



As the Holy Spirit by the hand of Paul greeted the churches so we now greet you. Grace be to you and peace from God the Father, and from our Lord Jesus Christ.

We are pleased to be able to write to you all once more with an update on the Lord's work here at the mission. What a work the church has been called to undertake, taking the glorious Gospel of the blessed God to those who have not heard it, to sound out the Word of the Lord not just locally but in every place. The Bible makes clear that the nations must hear the Good News of Salvation only found through the Lord Jesus Christ before He returns again.

The interesting thing is, that many think the Gospel has already gone all over the world, but this is in fact not the case; according to the Joshua Project 41.8% of the world population are unreached (3.28 Billion people) with the Gospel. Even in the UK there are people who do not know about Jesus Christ; one generation passes away and another comes up that does not know the Lord. The church has been given a great work to undertake, and what work individual believers have before them in their witness! Can we say like *Paul in Acts 20:26 Wherefore I take you to record this day, that I am pure from the blood of all men!* I fear not, O how we have failed! Give us a heart like Nehemiah, O Lord, who wept over the destruction of the city of Jerusalem! How much more should we be weeping as we consider the 3.28 billion people heading to hell!

This, I believe, is what drives men and women here and there to engage in this work; a love for both Jesus Christ and their fellow creatures, that they might hear and know the One Thing needful; the Lord Jesus Christ the truth of God's Word.

The situation here at the mission is difficult. The area has now been declared a crisis area because of the lack of rain along with 8 other counties in Kenya. This is a report from reliefweb: "There are now at least 2.1 million people who are severely food insecure and adopting irreversible coping strategies to meet their minimum food needs, and this is expected to rise to nearly 2.4 million people from November 2021, according to the latest Integrated Phase Classification (IPC) analysis. This will include an estimated 368,000 people in Emergency (IPC Phase 4) and 2 million people in Crisis (IPC Phase 3) and is nearly three times (852,000) the number of people who were facing high acute food insecurity from October to December 2020. Nine counties are expected to have the highest numbers of people in IPC Phase 3 and above from November 2021 onwards: Turkana, Mandera, Lamu, Garissa, Wajir, **Kwale**, Kitui, Tana River and Isiolo. Food insecurity is expected to worsen in the period ahead based on the likelihood of poor rains during the upcoming short rains season (October to December)" We are in Kwale county.



As our Saviour looked on the masses and had pity on them, 'for they hungered' so we are unable to sit by and see our neighbours suffer from thirst and hunger if we are able to help. Last Monday (1st of November) we had 108 people come for food aid: up from 70 the week before. They were given only 2kg of maize due to the amount that came. We use the opportunity to preach to the people; most if not all believe they will reach heaven by their

works. The Bible says if that is the case we have no need of Jesus: 'for if righteousness come by the law, then Christ is dead in vain.'

The local dam has also run dry and this has forced many women to undertake 3 hour round trip to collect 20 litres of water at the next nearest dam. With those who are not able to collect because of sickness or age, the mission has arranged for motor bikes to collect from the dam and deliver water to their homes. We provide 40 litres a time delivering on Monday, Wednesday, Friday and adding an extra 20L for the weekend. We have also started in



another area where Brother Michael has a Bible class and Lord's Day meeting, and this area is even worse than here. You can see in the photo there is no grass or leaves on the trees and at the time of writing their round trip for water was 24 miles! This is impossible on foot so motor bikes are being used.

We have also taken this opportunity to enlarge to local dam; it has been neglected over the years because the dam committee stole the money that was used for maintenance! We have done about 10 days digging so far and removed many tonnes of sand and silt. This has also provided

work for up to 50 people each day, most of them women. As we were digging, I was reminded of the text in 2 kings 3:16 -17.

"Thus saith the Lord: 'Make this valley full of ditches.' 17 For this is what the Lord says: You will see neither wind nor rain, yet this valley will be filled with water, and you, your cattle and your other animals will drink.

So, we hope to continue digging believing the Lord will fulfill His promise which he gave to Moses in Genesis 8:22 'While the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease.'

Ryan & Samantha.

I have copied a message they sent me. (We arrived Saturday 25th September in the evening, Samantha was quite shocked when a soldier at the checkpoint spat in her face at the inspection. (We are not sure why he did this, she was dressed modestly with a head scarf). We are getting settled into our home in Jijiga together. Samantha started an online language course and hopes to get a teacher here. I am also trying to get back into routine with language studies. I am praying the Lord would raise up 3 Somali brothers, that I might be able to train them for works of ministry. Please could you pray for this. There is very few Somali brothers in this city, they can be counted on one hand. Often, they are in the 'inside movement', meaning they confess Christ secretly but publicly are Muslims. I don't agree with this and makes it hard to find someone to work with. There is one open brother Omer, currently in Hargeisa for work, he hopes to return soon. I do desire to work with him. The balance of language vs ministry is something I toil with).

We keep in close contact with them, and recently the local mosques have been broadcasting that people should keep away from the white man who speaks Somali, but this seems to have had the opposite effect especially for his wife as the women seem more friendly to her since the announcements! In answer to prayer the Lord has brought an old man to speak to Ryan; again I cut to their message.

(Abdi C is an old Somali man—a habitual khat chewer like most Somali men in this city and has recently come under convictions that Jesus is more than just a prophet. He was given Ryan's contact info by another Ethiopian woman because he knows Somali and could walk with him through the Scriptures.

Ryan has met with him a few times already, and this man would probably spend all his time with him if he could, just asking questions about Jesus and the Bible. Pray for him as he digs deep into the Word of God and its



Truth is illuminated. Pray for Ryan as he navigates discipling this man and what the way forward would look like (baptism, public confession, possible family rejection). We hadn't planned to start a formal, public ministry until Ryan had at least another year and a half in the language, but His Wind blows where it pleases, and we cannot help but speak to others the things we ourselves have seen and heard.)



Yohana and Angelina.

Yohana is still waiting to move to the island of Wasini; there has been various delays in getting him there, but its something we feel should not be rushed and see the way the Lord opens the door. He has recently begun two Bible classes along the Coast with some local Christians who live in Muslims communities. He has also written a report from his two-week preaching trip to Tanzania which I will add at the end of the letter.

Michael & Esther (Mama Angel)

Michael is still travelling to Mbita twice per week; once for a Bible class and then again on the Lord's Day. Today, he has about 10/15 who regularly attend his Bible class and service. He still feels the Lord is calling him to that area, however his wife is not ready at the moment, the environment is very harsh especially in these drought conditions. Please continue to remember them as we wait the Lord's timing. The albino girl in the photo is the daughter of the man in the blue t-shirt, and Michael has taken her into his care as the grandparents believe the girl is cursed, and she is therefore in danger of her life. The building is the man's house which is also being used to hold meetings.



On Thursday 28th November we held a conference here at the mission on the authority of the Word of God and the sufficiency of the Word of God. It was attended by about 50 people with myself and Yohana preaching. As many know the Word of God is often totally laid aside in favour of dreams, prophecy, strange experiences, new revelations etc. In the photo the men are discussing theology after lunch in the library.



The Services on the Lord day have seen a rise in attendance, the Sunday school has risen back up to 60 children, who are now preparing for the Sunday school prize giving in December God willing. The youth and adults number about 40 to 50 every week. The ladies Bible studies continue every second Saturday of the month with the men's the week after. The ladies also go on home visits every other week after the Lord's day service to read and pray at the homes of the ladies who come, and we pray the Lord will use these meetings for

the salvation of souls as other family members and neighbours come to hear what is being spoken.

Sam and Yohana have been continuing with classes during the week. There are currently classes on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Sam is trying to move away from reliance on a translator, which inevitably requires a little patience from the students. We tend to find that students joining the classes (while professing to be Christians) have no concept of the true gospel or the new birth. The first lessons are therefore usually aimed towards their understanding of true salvation, after which we focus on the Bible, particularly its authority. Some time is spent on this area, since we have seen that once biblical authority is accepted without reservation, almost invariably acceptance of biblical doctrines naturally follows. There are always those who cannot accept this first aspect, and who leave as a result.



Sam is currently in Zanzibar studying Kiswahili for a couple of weeks, this being the best place for learning the language. He has been with a language teacher for the first week, but the teacher became disinterested after about 5 days, so this week he is spending time with a Christian young man who is living on the island, and trying to spend time practicing speaking. The island of Zanzibar is at least 98% Muslim, and the Christianity that is present is typically on the extreme end of the Pentecostal spectrum.

Elsie, Hannah and the children are all well although the very hot weather is making things harder for the little ones and home schooling is also more difficult. The children have enjoyed helping dig at the dam and searching for buried mud fish!

We thank you all for your continued interest and prayerful support of the work here.

Christian love

From us all at the Mission.

