

Stephen and Angelina Cowan

Location: **Tuum, KENYA**

Mission: **Church-based community development and outreach**



Testimony by Evans Karanja, member of Parkroad Fellowship, Nairobi.

"It had been sixteen years since I first visited Tuum on a mission hosted by Stephen and Angelina. At that time, Christianity had barely taken root among the Samburu people, who were then listed as an unreached people group. Since then, I have returned several times and witnessed a steady growth.

When our Parkroad Fellowship team arrived in Tuum on 8th December 2025, we expected to meet children and young people much as before - limited education, little exposure, and a weak Christian faith. Instead, we were amazed. God has clearly been at work. The seeds of His Word have borne fruit. Children/Youth confidently answered Bible questions, retold Bible stories, sang Christian songs, and even spoke English. Some had recorded Christian music, completed short theological courses, and were already preaching in their own communities.

Over two weeks, I was deeply encouraged to see young people openly discuss and challenge harmful cultural practices that once shaped their lives. Their convictions showed how the gospel is transforming attitudes and bringing a lasting change. One powerful example was a grass-planting project from a previous camp. Seeing the grass fully grown and ready to feed livestock gave them hope and reshaped their understanding of using God-given resources sustainably.

As the camps concluded, led by local Samburu evangelists, many children surrendered their lives to Christ. Praise be to God - I eagerly await the day the Samburu are fully counted among the reached peoples."

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'Examining the grass planting from a previous camp'

Over the New Year, we had the opportunity to spend two weeks with family and friends. As we drove back to Tuum from Nairobi it was noticeable how much drier and more desolate the landscape had become.

The plea from parents for assistance with school fees is constant. Much time and emotional energy is invested not in saying 'yes', but in sitting together and working out strategies for self-help. We are always grateful for those in Ireland and beyond who already indirectly support a student by enabling a family member to have a salaried post through the SAA programme. As many young people head off to a new school or year group, we hope that what they learned at camp will encourage them to live confidently and courageously in their faith.

Prayer Points:

- Give thanks for the commitment of the Parkroad Fellowship team and their hard work during the camps.
- Pray for encouragement and enthusiasm in the everyday tasks of the workshop and land reclamation teams.
- Give thanks for the good standard achieved in the Form 4 exams at PCEA Tuum Girls Secondary school. There are presently over 250 girls enrolled in the school.
- Pray for wisdom as new proposals are submitted and direction is sought for the coming year and beyond.