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Location: **Tuum, KENYA**

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



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Streetlights in Tuum! Not so long ago this eventuality would quickly have been dismissed. Now, each evening at dusk, the main street is flooded by twenty solar powered lights. Development?



The withdrawal of USAID funding bites hard. Not so long ago the cessation of their Emergency Intervention Programmes and Alternative Livelihood Programmes would have been unthinkable. But it has happened. Now, daily requests for help that are directed to the SAA programme lead to advice as to how best to thrive making full use of the traditional Samburu livelihood, ie, their animals rather than aid handouts. Development?

Change can feel complex and overwhelming at times. The necessity to embrace change with God-given wisdom and courage is discussed during informal interactions, at every morning staff devotion and at every monthly Bible teaching seminar. Many are realising that the responsibility for life is in their own hands. Teaching that has been ongoing for years has become more relevant and is listened to in a deeper way. Stephen was asked by an organisation working in the wider area to demonstrate and give practical sessions on the rehabilitation of areas for growing grasses and harvesting seeds.

The protected area in Tuum shows clearly how possible and successful this is. Excess grass is cut, dried and hand-baled for hay. Forward-planning, implementing good soil management techniques, growing and protecting grasses and selling animals at the best market time all require major shifts in lifestyle and thought processes within a pastoralist community.



A group of young people from Generation Impact have come to work alongside the SAA programme. This is a four-week practical aspect within a six-month discipleship programme. Their work will include formal engagement helping with the schools' ministry programme and informal out-and-about engagement with the children and youth of Tuum, Seren and Wuaso Rongai. They will also have the opportunity to connect principles of evangelism and biblical concepts to everyday living by working alongside adults in the many ongoing work programmes.

Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path. Psalm 119 v 105

Prayer Points:

- Praise God for listening ears and sensitive hearts to His Spirit.
- Pray for other countrywide discipleship courses which have students from Tuum participating in them.
- Give thanks for perseverance through many dark situations and for the encouragement of 'light bulb' moments.
- Pray for future planning and funding for the SAA programme

