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Dear Praying Friends,

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Happy New Year! I love the fresh beginning a new year brings, and I wonder what miracles the Lord will do and what souls He will save in the next twelve months!

Those who traveled with the Hope Baptist Church youth to camp gave a very good report. Several who had been in our Bible class and had been asking questions about salvation got saved at camp! There were twenty-two from the Kisumu church who went this year, which was a good increase, and there seemed to be a good spirit among the young people. The holidays gave the church ladies who have been in training a great opportunity to be more involved with the children's ministries, and they did a wonderful job! Several have enrolled in Bible Institute classes and want to increase in their knowledge of the Lord this next year.

As you pray for the people here, please pray for them to realize the truth behind some deeply-seated traditions. I love the variety that the tradition of culture brings to different countries, but the tradition of healers and spiritualists makes spiritual work much more difficult. A few prayer letters ago, I discussed how many of these ideas have been syncretized into Christian-like cults, making them a little less obvious and more acceptable in today's climate. However, real unpretending satanism is still present just under the surface.

Each village will typically have someone whom everyone knows is connected to such a practice. In a city, these people have to advertise, posting dozens of signs, like these, all over town, usually posing as "professors" or "herbalists." (Although one sign just states *mganga* or "witchdoctor."). Some of the services they promote are reading stars, (typically also the interpreting of dreams), luck, love/marriage, as well as help with business and ailments. While going to such a person is something people don't usually discuss, several children in my class have had someone in their family go to one, and seeing a baby or child wear a charm or band from either a cult or witchdoctor is not uncommon. What a bondage this brings! Please pray for the Lord's omnipotence to be revealed, and that those here would learn to trust Him wholly!

In His service,

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