

Stephen and Angelina Cowan

Location: **Tuum, KENYA**

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



October has been a fragmented month marked by various journeys and unexpected delays. Yet, the journey north was familiar - long, hot, and rough, but thankfully uneventful. We often hear almost daily reports of incidents along the road and sightings of groups scouting for possible revenge attacks after past raids. We remain deeply thankful for God's protection and for your many prayers.

We travelled north with Paul, the independent evaluator for the Misesan Cara-funded part of the SAA programme. He spent a few days with us in Tuum, conducting interviews and observing the work first-hand. Stephen continued with him on his journey around the northern end of Mt. Nyiro, dropping off monthly seminar participants from Loongirrin along the way.

After spending a night at Seren - the SAA outpost tucked behind the Ndoto mountain range - they travelled on to Maralal, rerouting at one point to avoid a large group of angry young men. The following day's journey took them to Rumuruti, where they met with a presbytery elder who will hopefully play a key role in strategic planning and long-term sustainability for the SAA programme.

By a quick estimate, Paul spent around 40 hours on the road and gained a real sense of the locational challenges of working in this vast and unpredictable region. It was timely that his visit coincided with the monthly seminar allowing him to witness its value and the appreciation expressed by participants from isolated villages.



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It remains encouraging to see how many people return each month and the growing number of men attending. Paul particularly noted their openness and willingness to listen to the Word of God.



Each senior leadership team member led a session, sharing insights from the training they received through Misesan Cara and other organisations. Stephen spoke about change through the transforming power of the Holy Spirit and how this impacts everyday work and attitudes. To illustrate, he shared the parable of the seed falling on different soils using a large pile of compost as a memorable visual aid.

Prayer Points:

- Security and stability throughout the wider region.
- Paul's evaluation report — that it will bring clarity and guidance for the way forward with the SAA programme.
- The seminar participants who faithfully return each month — that the teaching they receive will take deep root in their lives.