

# DANIELS' DIARIES

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## GOOD NEWS

As we have written previously, we spent almost the entire month of September in training learning ways we may be able to facilitate a church planting movement among the Samburu. As Solomon said, there is nothing new under the sun. Rather, it is a return to the basics with an intense focus on reaching the lost and gathering them quickly into groups that can become churches. The main difference we see from this training is there is a high degree of accountability expected in these small groups and the method of sharing the Gospel is kept simple enough so that everyone feels able to do the work. There is a strong emphasis on equipping each member so that he/she is able to do the work God has called us to do. Although we have only been back a few days, the people we have shared this with are very excited and ready to learn. They see that what is being done so far has not had as much of an impact as is needed.

Our desire is that every Samburu man, woman and child will have an opportunity to hear and respond to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Therefore, the church must be a living, vital organism that spreads to all parts of Samburu. We are praying for a church in every village. This may mean as many as 4,000 churches. We are not talking about buildings, but equipping groups of baptized Samburu believers who will become churches and carry out the work set forth by the Lord Jesus in the Great Commission (Matt. 28:18-20). There are approximately 160,000 Samburu to be reached. Please begin to pray for clarity of vision and direction for us and our Samburu co-laborers. Pray that we will all be of one mind and one spirit, with unity and sincerity in the TASK.

## FAMILY NEWS

We have some great news that Charlie's mother and sister will be coming for a visit in November. Neither one of them has been to Africa before, so it will be a great experience. We will celebrate Thanksgiving and Joseph's birthday while they are here. Joseph is already saying he "wants November". (Daddy has also promised a bicycle for his birthday in November.) Pray for them to be able to wrap up all the details concerning their trip in the coming weeks. They will travel to Kenya around the 16<sup>th</sup> of November.

Sam has begun his final year of school and seems to be ready to dive right in and get things done. Our plan is that he will be able to complete his 12<sup>th</sup> grade year some at the end of May and then travel to the States in June. We plan to follow in September. Pray for him to finish strong, to hear and obey God's plan for his future.

## FIRST RESPONSE

The initial response to the "training for trainers" has been good. These early days have consisted of sharing our vision with folks and beginning the training in small groups. Charlie met with a few of our "regular" guys on Monday and today rode his bike to meet with another group. The lesson was on learning to share your testimony; the story is Paul and his Damascus road experience. There were 3 there who realized that they had no such testimony of salvation, but they wanted to have one. Everyone was challenged to share with 5 others this week. Pray that as Charlie continues this lesson with other groups this week, that those who are not born again will be and those who are will be bold to meet the challenge of "going and telling."

## PRAYER AND PRAISE

- Charlie's dad has finished his treatments and has been healed. We praise the Lord for this!
- Pray that as inter-tribal strife continues God will use this to help spread the Gospel. Pray for the safety of people and their animals. For most, that is all they have.
- Pray for Sam to be guided by the Lord as he makes decisions on what he will do after finishing high school. Pray that he will know and obey God's will concerning college plans.
- Pray for all the new "T4T" (training for trainers) groups that are beginning. Pray that people will understand the lessons and follow in obedience to the Lord. Pray that this will be the start of a church planting movement among the Samburu. Pray for God to provide for the daily needs of our Samburu co-laborers; many are very poor with no source of income.
- Continue to pray for good physical, spiritual and emotional health for our family. Pray for discernment, wisdom, faith and strength in God to carry out His work.
- Pray for a good family visit with Charlie's mom and sister in November. Pray for safety and ease of travel as neither have flown overseas before. Pray also for them to have peace about traveling.
- Pray for Travis to seek God first in all things.

*And there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men, by which we must be saved. Acts 4:12 NASB*

## SHARING THE VISION

*"For every Samburu man, woman and child to have the opportunity to hear and respond to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We will do this 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."*

This is the vision we have for the Samburu people. In order to raise as many prayer supporters as possible, we ask that you also share this vision with your friends, family, church members, Sunday School classes, mission groups and others as you have opportunity.

## THIS MONTH...

We have several goals we have set for the month of October. We will be doing lots of vision casting (see above), praying, witnessing and starting new groups. In addition, we want to learn to give our testimonies and share the vision in the Samburu language. Pray for us as we work on all these things.

In addition, we want to raise much more prayer support. If you can share this newsletter or our story with others who will pray, we know it will make a difference. And can you visit our blogsite and let us know of your prayer support? Thanks! God bless you as we labor together for the harvest God has planned.

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