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Location: **Tuum, KENYA**

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



March 2025 has been a difficult month. Since early January when the Turkana raided the Samburu stealing much livestock, and killing three young men from Tuum, tension has been simmering under the surface. It was inevitable that a counter raid would take place. This did not happen until the 10th March when the Samburu attacked a Turkana homestead stealing hundreds of cattle and camels and recovering some of their own stock that had been taken from them a few years ago. The attack was particularly violent with a high death toll for both communities and as reprisal is expected, the Samburu have taken their enlarged herds to the mountain for security. There is much anger amongst the Turkana people. Their many losses including the loss of milking cows means that the remaining calves have no milk although the people themselves still have milking goats to meet their personal needs. After a number of days the government sent security reinforcements to restrain potential conflict and to determine the most effective means for dealing with the situation.

In Tuum we planned the adult teaching time despite the tension knowing that we could call it off if problems escalated. Encouragingly we have received a good number of people from outside villages. By maintaining a sense of normality to the programme we trust that people will fix their hearts and minds on the greater sustainer who brings peace to those who place their faith in Him.



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It appears as if some educated local leaders would like to see an enactment of certain parts of their culture but to those who have not received a formal education, identity and acceptance depends on following all parts of their culture which includes the revenge raid. We continue to pray for transformation through interaction and information transfer using iTeach.



Visual aid at the teaching seminar

Prayer Points:

- Give thanks for the on-going work that demonstrates life does go on despite set-backs.
- The youth camps will take place in April as usual. Pray that the visiting team from Youth for Christ will be safe despite the continuing insecurity throughout the area.
- Pray that students will use their time wisely during the April school holidays and that those who attend Bible Camp will be challenged.
- Continue to pray that for the financial needs of ministry here which are increasing as roads deteriorate and costs soar.