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Location: **Tuum, KENYA**

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



This month has normally been the hottest season, and it has returned this year after few years' absence. It is hot dry and windy, and this combination means fires that are started for cultural reason can easily get out of control. Several thousand acres of reasonable pastureland has been burnt from the slopes of the Ndoto mountains on the Samburu side, down across the plains and has reduced the grazing area to ashes. This could lead to grazing conflict as the pasture on the Turkana side, is still unaffected. At these Turkana villages there are about 5000 cattle, and the number is disproportionate to the amount of fodder and water available.



Tension continues since the time of the raid, when three young men were killed. There has been no retaliation, yet, but culture speaks loud into such situations and revenge is necessary. Each day we hear new reports of skirmishes in other areas, but as yet, no raided animals have appeared.



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We have continued with teaching, and for the February adult training, seventy adults have come in from the villages, joined by over 60 from Tuum. Stephen picked up some adults in the village of Keleswa. It is off the main road to Seren, and sits in the middle of a few hills. It is isolated. There is little water there, but lots of people, and very few children go to the nearby school. Coming to Tuum gives an opportunity for discussion of the news of these remote villages, and helps expose those visiting to the message of the gospel, and new life in Jesus Christ, new community. As we develop more iTeach lessons, it is hoped that each month they will be transferred to the smart phones that are used in these villages, and help change the world view.

The impact of USAID close-down has already had a visible impact here with some project motorbikes being taken away, and jobs lost. Sadly, these programmes have created a lot of dependency over the years, but we hope some of the knowledge gleaned from trainings will be put into practice. God has provided lots of resources through livestock which is not seen when projects are doing baseline surveys. These resources need to be traded before the drought gets more severe, and the normal cycle repeats itself, and animals die again.

Prayer Points:

- Give thanks for a good example with the programme bulls being healthy.
- Pray for discussions involving communities co-existing, and assessing the grazing needs.
- Pray for the impact of gospel teaching and the transition of the message back to the remote villages supported by iTeach.