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Dear friends & partners in ministry,

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Greetings! I am so thrilled to write this update on what the Lord is doing in Nyahururu, Kenya. Praise the Lord for many of you who give for the work of ministry here and many of you who pray for the success of what God is doing through our dedicated team. The Lord is at work, dear friends. My family is doing well, and we are thankful for continued sustenance through your generous contributions and prayers. May the Lord continue blessing you and shining His face upon you for His names sake!

### Home Church

Our home church, Bible Baptist Church of Nyahururu, is doing well. We are staying encouraged as we faithfully continue in the Word for the growth of our members and the conversion of those we meet. We are getting busy strategizing and evaluating our outreach methods to see to it that they are effective and biblical in every way. In this quarter, we are engaging our membership in effective biblical evangelism methods, starting with Sunday school discussions and seminars with practical outreach programs. Pray that the Lord will be glorified and that our members will be encouraged through these efforts.

### Church School

Our school, Bible Baptist Academy, opened this year's academic year on a good note. We currently have 40 pupils and four staff, and we are happy with the progress so far. Our church youth and children coordinator is working with our Sunday school teachers to run a Bible club at the school. This has been set in motion through different training sessions for our teachers, and the Bible club will soon kick off.

### Church Plants

Our Church plants are progressing well. Most of them are in the process of identifying men for leadership positions. In some of our church plants, we have had several setbacks in this process ranging from movement of people in search for greener pastures economically, internal unresolved conflict leading to movement, and just lack of commitment of many men. These setbacks are rather natural, and therefore we are encouraged that we shall overcome them in the long run for the glory of Jesus, the head of the church.

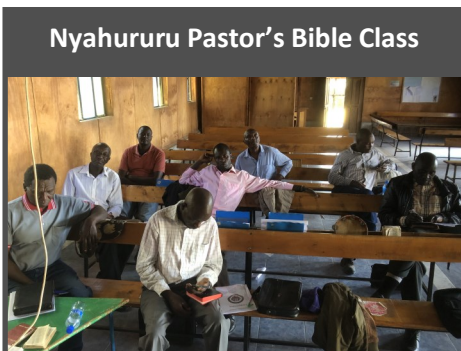
### Silale Land Project

As updated in the last letter, Calvary Baptist Church in Silale is doing well and is fervently serving the people in the area. Pastor Lochodo and his family are faithfully serving and are ever thankful for many of you that pray and support him and his ministry. Also, the Lord has continued to grow their family with a newborn baby girl added to their household. The mother and the baby are doing well in their home. Calvary Baptist Church of Silale has been meeting in different locations over the years. The rented houses have had issues ranging from unfriendly neighbors who play loud music during the service, property owners reclaiming their houses for other uses, etc. We have observed that every time we relocate, a member or two with their families don't relocate with the church. Others feel that change of location doesn't suit them, and so they just move to different churches. To have a safe environment for members and newcomers and their families, we strongly believe that the church owning its own land will be a big advantage. We therefore are raising support to purchase land in Silale, where we can build a permanent home for Calvary Silale. We have sited a good piece of land in Silale that is going for **\$8,000**. Please consider helping settle this church in her own land through your giving. Calvary Silale has gone through a lot in the past, but we are ever thankful for the Lord's sustaining grace. It is such a blessing to know that the Lord's promise of, "I will build my church," in Mat 16:18 applies also to Calvary Silale, and that the Lord is indeed building His church. Our invitation for you to come on board is an invitation to join in a strong team with Jesus in the forefront. God bless you as you consider joining hands with us.

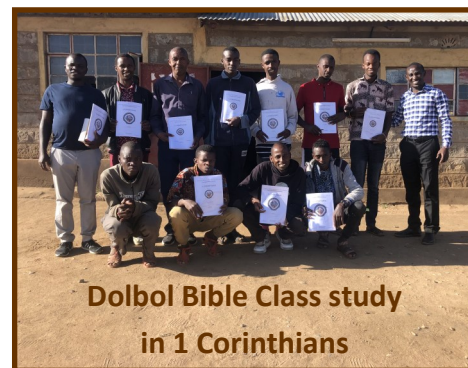
### Laikipia Baptist Bible Institute

I have received questions about our institute and how it is managed. In the early 1990s, (the early years of our church in Nyahururu), the then missionary pastor, Marcus Deloach, now of Albemarle Baptist Church, started a Bible institute, of which my late father was among the first students. The dream of having a Bible institute/college in Nyahururu continued in the hearts of the other pastors, who pastored the church in Nyahururu. Over the years, this institute has taken different shapes and names, as they were never registered with the government. When I came to Nyahururu from Zambia, where I was a seminary lecturer

for 5 years, I felt the need to continue with what my predecessors had envisioned. This vision has been expanded to minister specifically to the people in Laikipia County. Currently we are serving in two locations within Laikipia, Nyahururu in Laikipia West, and Doldol in Laikipia North, under the oversight of Bible Baptist Church of Nyahururu and Doldol Bible Baptist Church. The two churches and their church plants are the primary source of students for us. In terms of training offered currently, we have partnered with Central Africa Baptist University in Zambia, who is helping us teach classes under their Theological Studies by



Extension (TSE) program. Our faculty mainly comes from CABU teaching staff or TSE staff, who are mainly CABU Alumni. Here in Kenya, another CABU Alumni and I teach these classes. We have maintained that our teaching staff will only be men currently holding a bachelor's degree and above from accredited colleges and seminaries. This, in our view, will help us grow a culture of theological correctness and maintain a robust doctrinal philosophy and content for our African pastors. Our prayer is that we will finally have an established African Bible College, with local men at the core, training the next generation of African leaders with a heart for the great commission. Kindly join hands in prayers for this vision. For more information, feel free to reach out to me.



### Prayer Requests

1. Growth and stability of our local churches here
2. Continued sustenance of our pastors, both physically and spiritually
3. For the success of the projects in our churches, Silale Land Project
4. Pray for my family's well-being and continued provision, that we may be able to visit Zambia in December. My wife is Zambian, and, owing to the Covid scare, we were not able to visit her parents during the three years we have been in Kenya. Also, we have grandparents wanting to see their grandchildren.

Thank you again for partnering with us through your support and prayers. May God bless you all.

Yours in Christ,

John, Lydia, Jane & Mayamiko Njoroge

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