

Dear Brethren, it is my hope and prayer that you have continued to know God's blessings this new year. He has equally dealt bountifully with our souls in Kisumu, something for which we are thankful. There is so much to write to you about concerning the tremendous effect of the gospel amongst us in Kisumu. Please, as you thank God on our behalf, remember to lift up these needs before Him; -

1] MINISTRY OF THE WORD.

I have resumed the exposition through Paul's letter to the Philippians. We are slowly paddling through the towering section of chapter 2—of the humility of Christ. Paul hasn't left us to merely gape at its transcendence since the assurance is equally staggering—that such a mindset of humility is ours in Christ Jesus. I had taken a break from Philippians to bring a series of evangelistic sermons towards the end of last year. These messages were especially targeted towards the many who attend our worship service and are yet to know Christ savingly. I am preaching through Psalms in the evening. Elder Ken has launched a Bible Study series through Proverbs. It is so encouraging to know that the brethren are beginning to appreciate the significance of this wisdom Book in the Canon. Please pray for much fruit.

- Earnestly pray for the demonstration of the Spirit and of power through the teaching and preaching of the word.
- Please plead that the faith of Christ's flock here in Kisumu will rest not in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.

2] MEDITATING ON THE WORD.

It isn't merely enough to listen to a good or challenging sermon. If the word of God is sweeter than honey and drippings of honeycomb; if the word of God is more desirable than gold, then one ought to meditate on it day and night. One ought to chew it like cud; ruminates and assimilate it for much spiritual good. It is upon this background that we have started assembling every Sunday afternoon to meditate on what has been taught and preached on

the Lord's Day. Later in the evening, we gather for an hour for another worship service.



The number of those who come back in the afternoon is very encouraging, something for which we thank the Lord. Elder Ken and I lead and guide these interactive meditations. We have questions prepared to ensure that the conversations are focused and relevant. Personal testimonies have greatly accentuated our time together.

- Please pray for the Spirit's conviction especially as people share their personal testimonies of the transforming power of the gospel.
- Plead with the Lord to prod the rest of the church to take such means of grace seriously.
- The involvement of the children has been equally encouraging as it helps them to spend their time wisely. Please pray for their conversion.

In Christ,

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