



Dear friends we would like to write to you all to thank you for your interest, prayerful and practical support over 2021 it has been very humbling for us to see the Lord work in marked ways and in answer to prayer to bring about His will to make a way where there seems to be no way. As we look out of the window the recently dry and brown landscape has been transformed into a lush countryside green as far as the eye can see, the local dam is nearly full, our water tank is just about to overflow, and the fields are bringing forth the crops; we are indeed very thankful for the Lord's mercies - His compassions they fail not.

As we look to the year ahead, we look to the Lord that He might order our footsteps and direct our paths. As was written in the brief update Elsie and I hope to return to the UK in December 2022 for a 3-month trial for the pastorate at Ebenezer Hasting. We would like to make clear that this is not the end of Mombasa mission as some have thought, and although the news might have been a surprise to many it was not a surprise to us. We have known that our time here was not for life and had a continued burden for the ministry in the UK even before coming here. If it's not the Lord's will to pastor the church at Hasting's, we believe it is His will we leave the work here and continue in England. This is no circumstantial decision but completely based on the leadings of the Spirit; naturally we do not want to leave all we have come to know, all that the Lord has enabled us to do and be part of; it has been a privilege to be used in such a way but the same God who called Philip in to the desert to preach Christ and baptise the eunuch then caught him away and he was found at Azotus: and passing through he preached in all the cities Acts 8:27-40. God is sovereign and we, the slaves of Christ, must move as we are led by Him.

Originally, we had planned one more building project in 2022, building a larger rainwater storage tank, however over the past few months the people attending the Lord's Day service have increased so the building we now use is at maximum capacity, and we were not sure what to do, due to us leaving. Was there time to build a chapel? We decided to pray about it, after about two weeks we received an email asking if we had any leadings as to the building of a place of worship, we were able to reply "Yes! we have been praying about it" and some money was subsequently sent specifically for this purpose. We began the work right away. We hope to use the money given to get the building up to floor level then leave it and begin the rainwater tank in the dry season hoping to finish it before the next rains in April; before going back to finish the Chapel building. This has given me a lot more work to get on with before leaving next December God willing, please remember to bear us before the Lord in prayer that He might grant health, strength and wisdom to complete this work.

Sam and Hannah have no plans to leave to mission Sam has been studying Swahili over the past two years and still he has a lot of work ahead of him, however he is able to preach and teach and is beginning to translate books into Swahili. There is such a need for good Swahili books and sound teaching and preaching in the Swahili language.

Thank you once again, The Lord bless thee, and keep thee:
The Lord make his face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee:
The Lord lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace.

From James, Elsie, Sam and Hannah

To the right a photo of the dam beginning to be filled.

