

# MCDONALD FAMILY

KENYA, EAST AFRICA

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Pastors and Praying Friends,

The last few months have been very exciting and busy. Starting with December, we attended SMITE camp. We had 6 eligible campers: Gabriel, Andrew, Juma, Corey, Joy, and Annabelle. To qualify, youth need to be serious about serving God and the church. SMITE camp is an opportunity for youth to learn how to lead a Bible Club and how to lead people to Christ. Each day, the youth go out into the community and conduct their own Bible Clubs. It was great to see the members of our church being used in leadership roles and really shining at the camp.

At the start of the new year, we took action and started 2 Bible Clubs. We have about 15 young people working the Bible Clubs. We are averaging about 50 children at the clubs each week, with several children coming to visit the church. It has been a great victory to see our youth ministering to other people.

I made an announcement that any youth who wanted to attend next year's camp needed to be involved in what we do in the church. Since then, a young man named Stephen has attended Saturday visitation and every Bible Club and has joined our Bible institute and choir. Stephen is a very soft-spoken 15-year-old. His parents do not take care of him. His mother is in jail, so he lives with his aunt, who attends our church. He accepted Christ late last year and got baptized in January. He has led in the Bible memory and in prayer, and this week, he will be telling his first Bible lesson!

Andrew, Gabriel, and Juma are all doing a great job. They are faithfully attending our soul-winning time on Saturdays and cleaning after and then leading in the clubs in the afternoon. We separated the clubs into two groups. My son Corey is leading one group with Gabriel, Benson, Moses, and Judson. The other group consists of Andrew, Juma, Annabelle, Marydia, Sylvia, and Stephen. Please pray for God to use these young people and teach them how to minister.

In December, we held a Christmas cantata at church and a live nativity in the community. Both were a great blessing. At last year's nativity, we had a live donkey, but this year, we had a camel and provided camel rides. Everyone who participated had a great time. During the live nativity, more than a dozen people were handing out tracts and encouraging others to come to church.

On Valentine's Day, we had our second annual banquet. We had a great turnout, with double the attendance of last year. We played games, and I preached a message. My wife and children prepared a five-star meal for everyone in attendance. Everyone who came enjoyed their time, especially the food.

Recently, a young boy named Leeam started faithfully attending our church. He comes from a home where his mother is an atheist and his father is a Muslim. He was attending church with his aunt, who is a faithful member. Leeam is 6 years old going on 60. He was attending every service that he possibly could, including Saturday outreach and Bible Club. He was gifted a Bible from the church and was ecstatic. A few weeks after he got it, he told us he had to hide his Bible from his father. A couple weeks after that, he was told he's not allowed to attend church anymore. Please pray that God will work on the heart of his mother and father. Leeam was such a blessing to our church while he was there, and he's missed every week.

Your missionaries,

Corey and Elizabeth McDonald and Family



