Greetings from Kenya, East Africa. We are here at Word Ablaze Bible Institute for two months training pastors and church leaders in the Word of God. We are excited to get to know these students from different tribes and villages. Currently, one of these student’s education is being sponsored through the generosity of the CCA Auxiliary.

Peter is from the Pokot tribe in Western Kenya, which is about 4-5 hours by bus over bumpy, rutted roads. He arrived at school 2 days late because his bus had been hijacked by the Turkana tribe. The Turkana are an uneducated and unreached people group in Western Kenya. They have been fighting with the Pokot people for hundreds of years over cattle and grazing land. The land is very harsh, dry and arid. They will invade the Pokot, kill, steal and take their women with them. These are the people that Peter ministers Christ and peace to along with his own Pokot people.

Peter is crippled from having polio as a child. He walks leaning over using his right leg as a crutch. Dr. Arlyn is treating him for right arm and back pain. I asked Peter if a cane would help him walk better. He said, “yes,” but his cane broke, and he doesn’t have money to go to town and buy another one. He said he will make one from a tree when he gets home. One of the missionaries had an extra cane and gave it to him to try. If it doesn’t work for him, we will buy one when we get to town.

Peter came to know the Lord at 9 years of age. He has a Christian mother who is very old (71) and lives with him, his wife and 2 children. Peter has 120 people in Sunday School and 60 in his “church.” His “church” was meeting under a tree. One of our pastors who graduated from WABI last year (Pastor Joseph) went to the Pokot people where Peter was ministering under the tree. He saw Peter’s heart for the Lord and reaching his people and said he would sponsor him to go the Bible School. Peter came to the 1st level in September and October of 2014 and is now here for the 2nd level. Pastor Joseph and some men went to Peter’s area and built a church for the people. These pastors have learned the principle of “sowing and reaping” and give to help others.

The first week in chapel, Peter wept bitterly for his Pokot people and the fighting and killing with the Turkana people. The students, who are fellow pastors and leaders, gathered around him and prayed for peace and unity among the two tribes. There are no known missionaries to this warring group of people. This is Peter's passion to reach these people, along with his own, with the saving Gospel of Jesus Christ.

When I told Peter that he was being sponsored by a group of chiropractic doctors and spouses, he was so happy and thankful. He had the biggest smile on his face. These pastors and leaders are so hungry to learn the Word of God - it is a joy to be with them. And thank you to the Auxiliary for your giving to help further the cause of Christ.

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