



Gary and Mary Reid

Location: **Olkinyei, KENYA**

Mission: **Church planting and Scripture distribution**



With a mighty jolt, the running board/sidestep of the Land Rover caught on the side of the trench that had recently been gorged out by the heavy rains down a steep incline. The Defender was now holding in a somewhat precarious position, and Gary opened the door heavenwards and jumped down to assess the situation. It was the closest we have ever come to having the Land Rover topple over. To add to the situation, the back of the Defender was packed with glass for all the stone built classrooms at our nearest local government primary school, as the mission has been involved in assisting with the refurbishment of these windows.

During these last number of months, we have been somewhat pressed – but there is blessing in being pressed into knowing no helper but God. Our gracious Father granted that we would successfully get out of this situation and not topple over. How we blessed Him. And then our Beloved granted that not even a kilometre up the road, we would slide again and find ourselves entrenched. A dear neighbour had come along and sought to help in both locations, despite the continually falling rain. It was decided then to turn the headlights off, and eventually even the torch. However, this meant that all was happening in darkness. Gary did not see the muck and grit, tore up by the spinning wheels of the Land Rover, that hurtled directly into his eye, but he felt its excruciating effects. We tried washing out his eye with drinking water but all to no avail.

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Our dear neighbour walked with Gary who could not see out of his targeted eye, and was by this stage suffering rather intense pain, until they came to where the Defender was stopped on a level surface. Our Father so graciously granted that not only would we reach the Mission safely, but not one pane of glass would be broken. Over a period of a few days, the remaining grit came out of Gary's eye and then, some days later, he had to start antibiotics as his eye was said to be swollen from the trauma. But how we thanked God for His compassion and grace towards us, through it all.

The glass is now safely in the refurbished windows at the school, guttering is now in place collecting the needed rainwater into the water storage tanks – all of which was provided by our loving Father. Tiles have been laid in the Head Teacher's office, and it is hoped that the remaining tiles will soon be laid in the library and nursery classroom. The little desks have been painted. Work on the new dirt road is ongoing. The other primary school's work is continuing, and it is hoped during December that all the plumbing in the boys' dormitory will be completed. How we bless our Father for His provision, help and enabling. May He be glorified, honoured and praised for all His goodness, mercy and faithfulness.

Prayer Points

- Please pray for the Evangelists, Worship Leaders and Gary as they teach and preach, that they will be guided by God's Holy Spirit, to the glory of God and the edification of the church
- Please pray for strength and healing for Gary and give thanks for all who have worked so tirelessly in the many different jobs that have been ongoing within the community and Mission. May God be honoured, and His Name exalted and hallowed.
- Please pray that we will all be pressed into living a life in the LORD, a Christ-life outpoured.