

## Stephen and Angelina Cowan

Location: **Tuum, KENYA**

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



The first quarter of the year is almost over, and the Easter season is upon us. Neither of these 2 markers have much significance here. Samburu life systems.

As we seek to move the work forward here, taking the focus of ourselves leading, we want to see some standards being adhered to in the church and wider work. Sadly, church is not much different from cultural practices and church rites only galvanise the strong culture underneath.

Marriage is a real flash point here, and has always been overlooked as an issue. 'Come we stay' is becoming an increasing aspect in the society and church and accepted as a norm. We have kept praying for an intervention as we try to set standards knowing change takes generations. After 35 years it would be nice to think that some seeds of truth had been sown and that someone would step up. Unfortunately, a lack of accountability to God and the Bible means that the norm continues.

After much prayer two leaders were suspended over marriage/relationship issues and the Presbytery will now be dealing with the outcome. It is good that some group rather than us is now taking responsibility and causing workers to reflect, which we pray will have a ripple effect into the next generation. We are grateful for this step forward.



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*Go Deep Go Wide*  
**April 2024**

This society is becoming increasingly dependent on aid agencies driven by short term goals. People forget the resource that God has provided in livestock needs to be developed and cared for, rather than left to die hoping for an aid package to rescue them yet again. With increasing population, the problems are being increased and the methodology is not adjusting.

We have been encouraged by the progress on the land rehabilitation area, although some people put their goats inside deliberately. A penalty was inflicted on the owners, creating an accountability marker for others. Some men have now enquired about replicating the model on another land area yet to be fenced.



### Prayer Points:

- Give thanks for the beginning of an understanding of accountability.
- Give thanks that education programmes and opportunities to teach the Bible in schools are immense and pray that the words and actions of teachers would be aligned.
- Pray for the April youth camps 9<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup>, being led by a Youth for Christ team.
- Continue to pray for iteach and an increasing number of people preserving in learning to read.