

## Stephen and Angelina Cowan

Location: **Tuum, KENYA**

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



The students have gone back to school for a short but busy term. Parental interest is noticeably shallow as priority is given to engaging in cultural events which often involves the sacrifice of animals. The school term ends on 28th October with the final year students (Form 4) doing their exams in November. To help reduce the opportunity for cheating, only the examination students are permitted on campus during examination time! 965,000 will complete secondary school throughout Kenya this year.

Several students are progressing to colleges and it has been good to see families in the church, despite financial struggle, begin to take their responsibility seriously. We trust that this sets a good example to others.

The Misesan Cara (*Friends of Mission*) visit went well and newly developed partnerships should help with planning for the future. The production of honey has been exceptional due to the longer than normal rainy season. During the past month we have harvested and sold over 3 tonnes to a company that has access to the larger market place. The development of this partnership has allowed the SAA (Samburu awareness & action) programme to focus on production and harvesting rather than packaging and marketing the final product. Developing relationships with the next generation of 'honey hunters' is going well. As most of these young people do not attend formal schooling or church, the informal opportunities presented can be used to encourage change by promoting literacy and other skills through iTeach and to relate Jesus into their lives.



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As domesticated animals move back into the area, due mostly to shortage of water, the risk of tick-borne diseases is increasing. To help reduce this risk the sprayrace (see picture) is now operational. This again gives us good connections with the village communities and we are seeing increased participation of men at the monthly teaching times where we share about Jesus bringing eternal hope.



### Prayer Points:

- Give thanks for the visit by Misesan Cara, a presbytery representative and a business partner.
- Continue to pray for hearts and minds to be opened to God's Word.
- Pray that all students from the locality would do their best in preparing for their futures while keeping focus on Christ.
- Pray for Stephen on deputation that he would communicate a clear story.
- Pray for four students commencing a YWAM Discipleship course in October.