies with two new individuals, including the first regular Bible study I've been able to have with an adult. The lady who is studying the Bible with me received a new Bible this Christmas, and I look forward to our studies together this year. In reviewing 2021, I thank the Lord for all He has done! Last January, I was just arriving on the field, and what an encouragement it has been to look back and see how God was working throughout the year!

In His service,

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