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Location: **Tuum, KENYA**

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



Purity, a team member, shares her thoughts and experience:

“This year’s Easter youth camps were unique in various ways. They were facilitated by two groups, the junior camp by a Youth for Christ team and the senior camp by The Root Cause. Each team brought an aspect that aligned with their group. The young missionaries of the YFC team had hype, energy, and vibrancy that the junior campers loved! The children enjoyed the sessions which included craft and games, all of which were geared towards helping them understand that Christ is the True Vine (John 15). The Root Cause ran lessons consistent with the needs of teenagers which were geared towards the theme ‘Be imitators of Christ’ from Ephesians 5:1.



The Root Cause Team

As someone who has been to several youth camps, I have had the joy of observing the growth of some of these young people. A case example is Alfred from Nachola, once a junior himself and now a leader with the senior campers. Not only have Sam (August 2024 team) and I had the privilege of coaching him in Physics and Chemistry respectively during the camps, but to hear his confession that he has grown spiritually through the camps is very special. Alfred is just one among many students who have benefited from these camps, spiritually, socially, and academically.



The Senior Camp

Although there has been security tension between the Turkana and the Samburu during March and April, there was great attendance from both groups. This is a testament to the trust the communities have in the SAAP Project with each community believing that these camps do much towards improving cohesion and unity. The children were also well-behaved which points to spiritual maturity, a reflection of consistent discipleship and the grace of God working in their hearts. We continue to pray that the Word will continue to transform them and trust that the seeds planted will continue to bear fruit in the lives of these young people, their families, and their communities.”

For the camps to function well, much preparation goes on beforehand. The Landrovers and the bus require ongoing maintenance to safely transport the campers to Tuum. Planning to feed several hundred hungry participants and a large team from Nairobi also requires constant dedication throughout. A few key people lead this mammoth task and many of the young leaders-in-training help in food preparation and cleaning.

Prayer Points:

- Give thanks for those who work with diligence behind the scenes, and for the maturing leadership within SAA who manage the overall organisation before and during the 10-day camp period.
- Pray that the children and youth would remember and be encouraged by what they have learned, especially as many return to difficult situations.
- Give thanks for the hard work and time invested by the two Nairobi teams.