



missionaries to kenya



cmf prayer newsletter

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Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

Thank you for your continual prayers and support! We know we serve a sovereign Lord God Creator who loves to hear our praise and bless our prayers.

As we endure another drought in Turkana, we believe this drought is serious rather than the recurring drought that Turkana have adapted to. We have not seen any deaths, but many people are eating less. The Turkana eat palm nuts to sustain them, but the palm nuts are not balanced and lack energy value. Three things have contributed to the current harder times:

1. The economics are against them. Food prices have risen threefold, while the price they get for goats has stayed level.
2. Most people lost 95-100% of their herds to the disease LOMO that began in 2007.
3. Food relief by the major donor United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) has been reduced since 2008.

However, in the last month, WFP has increased their allotments, and several other organizations have brought short-term relief food.

We have received some limited relief funds. Our CHE teams did a house-to-house survey and identified 58 households that were moderately to severely malnourished. We have begun monthly distributions to them as long as we have funds.

The leaders of the CCC church on Saturday urged us to focus on those families for the next irrigated farms.

We have prayed and asked you to pray that God would bless the current 240 irrigated farms to produce an abundance that would meet the needs of the entire community. We have known the farmers should leave the stalks and leaves on the plots after harvest as mulch, but they have been desperate to find food for their few animals and always feed anything left to their animals.

On July 4, God sent a man, Brian Smith, with the message of Farming God's Way (FGW). FGW calls for confession, repentance, and wholehearted devotion to living God's way. It calls for hearts of servanthood as farmers work together to follow God's way of living. Brian suggested we use the palm leaves to make God's blanket of mulch. Since applying the principles of FGW, we have heard comments like: "We have much more food, and we can share." "We found out termites are our friends and can work for us." "We can wait 10 days or more between irrigations and the soil is still damp. That gives us time to water the neem trees and the watermelon we have planted on the borders." [I always told them watermelon took too long, too much space, crowded out valuable nutritious plants, and they got too little for the effort.] "Even 10 days after irrigating, the ground is soft when you step on it." "There are many people in the farms when we go there."





"The basins become flooded much faster than before we had God's blanket."

They have so much more to sell. Farming God's Way has at least doubled the production from the farms. The plants are bigger. The leaves are green, succulent, and much larger. It seems God was providing a way to bless the production of the farms before we even started praying. To God be all the Glory!

- Please pray for strength for the 60 families that are currently building fences so they can receive irrigation systems.
- Thank God for the many partners supporting wells and irrigated farms.
- Please pray with us that the diviners Etuuri and Ekatui would repent and give their full devotion to Christ.
- Please pray for unity within our team and with the CCC of Turkana.

We will attend a CMF-wide brainstorming session on church planting in November. Please pray for God

to impart wisdom and bless us with His vision for His Kingdom on earth.

We continue to have students from CCC churches praying for sponsors. If God prompts you to help with a child's education, please visit our blog, gmmorden.wordpress.com, for further details.

These pictures show some of the work over the last 6 months.

God bless you all, and special thanks for all your prayers and support.

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