

## Stephen and Angelina Cowan

Location: **Tuum, KENYA**

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

**September 2026**



### **Reflections from a team member:**

*"During the month of August, a team of six from Waringstown Presbyterian Church, supported by four Kenyan leaders from Nairobi, travelled to Tuum to lead the junior and senior summer youth camps. In total, 600 children attended two four-day camps filled with worship, crafts, Bible study, quizzes and games.*



*The theme for both camps was 'Made for More', with Isaiah 53:6 as our memory verse. The children were taught that, like sheep, we have all strayed from God, but that He sent His Son to die on the cross and save us from our sins.*

*Each day began with a 6am run for the children, followed by breakfast, worship and memory-verse sessions. The children also enjoyed a daily instalment of the story of Corrie Ten Boom, which captivated children of all ages. Bible teaching on Daniel, Jonah, the bronze serpent and the Parable of the Lost Sheep encouraged the children to consider how God rescues and restores us.*

*We were greatly encouraged by the significant improvement in the children's behaviour and engagement since a previous Waringstown team visited in 2024. The senior camp particularly impressed us with many teenagers eager to learn more about God and openly questioning cultural beliefs surrounding sacrifice and how these relate to Christianity and forgiveness.*

*Both camps, together with the inspiring example set by those who have worked long-term in the community, deepened our faith. Their commitment shows how Christ's love can make a lasting difference through serving others, supporting young people and living out the Christian faith each day"*



A leadership training programme has been prayerfully developed and will begin over the coming month. It will encourage greater engagement with Rumuruti Presbytery, under whose jurisdiction the mission in Samburu North falls, although the eight-hour drive from Rumuruti to Tuum presents a significant logistical challenge!

The intention is that this programme will strengthen the church in Tuum through a more locally rooted Kenyan framework, drawing on the resources and leadership available within the area, while also enabling the Presbytery to take greater ownership and responsibility for the mission. We are deeply grateful to Misesan Cara for its specific funding of this important programme.

### **Prayer Points:**

- Give thanks for continued financial and prayerful support and the faithfulness of many individuals and churches throughout Ireland who have enabled the sharing and spreading of God's love and Kingdom values in Tuum, Seren and Wuaso Rongei locations.
- Pray for the commencement of the leadership training programme and the ongoing daily challenges of the church witness in the wider community.