

Gary and Mary Reid

Location: **Olkinyei, KENYA**

Mission: **Church planting and Scripture distribution**



It is awesome when you see Almighty God disregard the weather forecast prediction and, hold back the rain, thus thwarting the saturated ground's uncanny ability to grasp hold of unsuspecting vehicles and, once seized, to firmly hold fast. Our guests were wonderfully spared this experience and, despite having to use the Land Rover's winch once when a steep hill proved problematic to their vehicle, we deeply rejoiced in the goodness and tender grace of our Beloved.

Our Father granted our guests time with some of the community, especially some of our neighbouring children. Everyone enjoyed participating in the fun and football and receiving the gift of a teddy. Pastor Rick taught those who were able to gather, and it is our desire that the children present will have known, and will continue to know, God's Holy Spirit speaking into their young lives and that they will chose to live for Him.

Though our guests' visit was short, we are so thankful that they were able to come and bless us with their words of encouragement and also for their continuation in prayer for God's work amongst the beautiful Maasai people, alongside some members of their church family.

It was amazing to see how the evangelists, worship leaders and church families came together over Easter at Ewang'an Worship Centre. During the Easter weekend, the believers carried out outreach in the local village, organised the seminar, services and evenings of worship and prepared food for all who would come to the Saturday seminar and Sunday Easter Service.

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It was wonderful to see their enthusiasm and organisation, and we thanked our LORD for the opportunity granted to Gary to speak and teach on the Saturday and Sunday. We blessed Him for the evangelists and worship leaders who took such effective roles in preparing, speaking, worshipping and leading throughout the weekend. It is our heartfelt prayer that our LORD was glorified, and will continue to be praised, throughout Olkinyei.

We also give thanks for the new solar panels, batteries etc installed by engineers at the Mission, providing a reliable source of power both in sunny and overcast days.

April was a very busy month and a lot of maintenance had to be carried out. The outcome of some maintenance brought such joy with new swings being tested out by some of the children at the local primary school causing much laughter and delight.

It was good to be able to help a family by digging a trench from their polluted spring, to drain away the excess dirty water gathered, thus enabling them to have clean water again. Elephants had played a significant part in polluting the spring and, thankfully, there are other places nearby for the elephants to enjoy a muddy bath, whilst this family benefits from having a source of clean water!

Prayer Points

- Rejoice with us in the goodness, tender mercy and grace of our Beloved Saviour
- Please pray that our LORD's Holy Spirit will continue to work in the hearts and lives of the Maasai, and indeed other tribes, within Olkinyei and beyond, bringing glory to our LORD and extending His Kingdom, granting that His children may truly know Him and be one in Him.
- Please pray for us and our children that we will all be drawn deeper in our relationship with our LORD and ever be obedient to Him.