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Location: **Olkinyei, KENYA**

Mission: **Church planting and Scripture distribution**



But Jesus said, “Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto Me: for of such is the Kingdom of Heaven.”

Matthew 19:14

We are grateful to our LORD for Who He is and how He has gone before in all things! Travelling what appeared at times to be insurmountable pathways, He made a way and led us gently on – all the while, bringing us to Himself.

Through our LORD’s provision and enabling, much has been completed. Within Olkinyei, at Empiris Land, our LORD has blessed the local people with a nursery classroom, (which will also be used as a meeting place to worship Him). The classroom has been furnished with 25 children’s desks, a teacher’s desk and chair, alongside a filing cabinet and storage cupboards stocked with books, including many Bible stories, stationery, teaching and writing materials, playdough, toys, games etc. Furthermore, rainwater catchment systems have been put in place, with two large tanks catching rainwater from the classroom’s roof. Another smaller water tank has been put in place to catch rainwater from the newly constructed pit latrines, with the water tapped to a sink to enable good hygiene practice.

Also within Olkinyei, at Isintin Primary School, which is a PCEA-sponsored government primary school, our LORD provided all that was required for a playpark to be purchased and put in place, and it warmed our hearts to hear the children’s laughter reverberating around the school grounds as they played.

Additionally, many boxes of books and school items were provided.

In an area called Siana, God provided a nursery classroom to be built high up in the hills, alongside pit latrines and rainwater catchment systems (similar to those at the classroom at Empiris Land). This classroom has also been furnished with 25 children’s desk, a teacher’s desk and chair, a well-stocked toy box, and well-stocked cupboards. A lectern was also provided as the people have been meeting below a tree for many years, and now can praise our Beloved with a roof over their heads.

Our minister, Rev (Dr) Mwaura Kabaiku, travelled into Olkinyei, and then the very arduous journey to this high hill in Siana, to dedicate both these buildings and we are so grateful to him for his dedication. Our Father further enabled that in both these places the children would be blessed with teddies, and rulers and pencils inscribed with Bible verses. Additionally, the mothers were provided with crocheted blankets.

It is our hearts’ desire that all the little children who will be blessed through these buildings and their contents, and the playpark, will come to Jesus as their personal Saviour and that He will bring them to Himself and they, and their families, will worship Him for Who He is and His loving provision for them.

Prayer Points:

- Rejoice with us in the goodness of our LORD, Who has so graciously provided for the beautiful Maasai children.
- Please pray for the precious souls of the Maasai children that they will come to know Jesus as their personal Saviour, and desire to live for Him.
- Continue to pray that God’s Holy Spirit will work mightily in the lives of the Maasai people within Olkinyei and Siana, and that many will fully surrender their lives to our LORD, desiring to be obedient to Him.