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Dear Friends in **Christ**,

"As you go, preach the kingdom of heaven is at hand. Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils."



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“And the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of **The Glory of The Lord**”

I've just returned from another tiring but very fruitful mission adventure out in the wild/remote bush of the Samburu people in north/Central Kenya. Partnering with me again was Jay Newsom of “Hope For The World Ministries”.

The trip was delayed one day in Nairobi due to our luggage being lost but because many of you were praying, it was found and sent to us! (**Praise God**).

The next day we traveled by land cruiser 7 1/2 hours north of Nairobi, out into the land of the Samburu people (cousins of the Masai). We stayed in a very small (one dirt road) village called “**Wamba**”. It is nothing more than a few old/wooden shacks that sell basic human needs (trading post). There is one small African guest house with 10 rooms and that is where we stayed. There is no electricity (except for gas generators) in the village and no place for food, so we bought our own beans/rice/potatoes and corn and hired some ladies to cook for us every day.

From Wamba, we would travel 2-3 hours one way out on horrible dirt roads, no roads, and some times dirt trails across the bush. It was unusually dry for this time of the year even though the Samburu don't farm---a drought affects their cattle/goats which they depend on to survive. They eat their goats and use the cows for milk and blood! (Yes, they drink the blood of their cows).

The Samburu worship certain trees, rivers, and mountains as their god. They are a very old culture that still maintains their individuality with pagan rituals of circumcision of both boys and girls.

After several trips to the same area, we are just now starting to see and hear of what the gospel is starting to do out in this previously dark pagan land.

As we travel from one Minyata (small family dwelling of 5-20 people usually) to another---people are now talking about **Jesus** as being the “**Son of God**” and the only way to the Minyata in the sky (heaven). This was very encouraging to us and the young Samburu evangelist we work with.

As always though, we keep pushing deeper and deeper into the enemy's dark territory to where no **Light** has ever come and absolutely nobody has ever heard the name of **Jesus**. On Thursday the 26th, we experienced a rough day (physically). I had heard of an area close to us called Barigori. It was suppose to be 2 1/2 hour away with a dirt road. We set out to carry the gospel to this unreached area but never got a chance to. The dirt road turned into a dirt trail (in the bush) and then our Samburu guide even got lost as we four-wheeled over small mountains and hills with huge rocks and thorn bushes with 3-4 inch thorns in wild lion/elephant country. From there we were completely lost and followed a dry river bed, getting stuck in the soft sand several times with fresh elephant dung all around! From there---it got worse---the river bed became lower and thicker with marsh. We were totally lost somewhere in Kenya in a river bed with the bush so thick you could not even open a door to get out if you wanted to. We were plowing into an eternity of marsh bushes with no idea where we were with possible Somalia rebels all around and wild elephants which are extremely dangerous. By Grace of God we plowed through and found a Samburu man to guide us out back to the river bed and then back to a real dirt trail! Hallelujah! It seemed like a major freeway to us! We then proceeded to a real dirt road to where we had a flat and continued to Barigori. By the time we got there---we found no water in the small village and a man sold us some gas for \$8.50 a gallon. (We were running out due to getting lost several hours). They told us that several days ago---the Samburu and the Turkana (another primitive tribe) had a fight there and some were killed. We decided to go back to Wamba and trust God to somehow get us back. We picked up another guide and started back down the dirt road to where it turned back into the river bottom again. It was now dark and we were lost again it seemed---but God sent another Samburu man to get us out---back over the mountains. All in all a 2 1/2 hour journey turned into 12 1/2 hours. We limped back into Wamba, totally exhausted, tired, hungry and somewhat discouraged! But so goes life out in the bush on some days!

The next day, we continued pushing deeper in a different direction.

At one village, my heart was really touched and once more, the Lord showed all of us why we were there!

While I was sharing the gospel, I told them not to worship the things that the **True God** (Father, Jesus, Holy Spirit) made (tree, river, mountain) but worship the **God** who made them---that is was a sin against this **True God** to worship **His** creation and not **Him**. One elder man stopped me and told our interpreter “we have been searching for God, but don’t know where to find Him”! I said, “**Good News** has come to your village today”.

Dear Friends---that’s one of the major reasons that I keep going to the remote bush! **God** has put in the heart of every man a desire to know **Him** and live with **Him**. They just have never heard the way and won’t, unless someone goes to them!

In all 252 Samburu seriously received **Jesus** and four new churches (real churches with a man going back to disciple) were planted in the remote bush.

There were not many people to pray for who were blind/deaf---but the **Lord** healed nearly everyone in every village of body pains and poor eye sight.

We did pray for one totally deaf lady and she was instantly healed. She was so excited and grateful. She followed us all around just thanking us and **God**! She touched my heart.

To all you wonderful partners who prayed and/or gave financially---Thank you!

252 Souls
4 New Churches
1 Deaf Healed

The **Lord Himself** will eternally reward you (**Phil 4:17**)

As I always tell you “This ministry has been called by **God** to go where none or few have been---out to the forgotten people who live in the remote/wild bush”.

The Light of the cross is going deeper into the enemy’s territory!

Heal The Sick, Cleanse The Leper, Raise The Dead, Cast Out Devils”

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