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Location: **Olkinyei, KENYA**

Mission: **Church planting and Scripture distribution**



"In Him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined, according to the purpose of Him who works all things according to the counsel of His will..." Ephesians 1:11

It ever remains a comfort to our hearts that our Beloved works all things according to the counsel of his will – that he is in control and we can depend on him.

Due to flights being suspended on 9 April, our flight to Kenya on 20 April was cancelled, as the flight was no longer operating. In all these things we know that we can trust our Lord, and trust him in the circumstances and situations we find ourselves in. Our Father has been challenging us to humble ourselves before him and be fully dependent on him, giving all back into his hands, looking only to him in all things and seeking him with all our hearts.

We continue then to work remotely and bless our Lord for granting that in this time we can communicate and be involved with some areas of the mission work though not physically present.

How we rejoice in how God's Holy Spirit is working in and through our church families in Maasailand. We stand in awe of God's goodness and love the fact that he continues to fulfil his plans and purposes.

It really does encourage our hearts to know that our church families are doing well and, even more so, that members are travelling two Sundays each month to Siana to visit the believers there. Furthermore, together with Rev Jonathan ole Mapena, the planning has begun for the construction of a church for the believers there. We can only but praise our Lord for his wonderful working, doing all things according to the counsel of his will.

The church family at Isintin also hope to start the church construction there too, our Lord willing, looking to him to go before and guiding them in all things.

From 31 May to 6 June, it will be the Woman's Guild week and we thank our Father that within the church families, the older women do indeed encourage and help the younger women, encouraging them in their faith and their walk with our Lord.

As for our family, we bless our Father that he made a way for our youngest to sit his exams. In truth, without God's help and his loving children helping and assisting this would not have been possible. How we thank God for his tender love and for showing this also through his children.

The gentle kindness of our Father in granting more time with our children, our three youngest especially, after spending so much time part is exceptionally precious to us, and whilst time with our eldest has been limited due to him living in Scotland, we thank God for every moment he has granted us together.

In all these things, we rejoice that God is in control and that he is working all things according to the counsel of his will and we give him all glory, honour and praise.

Prayer points

- Rejoice with us that our Lord is working in and through the lives of his precious children in Maasailand, for his glory, honour and praise.
- Pray for the church families in Olkinyei and Siana that they will know our Lord and seek his face, being guided by him in all things and remember Rev Mapena also in his heavy workload, as he serves our Lord.
- Remember the widows, the orphans and the needy within Maasailand, that they will come to know our Beloved as their own Saviour and friend and that God's love will be shown to them through his children. How we all need to be his willing vessels, open to his love flowing in and through us.