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Location: **Tuum, KENYA**

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



Despite yet another monthly forecast suggesting the onset of el Nino rain, disappointingly the potential atmospheric signs disappeared after a light shower! The Samburu Awareness and Action compound area is cared for and remains greener than the wider area where herdsmen are having to journey a considerable distance to find pasture for their animals. Thankfully, the improved bull breed that we introduced to the area is coping well with this arduous walk. We continue to encourage people to plan for the eventual rains by planting out former animal enclosures with grass seed and by relocating their homes to higher, more secure, ground, less prone to flooding.

Prayer Points:

- Pray that the work on the literacy app. would come to fruition.
- Pray for those who will attend the YWAM discipleship school commencing at the beginning of October.
- Pray that the country will be blessed with good rains which are urgently needed.

Much discussion has taken place during the adult training seminars concerning land boundaries and ownership. A useful discussion was also had that highlighted the importance of basing judgement on facts, not hearsay and supposition. A recent government animal health intervention supplied medication based on the number of goats in a previous veterinary exercise. Unfortunately, there were now more goats than the previous exercise and consequently the supply of medication was insufficient. Local opinion was that some of the medicine had been stolen. The reality was that the government agency had not been informed of the increase. When the facts were presented at the seminar it was interesting to hear the silence!

Progress with the literacy app, iteachapp.com continues apace. In the most recent pilot version, the teacher formulates the lesson on his phone, linking sound, picture and words. This can be transferred off line to the local learner's phone. The response has been exciting to watch. These lessons engage in literacy teaching using a Biblically based primer which then helps the user understand a portion of scripture and its relevance and application to daily life. May the truth of the gospel be revealed.