

DANIELS' DIARIES

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"For every Samburu man, woman and child to have the opportunity to hear and respond to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. This will be done by planting reproducing churches in every village and population center, requiring approximately 4,000 churches. When this is accomplished, these reproducing churches will carry the Gospel and the vision into the neighboring tribes of Pokot and Turkana."

LOOKING BACK...

We had a weird sort of January, as we spent most of the month away from our home. We had plans to attend a conference in Nairobi the second week of the month and then do our shopping afterward. Instead, we felt we needed to go in early as we had some medical issues that had persisted for several weeks. What started out as just a possible 2 week stay turned into four. Fortunately, we were able to get all the treatment we needed and return at the end of January.

The rains had stopped and they had begun work on the road by the time we returned, so our trip home was much better. Recent trips had been long and difficult, so we were glad to have a "normal" ride of about 7 hours. After a month's absence, we were curious to see which or how many of our new groups would be continuing. We were pleased that about 10 of them had been able to keep meeting and teaching the discipleship lessons. Those who have been faithfully leading their groups will come together this week for some additional training. Pray for Charlie as he evaluates where each one is and what is needed in this "next step" as we seek to move the groups into church. Most have no idea of the biblical model of New Testament church. We would like to see them be able to build a Samburu church that is true to the Word of God and not to the traditions of man. We want to help people come to know God Himself and not just the things of God.

FAMILY NEWS

Even though our extended time in Nairobi was unplanned, God surely used it for our good. We were refreshed in body, mind and spirit. Our friends were wonderfully hospitable to us and we enjoyed spending time in fellowship with them.

March will definitely be a different time for us as Sandra and Joseph travel to the States for a visit with family. Charlie and Sam will stay behind in Maralal and continue on with work and school. Pray for all of us to be able to have great time, even while we are separated. Joseph was only 8 months old the last time he was in the US, so this will be a wonderful opportunity to play with and get to know granny and pawpaw. We will be staying with them at their home in the North Texas countryside. He is very excited about going to granny's house and riding pawpaw's tractor. Let's hope it doesn't scare him instead!

Sam has his 18th birthday in a couple weeks and won't be able to be in Nairobi with friends, but we're hoping he'll be able to see them when we go in for the trip on the 28th. Charlie has planned to spend the weekend in Nairobi after Joseph and I fly out and so pray that Sam will have the chance to celebrate a late birthday and hang out with his friends who live in Nairobi.



PRAYER AND PRAISE

- Pray for the new groups to continue to meet and grow in the knowledge of God. Pray for each believer to be obedient to God's plan and to have a hunger to know God more.
- Pray for Christian workers to have all their daily needs met by our faithful and loving Father.
- Pray for Sandra and Joseph as they travel to be able to sleep on the flight; to have safe travel, make all their connections and for good travel attitudes all around.
- Pray that we will be able to also connect and spend plenty of time visiting with Travis in Dallas, even though we will be staying a couple of hours away in Elwood.
- Pray for Sam and Charlie in Maralal to be able to do their work and have a good time enjoying each other's company.

The last few months have been a darker time for me (Sandra), and I am able to testify that God is faithful. I have been processing all the emotions that have come forward from various circumstances and with the help of a loving God and understanding husband feel comfortable in saying the clouds have lifted. I am only sharing this because I feel pretty sure I am not alone in my experience and want to make sure that if you have times like this, you realize you are also not alone. God has a way of giving us what we need and isn't that what we pray for others sometimes? Even when we do not know what they need, we ask God who knows all things and gives them generously. It is so important that we intercede for each other, for you never know what

another may be dealing with. As missionaries, we consistently and constantly are looking for prayer partners. We are always inviting folks to pray for us and with us. It is critical to our work, but also to our life. Just this week, I could count at least 6 missionary friends who were dealing with some kind of health issue. In addition to physical, it is also necessary to keep fit spiritually, mentally and emotionally. I wonder how many of you are regularly engaging and enlisting other believers to pray for you? I am not talking about those times when you can name a specific need. What I mean is do you have someone, or 2 or 3 people, who regularly pray for you? And do you have several people for whom you regularly intercede, whether or not they have given you a particular cause to pray for? Many folks are without Christian family members, which would be their natural intercessors and they need you to pray as much as you need them. Let's not be lacking in this vital area of our Christian walk and duty toward one another.

With all prayer and petition pray at all times in the Spirit, and with this in view, be on the alert with all perseverance and petition for all the saints...Peace be to the brethren, and love with faith, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Grace be with all those who love our Lord Jesus Christ with a love incorruptible. Ephesians 6:18,23,24 NASB

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