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Location: **Tuum, KENYA**

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



Soon after, the nursery school trainee teacher, who was on duty at the time of the accident, went into early labour and gave birth to her baby at the local health centre.

Christ is our hope in life and death. There is no other.

This month the persistent wind has dried out the land and trees are depleted of foliage. The passage of a locust swarm through the area at the beginning of the month only exacerbated the defoliation. Many animals are looking much thinner, but early remedial action by selling stock on is only considered as an afterthought when the damage is done.

Living in an area where testing for Covid is not available challenges us to maintain preventative measures. Improved water availability in the Presbyterian Church of East Africa compound makes hand washing possible. Other institutions have struggled as the town water supply is mostly broken and unreliable.

We are grateful that we have been able to continue with adult teaching times and also plan to hold youth camps in April. As we combine holistic teaching and help make participants aware of the broken world in which we live, there is a realisation that salvation is needed, and that faith in Jesus Christ opens up this new and living way.

This is exemplified in 'living proof' and we are encouraged when people ask questions of other locals in whom they recognise lives that have been changed as recent converts relate the Word of God to their daily living.

A tragic accident occurred at the nursery school play park with a young boy being hit on the head by the swing, and sadly dying a few minutes later. His mother, a student at a neighbouring town's secondary school, returned to Tuum for the simple burial next morning. There is a lull at the play park now as culture demands that it be demolished.



Photo: Hope in Tuum

Prayer points

- Pray for those who are challenging culture with changed lifestyles.
- Pray for youth camps taking place from 18 April, and for the team from Nairobi who will run the camps.
- Pray for the Covid-19 situation in Kenya and that it will not spread to remote areas like Tuum.
- Pray for the family of the young boy who died following the accident and for the nursery school trainee teacher and her new baby.