

Stephen and Angelina Cowan

Location: **Tuum, KENYA**

Mission: **Church-based community development and outreach**



The Youth for Christ (YFC) vehicle, carrying their team, was driven out of the Samburu Awareness Action (SAA) compound a few minutes after 5am. If all went according to plan, they hoped to reach Nairobi before midnight. All did not go according to plan. A few hours later Stephen received their first phone call. A passing lorry driver was very kindly towing the now broken-down vehicle and passengers along a particularly difficult and dangerous stretch of road towards Maralal which was still many hours away. Lodgings were arranged for the night. As I write 4 days later, despite the eventual arrival of spare parts and valiant attempts by mechanics, the unrepaired vehicle and two team members who had remained with it are currently on a breakdown truck on their way to a garage in Nairobi.

Some of the team shared a report on the camps: "This April, Kenya Youth for Christ team alongside a few volunteers conducted the youth seminars in Tuum organized by SAA. The camp was conducted in two separate groups: The junior youth camp that involved almost 400 children under 13 years of age ran between the 10th and 14th, and the senior camp with 310 youth aged 14-20 years, from the 15th to the 19th. The main aim of the seminars was to engage the young people in Christian-based discussions and help them view the world from a Christian perspective. The teachings of the junior camp were focused on the fruit of the Holy Spirit (Galatians 5:22).

The theme of the senior youth was 'The last man standing' derived from the story of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego (Daniel 3:16-19). The team from YFC, with the help of the Holy Spirit, saw several children dedicate their lives to Christ. Repeat YFC members to Tuum noted that the children were more disciplined, unlike other camps. This is a good testament to the transformation through the gospel. It is also worth noting that the safeguarding teams in Tuum did a commendable job as per their outlined duties and responsibilities. We continue to pray that the Holy Spirit will help the children bear fruits and be transformed by the renewal of their minds".



Junior Camp
Photo by Alan



Celebration of a YFC
team members birthday

Prayer Points:

- **Give thanks for the commitment and energy of the YFC team and pray that the young people who attended camp will find Christian community in their schools, villages and families to help encourage and mentor their faith.**
- **Pray that all those involved in much unseen work during the lead up to the camps (vehicle maintenance, guest house preparation, catering arrangements etc.) would be conscious of their part in presenting the gospel to the participants.**
- **Even with extensive planning and preparations the unexpected can suddenly occur, and we praise God for His presence and provision in these instances.**