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Location: **Tuum, KENYA**

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



Purity, a regular team member, writes:

“The August seminar was held from the 10th to the 20th facilitated by Kenya Youth for Christ. The theme that guided both the junior and senior camps was ‘Rooted Firmly in Christ’ from Colossians 2:6-7. Through plenary sessions, guided Bible studies, and fun games, the team explored topics such as what it means to be rooted in Christ, living a rooted life, and being rooted to bear fruit. The sessions were engaging and the participants attentive and disciplined. We are hopeful that the word and guidance they received will bear fruit. It is worth noting that during this August seminar we did not have any major discipline issues, and the teachers observed that the children were more engaging, interactive, and fun. Additionally, we are grateful to the SAAP office for providing notebooks and art supplies for the campers.

The main highlight of the seminar was the debate we had entitled, ‘should my culture have the final say in how I live as a Christian?’ The team helped debunk syncretism and helped the children understand that although culture isn’t inherently wrong, when it contradicts biblical principles, biblical principles have the final say.

Some children and young people also gave their lives to Christ, and we keep praying for them that they will remain rooted.”



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Throughout the year, work has continued on the ‘blue’ land rover build. This has seen many challenges and setbacks but over the last couple of months is nearing completion. Joe, its very patient owner, sees the journey mirroring his own work frustrations. He visited Tuum and thanked the garage team with a much-appreciated goat and sheep roast!



More focus is being given to land rehabilitation by sowing varieties of grass seeds which develop longer roots making them more drought resistant. Hay making is also encouraged for the drier times. Other development groups also working in land conservation and rehabilitation in Tuum and the wider Mt Nyiru area have asked SAAP to oversee some of their work. This is an encouraging recognition of the reseeding and reclamation work carried out by SAAP on the piece of protected land beside the secondary school.

Prayer Points:

- Give thanks for the parents who have worked at digging and establishing the ‘earth bunds’ on the protected land whose children’s education is supported through SAA.
- Pray that the ‘blue’ Land Rover will soon be driven safely to Nairobi and be of much use to Joe in his life and work.
- Praise God for the teams who put much time and effort into the camps and celebrate with the returning members who slowly are seeing a change in the emerging generation.