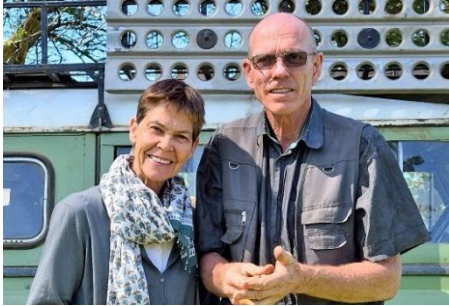


Stephen and Angelina Cowan

Location: **Tuum, KENYA**

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

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Two dusty Land Rovers crawled through the gates at 9:00 pm. They had arrived – twelve students and two leaders from Generation Impact (GI). They had boarded their first bus at GI's base in the town of Embu sixteen hours ago, yet enthusiasm was still high as they prayed for good sleep and enough energy to begin their work placement. Stephen suggested that 'work' the next day should be gentle familiarization. He himself had been driving since 3:00 am, making the round trip to Maralal where he had collected the team from their bus.



In the morning, during their familiarisation 'tour' they met me in the middle of painting and decorating a new indoor shower and toilet facility in the lower guest house. The place was a chaotic mess. Hopefully, they will see a cleaner, transformed version before they leave in a month's time! Their 'mission exposure trip' had begun. Teams excited by the challenge of evangelism in remote areas are rarely aware of the more practical challenge of ongoing maintenance when many hours' drive from the nearest hardware and building supplier. However, the value of young believers connecting with other young people through the power of the Holy Spirit has already been evident.

At Sunday's church service, one of the GI leaders shared about her desire to see the young people in this area grow deeper in their relationship with Christ. The care she took in preparing and communicating her message became a lesson in itself. The team will formally lead the biweekly Bible teaching programmes in the primary school, the junior academy, and the secondary school while also interacting less formally with all those involved in the SAA programme. There will be much to observe and assist with, including in the garage and workshop where numerous vehicles are in various states of repair or complete rebuild.



With plentiful rain and industrious weeding by the group of ladies working to support their children through education, the grass around the SAA compound is now incredibly healthy. An area of fifteen acres known as Kalulu's shamba is also covered with healthy sward, the earth bunds having greatly assisted in the spread of vegetation. While attending the monthly teaching seminar, one of the ladies showed a short video, taken on her phone, of how grass seeds originating in Kalulu's shamba were successfully growing in her home village at the northern end of Mt. Nyiru.

Prayer Points:

- Please pray that the students from Generation Impact's discipleship training school will settle in quickly, will listen carefully, communicate effectively, and will live out their Christian faith in all their daily tasks.
- Pray also for continued energy and enthusiasm for everyone involved in the ongoing witness of creativity and care through the maintenance of vehicles, guest houses, and the environment.