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"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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New Church Dedication

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Dear Friends in **Christ**,

"And the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the **Glory of The Lord.**"

I've just returned from another fruitful trip to the wild/remote bush of South Kenya on the Tanzania border in the Land of The Masai.

Partnering with me was good friend Jay Newsom of "Hope of The World Ministries."

Every trip has a different agenda (set by the **Lord**) and this one was no different. I returned to the border of Kenya/Tanzania (where I worked in Aug/Sept 08). The land is in a very severe drought. Many of the Masai that we saw there had migrated to greener grasslands for their cows (which are their lifeblood).

The roads and trails were extremely dusty (like fine baby powder) and combine that with hot temperatures--- well, it made for hard travel each day (1-3 hours one way and then back that afternoon to our base camp).

But "**God**" is always faithful to accomplish His work and to extend/take back "**His**" **Kingdom**.

In most of the small villages (5-10 people) we would ask the people if they had ever heard of the name of **Jesus**! In this area, most of the people had heard of **His** name, but all they knew is that **He** is **God**---absolutely nothing else---nothing! We would ask them, "What do you know about Him?" They said, "we know nothing; only that **He** is **God**---nothing else." We would ask "do you know what happens to you when you die?" No---there is no more---you die, and it is over---nothing else! Village after village, day after day, this is what we heard.

We would ask them, "If it were possible to live again after you die, in a very happy, beautiful place---how many of you would want to go there?" Every hand would go up!

Ecc 3:11 says that God has put eternity in the hearts of all men. All men want to keep on living---they just don't know how! Once we established what they knew, one would share "who **Jesus** is" and share the gospel with those wonderful people.

One man really touched my heart after many hours of taking wrong turns & finding no one--- we finally stopped in a village that was high on a hill. We shared the love of **Christ** and everyone got on their knees in the dirt and prayed to receive **Christ**. When we finished blessing the people, the leader (elder) of the Boma (small village) said, "I know it was this **God's** plan for me to be here today because I was supposed to be gone two days ago with my cattle but for some unknown reason I stayed and didn't know why! Now, I know why "this **God** wanted me to hear the full truth about Him and I am so very happy!" He shook our hand over and over saying how happy he was to hear about **Jesus**!

This one man made the whole trip worth while for me. I almost couldn't hold back the tears from my eyes!

Another day, we drove to a village and there was in progress an unbelievable sand storm. Visibility was only a few yards as the wind blew very strong. We found some people and preached to them under a tree with a vicious sand storm blowing in our faces. No one there had ever heard of **Jesus** and they sat in horrible conditions and listened to us. They all prayed to receive/follow the one and only "**True God**".

I was totally shocked they could even hear us---much less stay there in those conditions!
When a thirsty man, finds water---he will do anything to drink it!

Another day we went to a small Boma and the man there said that he was going to church. We said, "Is there a church somewhere out here?" He said, "yes." We walked about 30 minutes into the deep bush and found about 25 Masai meeting under a large tree. We were shocked---we saw a young warrior there that we had shared the gospel with just a few days ago (and that was miles away). He had come there to worship the **Lord** he had just heard about. Upon further investigation---none of those people knew anything about **Jesus** (except **He was God**) and they were meeting there singing/praying to **Him**. We shared the real story and they all received **Christ**.

Two young boys there (probably 10 years old) really touched my heart. They sat right next to me and touched my skin and looked up at me and just smiled and smiled.

"Except you be born again and become as a little child, you will not see the Kingdom of God"
They really touched my heart. I would have gone all the way to Africa just for them!

In all, because of your prayers and sacrificial gifts we saw:

- ✠ 4 New Bush Churches Planted
- ✠ 198 Masai Pray To Receive **Christ**
- ✠ Dedicated 2 New Bush Church Buildings
- ✠ Planted The Cross/Light of the **Kingdom Of God** in a Dark Area
- ✠ Left \$1,500 In Love Offerings To Repair Dirt Bikes, Pastor's Car, And Food For Families

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Next Trip---April, Nepal