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MISSIONARIES TO THE MAASAI OF

## KENYA

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Dear Fellow Travelers,

The last time we met, things were sunny and dry in Kenya. They are still dry, but we have now entered the cold season with daily highs around 70 degrees and lows around 50. With no indoor heating, it feels rather chilly! We find ourselves drinking many cups of tea throughout the day.

### NEW BEGINNINGS

For a change of pace, we thought we'd introduce you to some new ministry beginnings instead of giving a travelogue of the last few months. Please celebrate with us as you read the following.

### WATER FOR KENYA

Around the end of last year, our team was approached by a fellow traveler about his desire to effect change in Maasailand through the gifts God has given him, namely producing safe water. In his words, "There is clean water and then there is safe water." God had placed a burden on his heart to see the Maasai not only have access to water but to water safe to consume and give to their livestock.

This vision led to the development of Water for Kenya (WFK). The goal of WFK is to work along with communities in Maasailand to determine their water

needs and how they can be met. God has blessed us already with a Water Coordinator, John Keshe, and evangelist Tomas ole Pesi, who will work together in meeting with communities, accessing needs, and proclaiming the Living Water.

Praise God for the start of WFK. Ask for wisdom as John and Tomas move forward in His strength and leading.

### NAIROBI COMMUNITY CHRISTIAN CHURCH

In April, a group of six people, including Joe, came together to begin discussing the idea of a church plant in Nairobi as a branch of Community Christian Church (CCC).

As you may recall, CCC is the registration that was given to the churches planted over the past 32 years by CMF in rural areas of Kenya. The vision of the CMF team those many years was to reach those who were unreached in the bush areas of Maasai and Turkana. Now some of the over 10,000 Kenyans who are a part of CCC are launching out as missionaries from their bush origins to the urban context.

This church plant has been the dream of James Sinkua, who is currently serving as chairman on the national level of CCC, for the past four years. It is exciting to see this dream realized for him and for CCC as they continue to reach out beyond their normal boundaries.

James was given the honor of preaching on the opening Sunday – June 7, 2009. He did a great job on spelling out the three "C"s of Nairobi CCC - to be a place where people "Celebrate" the joy in Christ, "Connect" with others in fellowship, and "Contribute" to the body of Christ through their gifts and talents.



Nairobi CCC: Strategy meetings before the launch.



James preaching with Simon Chirchir translating.



John Keshe making bleach from salt water and a solar battery – handy way to treat water with small resources.



Kim, John working on his computer, and Paul (Maasai leader).



Joe at a water project.



Fellowship after the service.

Give glory to God for the opening of the doors of Nairobi CCC. Pray for the leadership as we move forward to be light in the darkness.

**COMMUNITY HEALTH EVANGELISM (CHE)**

You may recall that we first introduced CHE in October with continued explanation of its core in our last newsletter. This is becoming an area where I (Kim) am going to focus part of my time and energy.

To share just one more glimpse into CHE, the following is a development proverb given to challenge all who participate in CHE:

*"Go in search of your people. Love them; learn from them; plan with them; serve them. Begin with what they have; build on what they know. But for the best of leaders, when the task is accomplished, the people will all remark, 'We have done it ourselves!'"*

At the end of June, we were part of the graduation ceremony for the first group to complete the Training of Trainers (TOT) program. They are now equipped to train and lead others forward in the concepts of CHE.

Rejoice with us at this time of celebration. Pray for these 15 men and women as they go in search of their people. Ask the Lord to use CHE in transforming lives and communities throughout Maasailand.



*Graduating CHE group, including us and the teachers.*



*Joe helps to present certificates.*



*Graduates from the Iloodokilani Cluster.*



*Jeniffer Tuke (one of the graduates) and Kim.*

As we continue on, here are some upcoming events ...

- July 20-24** All-Africa Missionary Conference (AAMC) in Malindi, Kenya
- July 30** CHE strategic meeting in Kajiado
- August 10-14** Travel to Loita to deal with property/church issues
- September-November** Hosting apprentice Eric Pitts
- September 8** Celebrating our second anniversary!
- September 12-13** Ewaso Ng'iro Conference Centre board meeting
- September 15-16** Kenya-wide CMF meeting

In closing, we invite you to visit our new CMF website where you can download a digital copy of our newsletter, donate to our ministry, and find a link to our blog. The address is <http://cmfi.org/joe-kim-cluff>.

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us now and forevermore!

Much love,

*Joe & Kim*  
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*James Sinkua preaching at Nairobi CCC.*

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