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Location: **Olkinyei, KENYA**

Mission: **Church planting and Scripture distribution**



Throughout March we have known the tender grace and mercy of our wonderful LORD.

At the very beginning of the month, we had a bullock collapse at the Mission's watering trough. Despite the wonder of God's amazing creation bursting into life and colour with His sending the rains, some cattle (and to a lesser extent sheep) were too weak after the very hot, dry spell and, sadly, succumbed in their emaciated state, despite the dabbled greenery all around. With the help of the digger, we lifted and transported the bullock into the Mission grounds (as the hyenas would have ensured it did not see another morning) and over many days it was cared for. Notwithstanding the initial shock of seeing it close to death upon returning one day from fixing the dirt road to the school, it was daily moved and propped up, brought medicine by its owner and carried grass regularly. It was a delight to see its eyes brighten and its strength start to return after many days. This is but a by-the-way story, but God gives little by-the-way stories to add flavour and colour to our lives.

Another story that touched our hearts relates to Olemoncho Primary School. This government school is reaching out to the children, and their families within its community, who have a variety of special needs. It is often difficult for families to support children with special needs in such a rural location and it is encouraging to see this school actively engaging with the parents and seeking to assist with a holistic solution to help improve the lives of these precious children.



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Our Father enabled the Mission to provide colourful sensory toys, protective play mats, knitted blankets and jumpers, alongside games, jigsaws and many teddies to this school and the children with special needs who were present on our visit. We were also able to give all the children attending this primary school 'Why Jesus?' booklets, and it is our hearts' desire that they will come to know Jesus as their Beloved Saviour; the good-news-proclaiming, captive-freeing, oppressed-delivering, sight-recovering, broken-hearted Healer.

We are also grateful to our Father for how He enabled us to travel, despite the heavy rains and broken winch, to attend our Presbytery's meeting where we were invited by our Presbytery Moderator, Rev. Maina Mahinda, to share what our LORD has been doing.

We give thanks, also, for tradesmen who have been able to come and help with work at the Mission, local government school and PCEA Ewang'an Worship Centre. The school nursery classroom is now tiled, as is part of the library and, of course, we continue fixing the dirt roads whilst able. As ever, our joy remains teaching from our LORD's Word, and the keen interest of those who attend infuses such delightful hues into the canvas of our lives.

Prayer Points

- Please continue to pray for the times of teaching that our LORD will be glorified and that these teaching times will be able to continue despite the rains.
- Please pray for the special Easter meetings taking place from Good Friday through to Easter Sunday at Ewang'an Worship Centre, for all who will be speaking/teaching and that God's Holy Spirit will work mightily in the hearts and lives of all who will attend.
- Rejoice with us for God's provision and deliverance.