

Gary and Mary Reid

MAY 2022

Location: **Olkinyei, KENYA**

Mission: **Church planting and Scripture distribution**



Easter ... undoubtedly one of the highlights of the month of April! It was wonderful to listen to the Maasai church families unite and sing praises to our risen Saviour and glorify our Father in heaven. Over the Easter break, youth seminars were held, where the evangelists / worship leaders taught, and the weekend culminated in the Easter service where, after much praise and worship, Gary brought God's message, and food/beverages were then provided.

April consisted of 'excitement' and hard work! Whilst lifting a 10,000-litre community water storage tank that we had on-site at the mission, (as it was being moved to a new location), all concerned came face to face with a large spitting cobra nestled below. Of course, the tank was quickly set down and Gary then attached a ratchet strap to the top of the tank, our youngest son pulled the tank over, and the snake was given the opportunity to move away without the need of confrontation. How we thanked our Lord for his protection from this snake and, indeed, the many other smaller ones that have confronted different people within the Mission grounds. Some, due to their responses, will not have the opportunity to meet anyone again, and in all these things we bless our Father for his shielding from harm, alongside granting the relevant skills to the individuals concerned.

With the dry weather came the opportunity to fix a stretch of dirt road that is exceptionally difficult to navigate in the wet. With the aid of a lorry, many loads of murram were carried and deposited along different sections of the 'road' and levelled out with the digger, to make the way passable during the coming rains.

Sand was collected and transported for one of the local primary schools as they want to put down a concrete floor

in one of the classrooms, and, at the Mission a container is in the process of being transformed into a meeting / staff / office area. Two gifted welders came from Narok and cut holes for windows, as well as a door, and welded steel roof trusses into place.

Also, since our last monthly bulletin, our Father enabled the Mission to assist the Ministry of Education in relation to providing specialised wheelchairs, equipment, and sensory toys, teddies etc for children with disabilities and children with special needs.

During each month there are usually events which come along that haven't been expected, but through which our Father is glorified. One such event was when a poor cow sought to drink from some puddles of water at a slowly drying seasonal river. However, she soon sank and became embedded in the deep muck, and, despite her efforts, and that of her herdsman, she could not be freed. Of course, upon meeting this situation, there was a quick response from all present. Soon, with a rope attached around her horns, and much straining and pulling, the exhausted cow was pulled out and released from her confinement. We sincerely thanked our Father for granting that we all would be able to help this herdsman and his cow, for it is a privilege to help a neighbour in need and help care for his creation.

Prayer points

- Rejoice with us for our Father's protection and provision throughout the month of April, and the praise offered to him in such sincerity and joy.
- Pray for the work that is ongoing, as there is much to be carried out. Heavy rains can impede different areas of work, and so we are looking to our Father to help everything to keep moving as the rains have resumed, whilst seeking that he will be glorified.
- Remember our children in prayer, that our Lord will draw them nearer to himself and direct their paths. Also, that our Lord would help our youngest to pass all the exams he is taking during the first two weeks of May.