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Location: **Tuum, KENYA**

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



After 2 months spent in the cool damp climate of Ireland we returned to Kenya and its varying climatic conditions. Thank-you to all the churches and individuals who received us and encouraged us in our life and work in Samburu County. Although noticeably warmer upon arrival in Kenya, we had some rain both in Nairobi and during our drive north. Tuum has benefited from on-going rain, and we arrived in the early evening to a lush array of greenery and fruits. God's provision is evident, brought about by abundant rain country wide. Some farmers have planted a second crop in the short rainy season.

During our brief absence, life in Tuum has continued unabated with its ups and downs. However, it was particularly encouraging to see many youths and adults fill the church for Sunday service despite the attraction of free drinks at a World Aids Awareness Day that is organised on 1st December each year.

It is also encouraging that some Christians in Tuum are taking a leadership stand against the norms of secularism and political influence on the church. We continue to send students to discipleship courses out of Samburu County. This enables them to develop a broader understanding of similar life issues and temptations experienced by other young Christians. We trust that they will bring fresh enthusiasm to the December youth camps which are planned to commence 10th December. It will be good to have some returning leaders from the Nairobi area, who have kept in touch and who have prayed for ministry here over many years.



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Dec 24/Jan 25

The FOCUS Kenya interns have integrated well, and will be away for most of December on their own training programme, and National mission conference. We are grateful that, encouraged by assistance from the FOCUS interns, the local students appear to be making progress with improving maths, computing and irrigation skills.

We trust that the interns will return at the beginning of 2025 with a fresh zeal to showcase their passion for Jesus in the communities where they work in Tuum and Wuaso Rongai.

Prayer Points:

- Pray for the youth camps beginning on the 10th December and for the ongoing preparations in Tuum and Nairobi.
- Give thanks for a committed team in Tuum and the work that has continued in the last 2 months.
- Pray for safety during travel. The roads are very rough and there has been more insecurity recently.