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Location: **Olkinyei, KENYA**

Mission: **Church planting and Scripture distribution**



"As cold waters to a thirsty soul, so is good news from a far country." Proverbs 25:25

How true are these words! It has been refreshing to our hearts to hear that our Maasai church families have been going on well and that our Lord, as he promised, is keeping them.

During March some dear members of our church families had their traditional weddings renewed at PCEA Ewang'an Worship Centre, and it was a delight to be told how wonderful it was for all present.

Children and families alike are so glad that national exams have been able to take place, with primary exams now completed and form 4 students, having started their exams on 26 March, finishing them, our Lord willing, on 21 April.

We thank our Lord that work has been continuing in relation to the renovation of one of the buildings at one of our local primary schools. Steel, lockable cupboards have now been completed, made specifically to be built in to one of the rooms that is being renovated. These cupboards will be used to store the library books, textbooks etc and hopefully will soon be transported from Narok to the village school (almost 50 miles away). Of course, there is concern that the rains may hamper the transport of these items, but we are trusting that God will provide trouble-free passageway. Often in the past, we have had to pull out the different lorries bringing in materials who have got bogged down. We used to even joke that the lorries brought the rain with them!

"Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ."
Galatians 6:2

Sadly, during March some deaths occurred within the community, most we were informed were relating to cancer. The father of one of our worship leaders, a very dear sister, sadly passed away. How our hearts ache for her, and each one who is grieving, as death brings pain and sorrow that is heavy to bear. It is such a special privilege to be in Christ and to know that, whilst distance separates us, the love of Christ unites us and we can bear one another up, praying for God's Holy Spirit to comfort each of his dear children, as only he can.

Two members of one of our evangelist's family are not feeling well and suffering from headaches.

Prayer points

- Pray for the family who are grieving, that they will know our Lord with them, strengthening and healing them. Pray too for others who are sick.
- Our Maasai church family would love that you would pray for all their families. Truly family is of such importance and it is our desire that all the families will know household salvation.
- Give thanks with us for the believers and pray with us that God will strengthen them and grant them to know him in greater measure.
- Pray for Rev Jonathan ole Mapena, the evangelists, worship leaders and church committees that they will know God's Holy Spirit leading and guiding them in everything, for his glory and their joy.
- Pray for us as we hope to return to Kenya soon, that we will be in God's will, and will not make any wrong moves or grieve or dishonour him in any way, and that he will help, lead and guide us in all things.