

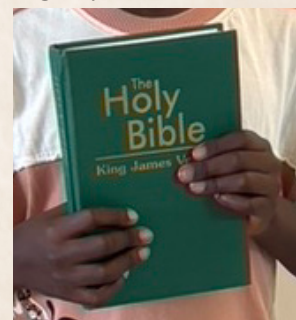


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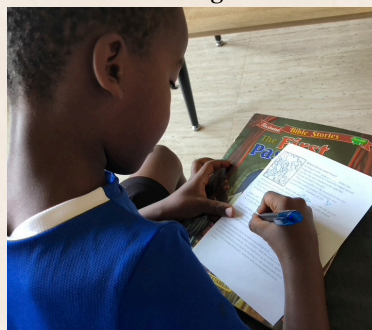
Dear Praying Friends,

D.L. Moody said, "What we need as Christians is to be able to feed ourselves. How many there are who sit helpless and listless, with open mouths, hungry for spiritual things... while the Bible is a feast prepared..." Do you remember when you got your first Bible and could finally "feed yourself" spiritually? I do! I got it for my birthday as a little girl and was so excited! I wanted to read it all in one day! I was able to relive that joy the other day when I gave four of my students their first Bibles. They had been working very hard to earn their Bible by memorizing a list of verses. They were so excited when they were able to choose which one they wanted and to write their names inside! They've already started reading them!

The past couple of months have been busy with the evangelistic challenge at Hope Baptist Church. Over 7000 tracts were passed out over four weeks, and many visitors came and received the Gospel. We also praise the Lord for nine who have been in discipleship class and followed the Lord in believers' baptism! (See the update video!) This promotional time has really encouraged our teens to participate in soul-winning! In fact, through the efforts of some of these young people, our church has sometimes had more teens than adults recently!



We also have more children than any other age group! As much as possible, I like to visit the homes of our Sunday school students. Last year, I got to visit the little one-room rental where two Sunday school boys live with their mother. They have learned to be very responsible since their mother leaves in the dark of each morning to sell snacks at a bus stop and comes back at night, seven days a week. They've been very faithful to church for some time, and the Lord had been really working in the heart of the oldest about salvation. Many weeks, he would stay after Sunday school to ask questions, read verses, and go through a book explaining salvation. However, there are so many conflicting opinions that children encounter concerning salvation, it took him quite a while to fully understand and believe that forgiveness is really as simple as the Bible says it is! It was wonderful to see the relief in his eyes when he accepted Christ a couple weeks ago!



Would you please pray for this boy and for many others like him? I rejoice so greatly in his salvation, but for most, the spiritual battle doesn't stop at salvation. It is commonly believed here that only adults understand enough to be saved. Also, the local teachings about religion are very adamant that you can lose your salvation. In the past, the fear of not being truly saved or of losing their salvation has greatly discouraged new converts of any age, but it has especially affected the young. Some parents have told their children, "How can you be saved and still misbehave?" Even neighbors (who hear everything in such a crowded community) add their dissenting opinions. This is a very crucial stage for them! Please pray for these young Christians to accept the truth of salvation and eternal security, regardless of what they hear from others!

I also appreciate your prayers as I prepare to return for a furlough beginning early this fall.

May the Lord bless you!

In His Service,

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