

## Delivered From Bubonic Plague

During the dry season of 1922, that dread disease, bubonic plague, was raging among the natives of the Abasotso tribe near Mt. Elgon, in Kenya Colony, British East Africa. Many of them were dying of this terrible malady. Nzanza, one of the boys at our north station who, had just a few months before given his heart to the Lord, and himself to the mission, was living in a hut near the mission home. His wife and one child lay in the hut dead of the plague. Nzanza, himself, being stricken, lay on the cold, bare floor praying to "Nysayi" (God) for help for some time after the sun had made its disappearance in the west and all was dark and quiet on the outside except for the distant yell of a hyena or jackal, or possibly the doleful sound of a funeral horn coming from some sad but on a distant hill, telling of another victim who had just passed into the great "migulu" (beyond).

Presently a voice seemed to call from the outside, saying, "Nzanza, Nzanza, arise." He listened. Again the voice spoke, repeating the same words. He being unable to walk dragged himself upon his hands and knees to the door and pushed the mat aside to look out. Instead of the darkness of that awful African night greeting him, some one seemed to lay his hands upon his head and at the same time say, "Nzanza, your prayer is heard and I am come to heal you." Immediately he sprang to his feet, and the buboes and swelling disappeared and Nzanza realized that it was "Jesu Christo" who, had touched and healed him.

When this experience was being related one could not help but know that Jesus is nigh to all who will call on his; name in faith. Some days after this his chief, Wambani, offered to make him one of his head men if he would leave the mission and go, to his court, but Nzanza refused telling the chief that he was now "head boy" for "Jesu Christo" (Jesus Christ). He is still with the mission and head cook for Brother and Sister Bailey. S. W. Joiner.

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