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A Testimony from Missionary N By Mercy Kambura

When I first got a call to be a missionary, I thought I needed to wait until I got married to be a missionary. It took me eight years to finally go. I was lucky enough to marry a girl who wanted to go as a missionary with me. We have now been serving among an unreached group in Kenya. I should have come here earlier.

Tired of suffering and living as a confused young man, I retreated to a prayer center to seek direction for my life. I was in my twenties and without a focus.

At the prayer center, I met a Korean missionary. After hearing all he was doing in missions, my heart was stirred for the nations. This is the first time I felt the call to be a missionary. I didn't go immediately; I became a pastor in my local church, the Kenya Assemblies of God (KAG).

When I heard about unreached people in parts of Kenya, I knew this was where I needed to go. I went to my organization (KAG) and expressed my interest to now go into the field as a missionary. They released me, and off I went. I first went as a missionary apprentice, learning how to reach the unreached from those who were already in the field.

After this, I went to another field where we started a church to reach the government workers. Our aim was to teach the Christians in the government offices to reach the locals. It was easier for them to spread the Gospel since they were already working there full-time. We're also doing sports ministry. We have built a clinic, a school and even dug wells to support the community.

My greatest lesson was that the unreached are bright. Although they may not be able to read and write, that doesn't mean they're foolish. They have a rich culture. What we think we know, they don't; but they have wisdom. It helped a great deal to learn from them.

Christians should start getting involved in missions immediately after getting saved. We must think about others, not just how we will prosper materially.

Missionaries have a great need for psychological help. Sometimes, people do not understand us. We need help from people who have been in missions as well, people who can reach out to us and appreciate what we go through.

## <u>#Pray</u>:

• For us to continue spreading the Gospel without fear. There are a lot of threats, especially for those working in Muslim-dominated regions.

• For more people to come and team up with us.

• For the nations that do not have God yet—that they may be drawn to Him even as we minister to them.

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