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Location: **Olkinyei, KENYA**

Mission: **Church planting and Scripture distribution**



There were strands of blue permeating through the grey clouds. The lorry with building supplies had arrived early in the morning. The items were off-loaded, and all went smoothly, bar a flat tyre needing sorted. However, before the off-loading even began, one of the men who helps at the Mission looked very unwell, and another was conversing over the phone. We were deeply concerned about the first man and he, feeling unwell, prepared to leave to seek medical treatment. The other man was, as time progressed, hearing the unfolding of a story that was alarming. In short, his dear wife was confronted by a spitting cobra who spat venom into her eyes. Our Father's grace was earnestly sought for all concerned, and you can imagine everyone's relief and thankfulness when, in the process of time, the dear lady could again see, and the man was feeling better from his pneumonia. There have been many meetings with snakes of late. Even this man who was ill with pneumonia, showed us a picture of a large cobra he encountered in his bedroom and Gary ending up having to step over a young cobra last week. How thankful we have been to our Father for his wonderful protection and keeping of all concerned – especially the little children travelling to and from school each day, as there have been lions in the area. Also elephants are present – a lovely family stopping at the Mission gate this morning. We do not take for granted the faithfulness, kindness and protection of our loving Father.

There is much sickness in the area at present. Another man who helps at the Mission is unwell, also feeling unwell in his chest. He travelled yesterday to seek medical attention. Many came forward in church, just a few weeks ago, asking for prayer as they were feeling unwell, and we are looking to the hand of our gracious Father.

After discussion with the head teacher, the Mission is hoping to help one of the local government primary schools, nearest to the Mission, with 20 ft containers for storage and a library and, hopefully, a large 40ft one for to be used as a special needs/nursery class. Of course, these containers will all require suitable roofing, and have windows and doors installed. However, transportation of these containers is problematic. One of the main dirt 'roads' was fenced by one, or both, of the landowners adjacent to it, and the 'road' narrows drastically and becomes completely impassable. We are praying that a surveyor will come soon and help address the fencing positions. We are looking to our Lord to go before in this situation, so that the work can proceed, and the school be helped in this way. Another Maasai man has graciously offered for his private land to be used, if the main road can't be sorted, but even this land requires a lot of work carried out for the lorry to proceed towards the primary school.

Prayer points

- We would deeply value prayer for God's Holy Spirit to continue working in the precious lives of the Maasai, and that he will unite his children together.
- Pray for wisdom in all situations, and that in all things our gracious Lord will be glorified. May he lead, guide and work through his children for his honour and praise.
- Remember this situation with the 'road' and that, through God's help, a way will be made for the containers to reach the local primary school.
- Last week we received word that there are still some issues to be sorted by the parish before the building of the nursery class up in the hills of Siana can proceed. Pray that our Father will go before and that, in his time, the children will have a nearby place to learn. We continue to look to our Lord who is our help and provider, who can make a way even in the wilderness, and as we wait, we rejoice that our tender and loving Father grants colour to permeate even through grey clouds!