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Dear Friends,

Peanuts to Praises



The four prize winners rejoice.

Things are just weird in Moi Land. No doubt about it. Missionary Stephen Crockett shares what happened while visiting with the Moi at the small village store.

"I listened to everyone say they had no money to buy anything when Ayaionma walked in to buy a bag of peanuts. He took it outside and started to eat them when I heard a whoop. He rushed back in and presented enough money to buy another bag of peanuts."

"Where did you get the money?" I asked.

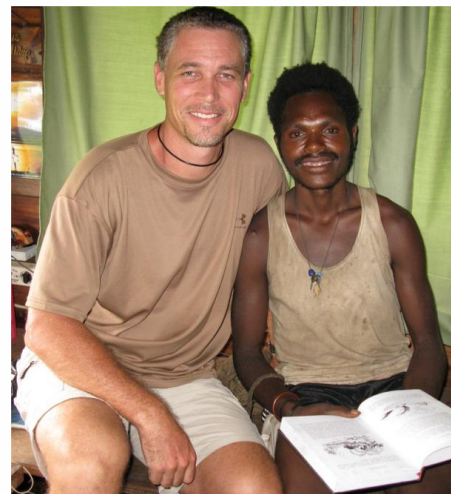
"With the peanuts" was his reply. "The Creator God gave it to me. It was in the shell of the peanut when I opened it up! It's a miracle!" he exclaimed.

"What?" I said. Then I happened to notice that written on the bag of peanuts was an advertisement saying that in some of the peanuts the company had placed **prize money**.

"Hey guys, look at this. It says here that you could win up to \$10 worth of prize money!" Wrong thing to say; instantly the previously complaining Moi started producing all kinds of cash and began buying peanuts by the arm load! Sure enough three others had the good fortune of finding miracle cash in their peanuts, too.

The real prize is what gives our life meaning and makes heaven rejoice. It happened today while I was in my office translating. Kendaya, one of the students who had recently finished the literacy course, was sitting on the desk next to my computer. Curious, he leaned over and began to read out-loud softly from my computer screen a portion of Genesis in the Moi language. As he came to the end of the paragraph, he paused and I heard him say under his breath, *"I praise you Creator God for now I can really read your Word!"*

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Stephen Crockett & Kendaya

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