

Dear brethren, we thank the Lord for your steadfastness in prayer for us. May the Lord graciously deal with you and your ministry. Please continue praying for us, especially that the word of the Lord may speed ahead and be honoured here in Kisumu and its neighbouring towns (2 Thess. 3:1). Paul's appeal to the Colossians still remains our appeal to you, dear brethren; that God may open to us a door for the word, to declare the mystery of Christ, and that we may make it clear which is how we ought to speak (Col. 4:3,4). Our heavenly Father truly hears your pleadings for us.

### 1] GOSPEL FRUIT.

Through your prayers and our feeble preaching of God's word week in and week out, it has pleased the Lord to harvest some gospel fruit from amongst our attendants. He has mercifully saved Lilian, Mercy, and Steve. Steve and his wife, Mercy, were previously committed members of a 'word of faith' church in Kisumu. They not only believed that they were Christians but also served in various capacities with great zeal. It was through the encouragement of Antony, Mercy's brother, that they joined us mid last year. Antony is a member of TBC Nairobi. Here is an excerpt from Steve's testimony.

Like He did for Lydia, God opened my heart to the understanding that it is He who does the work of salvation, and that I have no part to play in it, whatsoever. And at the encouragement of our elders, I went home and cried to God. I still remember Pst Tonny's words, "Cry to God to save you. Say save me Lord lest I die". I asked the LORD to forgive me of my sins, to change my heart from the training and conditioning that I had received from the Charismatic circles.

Here is an excerpt from Mercy's testimony.

There is nothing I am, or I have, or I do that is enough to save me. I realized my wretchedness and sinfulness before a righteous, just, and Holy God. In tears and all brokenness, I called on the Name of the LORD Jesus Christ and asked Him to save me, confessing and repenting of all my sins and asked Him to forgive me. Now, I know that I am born again for it is only Christ who saves, He is the Way, the only Way. I affirm that I have no other hope, no other assurance of the forgiveness of my sins, only Christ. This is the certainty that I hold onto "...that He who began a good work in me will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ" (Philippians 1:6).

Lilian has been faithfully attending our meetings for years. When I came to Kisumu, I even thought that she was a member of the church owing to her active involvement. She was raised in a Reformed Baptist Church. Her father later served as an elder in their rural home. We buried her 9-year-old daughter last year; a tragedy that God used to catapult her to consider the state of her own soul. Here is an excerpt from Lilian's testimony.

I have asked the Lord to have mercy on me a wretched sinner. I know I have nothing and I can only inherit righteousness from the Lord. And so I cling to the old rugged cross so that my sins may be forgiven. I have repented and asked God to forgive me of my sins and I believe my sins are now forgiven...All my faith and trust is in Christ alone and I have faith that if I look unto Him I will have eternal life because he is the way, the truth and the life. I pray He helps me live in a way that honors Him. I believe that our God who has commenced this spiritual transformation will progressively work in me and will complete it at the day of Christ.



Steve's baptism



Mercy's baptism



Lilian's Baptism

## 2] GOSPEL OPPORTUNITIES.

There are some doors that the Lord has opened for us according to His mercies as shown in the pictures. Amos, one of our interns and deacons, has been helpful in coordinating these meetings. Please earnestly plead for fruit from these opportunities.



An opportunity with the youth during the Easter Weekend



An opportunity with Maseno University students.

*In Christ,*