

# 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."*

## GOD ANSWERS "YES"

We prayed for rain and God has answered abundantly. There have been widespread rains all over our area. We have spent the remainder of our emergency food relief money this month helping the local community, which included some old grandmothers. Many of these take care of grandchildren who have been orphaned due to AIDS. We have also seen a lot of sickness and have been able to assist some folks with buying needed medicines. We do all of this in the name of our Lord, praying He will heal bodies and souls in His miraculous mercy and wisdom.

We continue to have great response in the T4T groups. Several people have branched out on their own and begun new groups, which puts us up to 15 currently. Some of the people who are attending the groups are not yet saved, not churching and some are members of other churches. Regardless of where they come from, they like the method of meeting in homes and under trees in small groups. There is an openness and freedom in the Gospel that they have not previously enjoyed. We praise God for His work in the hearts of all who attend.

We are working to develop a set of stories which are simple, short and effective in giving a good presentation of God's redemptive purpose. Pray for us to have this completed in time for the "next step" in helping T4T groups move into church. Pray for us as we continue to memorize and teach using oral methods.

## FAMILY NEWS

In about a week, Charlie's mom and sister will arrive from the States. We are very grateful they were able to arrange this trip and look forward to a fun time while they are here. Thanks for your prayers concerning their travel.

Sam continues his quest for college plans and is zero-ing in on a small school in Arkansas and also considering a few others. Continue to pray for him and us as we make this decision.

We have had very little contact with Travis since his return to the States. There have been a couple of emails, but we've not been able to catch him on the phone. Previously we had an arranged time that we would call him weekly, which worked pretty well when he had a regular work schedule. With his new job and irregular hours, we don't seem to be making connections. Pray that we'll be able to re-establish phone contact with him this month.

*How we thank God for you! Because of you we have great joy in the presence of God. 1 Thessalonians 3:9 NLT*

*We are so grateful for all of you praying and encouraging us as we work far away from family and friends. We have been blessed this year to have lots of visitors...both family and friends. Some were folks we'd never met, some were friends from Nairobi and then, of course, there was Travis and now Charlie's mom and sister. What wonderful blessings God gives to help and strengthen us and give us great joy!*

## PRAYER AND PRAISE

- Pray for Charlie's mom and sister as they leave the States on the 16<sup>th</sup>.
- As Samburu and Pokot elders meet to discuss the possibility of peace, pray that believers will take the opportunity to share Christ.
- Praise God for His work in the hearts of Samburu. People are making professions of faith every week. Pray for the seed to fall on good soil and grow strong and healthy disciples. We praise God for the obedience and maturity of many.
- Pray that Sandra's parents will make a trip to visit us in the early part of 2007.
- Joseph celebrates his 3<sup>rd</sup> birthday this month. Praise God for our African blessing and ask that he continue to grow in grace and favor. He is a delight to us and all who meet him.

The Lord gave this message to Jonah: "Get up and go to the great city of Nineveh. Announce my judgment against it because I have seen how wicked its people are." But Jonah got up and went in the opposite direction in order to get away from the Lord.

He got on a ship leaving to Tarshish, hoping that he could escape from the Lord. But the Lord caused a violent storm and the sailors feared for their lives. They shouted to their gods for help. The captain went to wake Jonah and shouted, "Get up and pray to your God. Maybe He will have mercy on us and spare our lives!" Jonah knew the storm was because of him so he told them to throw him into the sea and the storm would stop. After they threw him over, God caused a big fish to

swallow Jonah. Jonah prayed for God to save him. After 3 days and 3 nights the Lord ordered the fish to spit up Jonah on the beach and it did. God again ordered Jonah to go to Nineveh and this time Jonah obeyed. The people of Nineveh repented after Jonah told them that God was going to destroy them for their wickedness. So God decided to spare them, which made Jonah angry. He went to sit outside the city and God made a plant to give him shade so Jonah was comforted. Then God sent a worm to destroy the plant and Jonah was so angry he wanted to die. God said to him, "You feel sorry about the plant which only has a short life anyway? But Nineveh has more than 120,000 people living in spiritual darkness, not to mention all the animals. Shouldn't I feel sorry for such a great city?"

THIS IS ONE of the stories we taught last week so the women can teach it as they story to the children. It is a wonderful story of God's mercy and compassion and His desire to redeem all men. I have included it so you can see an example of the storying method. Test yourself and see if you can accurately re-tell the story to folks this week.

BUT THE NEW THING that struck me as I studied this story is God's closing comment in the book. He could be saying the same thing about Samburu.

WILL YOU PRAY right now for the Samburu people?

WHAT NEW THING has God shown you from His word about where you are?

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