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Then Samuel ... called the name of it Ebenezer, saying, "Hitherto has the LORD helped us." (1 Samuel 7:12)

A very dear sister in our LORD, who has for many years diligently served our LORD, our church families and the community, has known many different and difficult troubles, some very taxing. Recently, she suffered a dislocated hand which required correction together with a hospital stay. Please can you remember our dear sister in prayer in this time of recovery and rehabilitation?

We had hoped to travel to Kenya at the beginning of September, but an unexpected circumstance has arisen that has thwarted this plan. After much prayer, together with deep consideration and deliberation, we asked our Beloved as to why this must be, but He granted us comfort and hope in knowing that this is His will, His timing is perfect, and He is actively working all things together for good, accomplishing His divinely ordained purpose. We do still hope to return to Kenya later in September and look to our LORD. We would value prayer that our LORD will show us His perfect will, that we will be obedient to His leading, and that, ultimately, His will, will be done. Please pray that He will "go before" us and "make the crooked places straight", breaking "in pieces the gates of bronze" and cutting "the bars of iron."

Our Beloved assured us of the validity of these authoritative words of promise from Isaiah 45:2 even before they were fulfilled before our eyes in 2005 when He called and then opened the door for us to go into Maasailand. We can truly say, with His prophet Samuel, "Ebenezer ... Hitherto has the LORD helped us," and with His servant King David, "I will praise You, O LORD, with my whole heart; I will tell of all Your marvellous works. I will be glad and rejoice in You; I will sing praise to Your name, O Most High." (Psalm 9:1-2)

These last few days have caused us to ponder deeply, and God's Holy Spirit has shown us that, yet again, without our LORD we can do nothing and are fully dependent upon Him. We know and are persuaded, that we can't lean on our own understanding. It has encouraged our hearts as we have considered, and know, that whilst we may have a myriad of twists and turns in life's journey, of stops as well as steps ordered by our tender, loving and compassionate LORD, in a landscape where a kaleidoscope of emotions can present themselves, and doubts and fears can assail us, our Faithful, Unchanging, Omnipotent Saviour is ever our help and shield. Truly His is the greatness, the power and the glory, the victory and the majesty and how we praise Him!

Prayer Points:

- Please pray that God's Holy Spirit will encourage, strengthen and comfort His children within our church families in Maasailand who need His tender touch.
- Please pray for us that we will be obedient to God's leading and that He will make the crooked places straight and break in pieces the gates of bronze and cut the bars of iron. Thank you.