

## Stephen and Angelina Cowan

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Location: **Tuum, KENYA**

Mission: **Church-based community development and outreach**



It is encouraging to hear men listening to the message of Jesus on audio Bibles and as more young people embrace salvation we pray that the timeless message of serving the one true God and the freedom that brings, continues to cross the generations.

Change is certainly needed.

Having arrived back in Ireland at the end of June, spending a month catching up with family was greatly appreciated. I (Stephen) returned to Kenya at the end of July, while Angelina remained in Ireland to help Annissa transition to life post boarding school.

August saw political elections throughout Kenya – a rather complicated process with opportunity for much dissent. While many personnel changes at county level have generally been accepted, the presidential result has been challenged and a supreme court ruling is expected in September. Life continues despite these frustrations and many people realise that change at a personal level is every bit as important as change at national level.

This morning I am transporting water to the girls' school in Seren, as the ongoing dry spell has created water shortages. A new borehole in the Seren area is proving more reliable, but is now overused. A few days ago it took me four hours to load 1,000 litres of water as I competed with the watering of camels and goats!



*Photo: Filling the water tank at Seren*

Schools were closed for an unexpected three weeks during election time further depleting teaching time that had already been adversely impacted by the recent moving of exams forward to November, as a means of fast tracking the year lost to Covid-19.

The adult seminar during September went well and there are signs that some people are applying the Biblical message to life. With so many challenges affecting daily life - drought, national debt, rising food costs - families are learning the need to take more responsibility for securing their futures.

### Prayer points

- Give thanks for a safe election.
- Pray for the newly elected leadership, many of whom inherit colossal debt and a great number of ghost workers (employees who only exist on paper!).
- Continue to pray that the light of Christ would shine brighter around Mt Nyiru and revival would come.