

## Stephen and Angelina Cowan

Location: **Tuum, KENYA**

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



After the excitement and bustle of August's youth camps, September saw resumption of the usual ongoing work and preparation for the adult training programme commenced. The adult training seminar is currently taking place, its theme focusing on the need to surrender to Jesus while resisting the temptation to conform to cultural expectations.

A number of Samburu men from Maralal, who came to faith some years ago, are visiting with us. As they interact with participants on the training seminar their overwhelming sense is one that recognises the need for people to see Biblical values lived out in the lives of Christian people without recourse to traditional cultural beliefs. Sadly, during recent political campaigning when the area hosted various political candidates seeking votes for the government election due to take place in 2027, the reality of age-old cultural beliefs was still to the fore when some aspiring politicians were keen to seek the blessing of local leaders on the 'holy' mountain of Mt. Nyiru.



Mt Nyiru

**October 2025**

While Mt Nyiru is a beautiful part of God's creation - and this weekend we will welcome a group from the Mountain Club of Kenya to climb it - it is not holy. Only the power of the Holy Spirit at work in the lives of those who profess to follow Christ will break the generational chain of these debilitating beliefs, and only when these beliefs are rejected by the parents will they teach their children to obey His commands and His commands alone.

It is encouraging to see an increasing number of men from other villages attending the seminar. The success of the land rehabilitation scheme clearly demonstrates that change is possible from an agricultural perspective. It also demonstrates how a seemingly insignificant seed can again bring life to an otherwise parched landscape – a useful image of how the seed of Biblical truths can speak to a lost people resulting in their growth and blossoming when nurtured by the Holy Spirit as they come to faith in Christ. As the seminar concludes, may participants depart for home recognising the standard set by committed Samburu Christians and the reality of God blessing the work of their hands as they honour King Jesus as the Way, the Truth, and the Life.

### Prayer Points:

- Give thanks for the vegetation growth that has taken place on the land rehabilitation site.
- Pray that the weekly Bible teaching classes taken by the SAA team would bear fruit.
- Pray that the classes in self-sustaining agricultural techniques would encourage people to become more self-reliant by growing their own produce.
- Pray that a clear vision would be realised by the PCEA as options for future ministry in the Mt Nyiru and Ndoto Mountain areas are considered.