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Dear Praying Friends,

Ever since the tower of Babel, language has been a barrier to mankind. Clear communication is probably one of the greatest hurdles that all missionaries face, which is why I am excited to be here at Baptist Bible Translator's Institute in Texas! Classes started mid-August, and I have already learned a lot that will help me learn a tribal dialect as well as any other language I may need to tackle in my future ministry. Currently, I am deep in the study of Phonetics and Cultural Anthropology. These classes are one thing that can help minimize the communication barrier.



Meanwhile, the Lord has also allowed some exciting advances on the other side of the Atlantic. Although Swahili was an official language for approximately a half-dozen countries in Africa, it is understood and spoken by people in many other countries. Most



Africans will understand and speak multiple languages fluently, and the use of Swahili has become much more wide-spread. As of a week ago, sixteen African countries decided to adopt Swahili as a formal language in their country! What a blessing! The increase in a language's influence will also help to reduce this language barrier, paving the way for more Africans to hear the good news of the Gospel.

July and the beginning of August held several meetings. I had the opportunity to present Kenya to churches in Florida, Georgia, Maryland, and Iowa. Once again, I enjoyed speaking to many young people. When I did not have a meeting, it was a blessing to be back at my home church for services and visitation. On August 15th, I arrived at BBTI to take my next step towards the mission field! Thank you for your continued prayers!

In His service,

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