Presbyterian
CHURCH IN IRELAND

GLOBAL DISCIPLES
Go Deep Go Wide

Gary and Mary Reid

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Location: **Olkinyei, KENYA**

Mission: **Church planting and Scripture distribution**

"The LORD on high is mightier than the noise of many waters, than the mighty waves of the sea." Psalm 93:4

We bless and praise our LORD for His tender goodness and grace towards His precious children in Maasailand. We rejoice in the gathering together of the believers on Sundays and, for those who are able, during the week. We can only but praise our LORD for how He continues to work in, and through, His children in Olkinyei and Siana, for His glory. The believers' witness within the community, and amongst all ages, is such a blessing and we know that it is so important to continue to uphold all the believers in prayer as we seek God's glory and the extension of His Kingdom.

As for us, Gary had minor surgery and has need for further surgery later in the year. He underwent some treatment and was rather unwell with side effects. During this storm we kept our eyes on our Saviour and kept looking to Him throughout and intermittently noticed the sunless sky, or the towering waves. However, more difficult days presented themselves. One moment you were lifted high on the crest of the wave, the next you were being plunged down deep into the swell, with the waves pummelling with considerable force and powerful impact. At times the storm was exhilarating and terrifying in equal measure, and we couldn't but stand in awe of the power of our Creator God.

However, recently, it was not the buffeting, foaming waves that overwhelmed me (Mary), but it was the wind's disquieting howls. To my great shame, I took my eyes of our Beloved and, consequently, the floodwaters overwhelmed me. Engulfed with disquiet without and within, my doubts and fears obscured all visibility of our Beloved and I couldn't see beyond the tossing billows. Miserable throughout that interval, I cried to our LORD for help. That evening, our beloved tenderly spoke to my disconcerted heart through His Word and calmed the storm within. He is the One sat enthroned at the flood and sits as King forever. The God of glory's powerful voice is over, and mightier than the noise of many waters, than the mighty waves of the sea, and is full of majesty. I hated the unbelief and distrust that had grieved our precious, loving Saviour, and yet He, in tender grace, love and mercy, remained faithful, and reached out His hand and calmed, comforted and encouraged my heart in Him. He is worthy of all praise, for He is perpetually lovely and gracious.

Prayer Points:

- Please pray for the church leadership that God would give them wisdom and discernment in the day to day running of the churches in both Olkinyei and Siana, and that all their decisions would be for the glory of God and to the benefit and blessing of the entire church family.
- Pray for the role of Acacia Grove Mission in the community and how the Mission can serve the community of Olkinyei in a God-glorifying manner.
- Please pray for the new elders of the churches, that God's Holy Spirit would work through them, touching people lives, for the glory of God.
- Regarding our situation, please pray that we would be given a window of opportunity to return to Kenya before Gary's operation, if this be our LORD's will.