**Mission Report**

**Thank You Note**

Dear Church,

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

On behalf of the Church here in Meru, allow me to thank you for praying with us about the recent elections in Kenya. The 2017 elections were a little bit more peaceful than the previous ones. The American envoy John Kerry, and the European Union envoys commended Kenya for the peaceful process.

The biggest challenge facing the country right now is that about 50% of those who lost in various positions wouldn’t concede defeat and wouldn’t sign the necessary documents. They say that their votes were stolen, the officers conducting the process had been bribed by their opponents, and some even allege that the system was hacked by people they have no idea about.

The presidential race was won by the incumbent President Uhuru Kenyatta who is a son of the first president of Kenya. The loser was Raila Odinga, son of the first Vice-president of Kenya. Raila Odinga’s refusal to concede defeat has resulted to chaos in his political strongholds. Fighting and looting have been reported in Western part of the country and in the two major slums in Nairobi – Kibera and Mathare slums.

The problem we are facing here in Meru is that the incumbent Governor Peter Munya, has lost and wouldn’t concede defeat. He has been quoted saying that he will seek legal address before handing over power if he ever will. The County government has stopped functioning because there is basically no one in the offices. County government workers including nurses and doctors have not been paid and wouldn’t go to work. Businesses have been closed for fear of chaos erupting. We are praying that he accepts defeat for the sake of peace in the Meru region.

On a different note, may I also thank you for your prayers about my wife’s complications with the pregnancy. Please keep praying on this – our next appointment with the doctor is on Friday 25th next week.

Wish you all well and may God shower you and those you love with His sweet blessings.

Geoffrey,

Meru , Kenya