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"I the Lord do keep it; I will water it every moment lest any hurt it, I will keep it night and day." Isaiah 27:3

As you know, these were some of God's words to our hearts when we were preparing to leave the Mission at his leading. We have continually marvelled at God's tenderness and loving kindness in both giving and keeping his promises – and truly he is keeping his dear children in Maasailand. How we bless our Father for his faithful promises and his abundant mercy and grace.

To know that the believers are meeting together and seeking to live for God is such an encouragement to our hearts. Prayer is of such importance in a believer's life and they seek prayer for the church families and their communities, and they come together and pray for the glory of our Lord.

On 19 June, Isintin church family came together for prayer and believers from the wider area, though from different denominations, were welcomed to come and share in prayer together to our gracious, loving Lord.

Towards the end of June, members of PCEA Acacia Grove Mission's Steering Committee, alongside Rev Jonathan ole Mapena, met with members of a conservancy group to discuss land that is being used for dual-use conservation, whereby the land is being used for wildlife conservation whilst also being used by the local community. God has certainly gone before and we bless him for his goodness as PCEA will, our Lord willing, in the future be able to build a nursery class/church for the local people and their children within that area. How we bless our Lord that he is leading his children to care for, not only, their fellow human beings created in God's image, but also his many

creatures that he made for us all to enjoy and indeed his whole creation - to which he has granted us stewardship.

When we learn that our church families and their communities are well, we truly bless our Lord and rejoice in the health that has been granted. However, when we learn of sickness, our hearts ache for those who are suffering. During these recent weeks, some new-born babies have been suffering from sickness within the community and tragically some have passed away. How our hearts yearn for each one affected and pray that they will know the sincere comfort of God's Holy Spirit.

As for the children of Olkinyei, the schools are going to be closing on 16 July and opening again, our Lord willing, on 26 July. It has been wonderful to see how our Lord has went before and protected the children, the teachers and all schooling staff, and indeed all the families during this time.

Prayer points

- Give thanks with us for the goodness and enduring, everlasting mercy and kindness of our Lord.
- Pray for the new-borns who have been unwell and for the grieving families whose precious little ones have passed on. May each one know the tender, loving care of our beloved Saviour sheltering and healing them.
- Rejoice with us that God is continuing to work in the lives of his children through the power of his Holy Spirit. Pray that God will work even more mightily in Maasailand and that many will come to know our Beloved as their own personal Saviour.
- Pray for the ongoing outreach that continues within Olkinyei and Siana, that our Lord will lead and guide his children and that he will be glorified, honoured and praised.
- Pray too for the renewal of our entry permits and that God will grant us to return at his perfect time, for his glory. Thank you.