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Location: **Nairobi, KENYA**

Mission: **Christian education**



Thomas received this text from my phone: "Hi Dad this is Silas please fix my bike before you go (back up north) thanks!" To which the quick reply came: "Sawa (OK) boss, first assignment in the morning."

Communications

The Theological Education by Extension (TEE) department uses various forms of social media to communicate with the Presbyterian Church of East Africa (PCEA) members and ministers regarding the courses available. Our newest resource - the mentorship guidebook, will be publicised this month through the official launch of the mentoring programme on KIRK TV, the PCEA channel. We thank God that this course is being endorsed by various departments within the church. Our hope is to reach a wide audience willing to respond enthusiastically to the call to mentor teens.

Politics

In six months' time, general elections will be held in Kenya. This event happens every five years. Thomas has been actively involved in the last two campaigns and recently agreed to take part again this year. His electioneering has begun. To dress appropriately for the campaign trail, Kenyan aspirants wear LOUD shirts, a sun hat and carry a big stick!



The theme verse for the launch is from 1 Thessalonians 2:8 "So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us." (NRSV)

During the busy months that lie ahead, Thomas will spend many days traversing Samburu County, meeting community elders under trees to discuss their most important concerns. There are huge issues in northern Kenya such as extreme poverty, the lack of access to water, low levels of education and healthcare, combating food insecurity, cattle theft and the high number of illegal firearms that plague the area.

We are requesting you join us in praying for God's protection over Thomas' health and safety, and for myself and the boys as we continue with work and schooling in Nairobi. Our 11-year-old son has quickly caught on to the idea that family times with Dad are opportunities not to be wasted! While attending a meeting in the city,

Prayer points

- Ask for God's blessings on the launch of the TEE mentorship programme; that many will hear of the resources available and become mentors to the teens.
- Pray for the ongoing election campaigns in Kenya – that they will be peaceful and free from fake news which can cause havoc throughout the country. Especially remember Thomas as he vies for the position of deputy governor of Samburu County.
- Thank God for the reduction in the number of Covid-related deaths and cases needing hospitalisation. Pray that the global pandemic will come to an end soon.