

OUTREACH UPDATE AFRICA: SEPT - DEC 2022

This is a big update, I just wanted to get through the year 2022. Pray for us to have time to get these updates done so you can see all the good works you are part of through your prayers and giving.



This is the newly purchased church land in Bungoma after the old church building was almost bulldozed down and a road built right beside it, God made a way to increase the church land there and move the church building over to a secure location. Pastor shared what God has put in his heart for this new church land: Our vision is to establish here our ministry Headquarters - build on the land a spacious church, ministry offices, Pastors & leaders training centre, Hostels, children's school, Orphans, elderly & widows feeding centre and a Prayer center. Kindly pray and support us in this noble step of faith for God's own glory.

The next part is an update on the newly planted church in Kenya in The Maasai Land at the border of Tanzania.

THE MAASAI LAND TRIP

I first started updating on the newly planted church in The Maasai Land back in Nov-Dec of 2021 and Jan – Mar of 2022 and again Jul – Aug of 2022. Here is another update of a visit and progress there in that land:

PRAISE TESTIMONY!!!

I really give thanks to God for the successful mission to our Holy Trinity Living Water church at Lormeut, Kimana in Loitokitok, Kajiado County. We give glory to God for the great ministry work God is doing in Maasai land. The meetings and service was great! God has granted us favor in this land, the harvest is plenty but the workers are few. Pray with us for God to give us faithful servants and to provide. We continue to appreciate you all our dear friends and family for your prayers and support. We wish you all a wonderful week.
With love, Bishop Erustus & Sarah.

Hello Pastor! Yes I thank God I made it here successfully. My visit to Pastor Simeon's home was so nice. We had good time with his family and I really enjoyed. Though Pastor and his family are living a difficult life as you know this is a dry hardship land. No rains since January this year. But they really love God Pastor. I will send you pictures once am home. God willing I will leave here Maasai land tomorrow morning at 3.00 am then take another vehicle from Nairobi City at 9am to Bungoma , it takes about 8 - 10 hours from Nairobi to Bungoma. God willing I will be home in the evening tomorrow.

The Sunday Service was so powerful. I was really blessed. These people Pastor really love God. I thank God for connecting me with this tribe. I am praying for them God to bless their lives. They are really hungry for the word of truth. Continue praying for this Church Pastor .

Praise our Lord Jesus Christ Pastor . I arrived home today morning at 4 am safety from Maasai land. I am really tired, I traveled by road using public bus, 4 hours from Maasai land to Nairobi 8 hours from Nairobi to Bungoma. A total of 12 hours just seated and moving. God's grace is always sufficient. I went there with my Bishop friend David. The place is so dry no water and little food. Since February it has not rained, they are expecting short rains from end of this month. They keep livestock, live a nomadic life in search of pasture and water for their animals. Half of the church members were out in the wilderness with the animals. I tell you it's a hard life there, you just use moto bike's to move around on the hot, windy, rough, dusty roads. Many Bishops and ministers avoid planting churches and doing ministry there. But I will always sacrifice to reach these dear souls in the Lord. I love these people for they are hungry for the truth. They really love God's word and his servants.



I also presented to them the Ordination certificate and other ministry papers I missed to present during their ordination day when I fell sick. They were very happy Pastor plus the church to see me. This is Pastor Simeon and his wife Mary with Pastor Erustus.



They managed to build a small pit latrine after we built them a church structure.



At the church they cook food just in the open under some shrubs at a make shift kitchen using firewood. But we enjoyed it Pastor, what a lovely fellowship.





We really enjoyed the meals they prepared for us after Sunday service ie some cabbage, potatoes, meat and chapatti (baked bread from wheat flour).



The food there is scarce and a bit expensive due to lack of rain. Their main food is meat and milk.

On Saturday we had a good time of fellowship with Pastor Simeon and part of his family at his home. His children are married and away from home, but he lives with his grandchildren and her last born girl called Grace. I tell you it's a lovely family.



Above are the pictures of the Pastor Simeon's house and home. He lives a very poor life in a very old mud house just fenced with some palm twigs. But despite this they are really committed to serving God.



His wife felt so ashamed to have us in their home because of the state of their house but we told them they should not be ashamed since I also have my side of the story to tell. They thought I will despise them and not work with them in ministry. Pastor understands their way of life because he too has lived in these poor type of conditions.

I also visited their kitchen and enjoyed seeing Pastor Marry cook some rice, chicken, beans and prepare some banana soup. We enjoyed their meals Pastor. Next year I will arrange Pastor Marry come for the women conference to teach Pastor Sarah and our women on how to prepare banana and beans soup.



Here is Pastor Erustus with some of Pastor Simeon's grandchildren.



This is Pastor Erustus and Pastor Simeon in Pastor Simeon's house, you can see how small and cramped it is. Pastor sent some videos of their small home but we weren't able to convert them to play them here. He said he wondered how all of them sleep in that house.

Pastor I have talked to Pastor Simeon about building a house on the church compound. He says it may inconvenience him in doing farming, keeping livestock and getting water. In the area where they have a home the government assist them with piped water sometimes so they are able to irrigate their land and water their animals as compared to where the church is. We are still trusting God to connect piped water to the church land.

Please be praying for favor and God to move in providing piped water to the land the church is planted on.



Pastor is showing where the government sometimes provides piped in water.



You can see they have built their home right beside the government water system on the left.



Here is a better picture of it, sort of looks like a long water trough.



Pastor Simeon is showing Pastor Erustus how small their water supply has gotten because of no rain.



Pastor Erustus said that Pastor Simeon is blessed because his land borders a permanent river on the lower side. So getting for his family and livestock is easier. That is the water they use for drinking and watering their livestock.



Here is Pastor Erustus' ministry friend and co-worker Bishop David who made the trip with Pastor Erustus. Notice the giraffe in the background. Not a zoo but just roaming in the wild.

Lastly, please pray for a Pastor by the name Israel a friend to Rev. Simeon, we fueled his motorbike and he was riding us around. Pastor's home is very far from the church, they walk on foot 3 hours to get to the church. Pastor Isreal is a wonderful Pastor and very supportive to Pastor Simeon. May our good God bless him. We also visited his home. He has really desired to serve under me but I told him for now we are not planting more churches. Please remember him in your prayers.

We were talking about how small and cramped Pastor Simeon's home is. Pastor Erustus shared: That's the life here in Africa Pastor. We are hardened up because we have no alternative. Now I understand why God allowed me to go through that life, now I can feel for others and encourage them . It has humbled me to fit anywhere. The place is very hot and windy with dusty roads. The roads are impassable mostly we use motorbikes. He said Pastor Simeon was really humbled and happy with Pastor visiting and eating his food.

I must have been talking to Pastor about the wild animals there. He said, am told the lions move at night, early morning or late evenings . Same to elephants. When it's hot they hide from the heat. The wild animals just walk around. Pastor, these people don't fear even the lions. I told Pastor we have the lions captured and on display in our zoos. He must have been talking about the people where Pastor Simeon lives when he said, funny enough they don't eat wild animals. The government has no restrictions with them. Pastor Simeon tells me they eat only certain animals and just once in a while.

We were talking about the lions and Pastor said they easily kill them. They are trained how to kill them easily using spears. A young boy at the age of 12 can easily kill a lion. Am told the animals also fear them (the young boys) because they know they can be killed.

I asked Pastor if they have lions in Bungoma where he lives and he said no. Funny enough here people kill and eat them. They can't be spared here in Bungoma. You know Maasai people have taboos restricting them from eating wild animals. But us here, they are sweet meat to consume. The difference is in the beliefs. There are no wild animals here. Again we are overpopulated no big land for animals.

I could not believe they eat the lions and Pastor said, they taste so sweet Pastor. You know they eat natural wild vegetation so no artificial or toxic foods. He said even the wild rabbit meat is very sweet. When I was young in the villages we used to go hunting with dogs. But now here, the government has put bans on killing wild animals. Many are getting extinct.



Here are some giraffes behind Pastor Erustus. Neat to see them just roaming about.



Some of the members of the church in the Maasai Land with Pastor Erustus



Look at all the little children of the church there.



Pastor Erustus ministering.



Pastor praying over some members



Laying hands on some of the people and praying



Here is Pastor praying over Pastor Simeon and Pastor Marry



Pastor with some of the ladies in their tribal attire.

Pastor shared the following:

About Pastor Simeon's state of life, should God provide, I thought of him buying a motobike to assist him get to church and do ministry work around Maasai land. He said a good brand new motobike there costs about \$1500 and a used second hand brand costs about \$800. Secondly, I am asking God to move & provide he builds at least a 3 roomed Iron sheet house even with mud walls. This will help them continue serving God with little strain. Let's continue praying. God bless you Pastor.

I asked Pastor about getting water put in where the church is. He said, Yes we need to get approval by filing paper work, it's done by the government water supply department authorities. They give the fees and quotation of materials required before fixing the water.

For Pastor Simeon a motobike will serve him best. Have talked to him and says he will prefer staying where he is and will arrange with motobike to ferry his family to church. Most of his children are married. He says where the church is, is where God sent him to serve and again it's close to a big market centre where a tarmac road and electricity is. So the place is easily accessible by visitors like us who travel from far and are not use to tough terrains deep in the villages. Before they got this land they had just leased a small plot in the same area. So when I visited there for the first time and preached in a 3 days meeting, a man was touched and donated the land. Please be praying for the Maasai Land church and for Pastor Simeon for these needs to be met and for God's favor.

PRAISE REPORT!!! After Pastor and I talked my heart was moved for Pastor Simeon and Pastor Mary and their situation.

November 11, 2022

Pastor Simeon of the Maasai Land church and his wife Mary were walking 3 hours to church and 3 hours back to their home each time they held services.



Praise our Lord Jesus Christ Pastor! Glory to God with the assistance of Bishop David we have managed to buy Pastor Simeon a motobike just a few hours ago.



What an excitement to us here and Pastor Simeon. He is so excited Pastor.





Receive lovely greetings and lots of appreciations from him. He is now on his way riding back home, I know his dear wife Pastor Mary and the children will be so excited too. God bless so much Pastor for this precious gift to Pastor Simeon.

This would not be possible without your prayers and giving. Praise God for this motorbike to help Pastor Simeon and Pastor Mary get to the church and get around so much easier and faster. I cannot imagine being in my 70's and walking 6 hours round trip to church and back.

CONTINUING

Traveled yesterday for a Sunday and child dedication Service at our Holy Trinity Living Water church, Muluwa-Butere Town. We bless the name of the Lord for wonderful service. We are also constructing the church Toilets and making bricks in preparation to construct a permanent church building.



Here are the church toilets.



Gathering some of the materials to make the bricks



Some of the children being dedicated to The Lord.

God's grace has continued to be sufficient. This week we are collecting materials in preparation to plaster the earth floor of our Holy Trinity Living Water church at Muyayi-Bungoma Town. We are now trusting God to provide \$724 for cement, water proof, Red oxide and labour costs to enable us start plastering work as from next week. No giving is small to us. Your prayers and support is a big blessing to us.

With love Bishop Erustus & Sarah



The materials are being gathered at the church.



Here is a picture of the current dirt floor in the Bungoma church.



Materials being delivered



Getting everything ready to begin the work



Looks like they are breaking up the rocks





The work is started to get everything mixed up for the floor



Carrying in water and working the materials



The floor is going in.



Shaping up nicely.



The church members work to make their church nice and it's a good feeling.



Look how pretty and smooth it is – looks good.



Here it is drying.



Here is the first service after getting the floor in.



A good turnout



Look at all the youth in the back. They are probably back there dancing during the worship service.



The floor really gives the church a polished look.



Pastor is about to minister

December PRAISE TESTIMONY!

Our Annual Youth Conference ended powerfully yesterday at our Holy Trinity Living Water church, Nasusi market - Kimilili Town, many Youths surrendering their lives to Christ Jesus. During the Open Air crusade many souls accepted Jesus Christ as their Savior. As you can see the meeting was a big success. Thank you Jesus!! We thank you all our dear friends and family for the prayers and support you gave us this year 2022 in all our ministry work. May God's presence go with you in the year 2023.

With love, Bishop Erustus and Sarah



Pastor Erustus ministering



Pastor's friend Bishop David ministering in the open air crusade



Lifting their hands and Praising The Lord!



The crowds came to hear the gospel and they are praising God too.



These look like some pictures from the youth conference.



I think this was held in a school, they had a good turnout.



Pastor Erustus at the high school



Look at all the young people that came forward.

Please be praying over this outreach ministry. Those of you who pray over our ministry and give, you are part of the good works being done in Africa.