

The blessings

In our early years, a student told us how he had struggled to write the examination composition. The topic was "My trip in a bus," but he had never seen anything larger than a Land Rover, and had never traveled out of Korr. Our current students should never have this problem after the recent arrival of the first new Tirrim 4 x 4 school bus! Soon the other bus and a 4 x 4 truck will also reach Korr. How we praise the Lord for His provision of these vehicles. This will be a great help in providing the school students with better food, including fruit and vegetables.

Almost to the day we heard the first project vehicle would be ready, the radiator of our old Toyota Land Cruiser 'bakkie' (pick-up) blew up and the battery died. The tyres have been worn out on the rough roads. The metal back is rusting away from carrying Korr water for the project. Since it was all we had to travel with, we had to immediately get replacements for the essential parts so that we could travel down for project work. It has become very difficult for us at our age to travel with a vehicle that is no longer reliable, having driven out most of its useful life for the project. We are praying for a replacement vehicle.

When we told seventeen-year-old Hedaado that she needed to be able to write her name to be admitted to standard one, she proudly told us that she had attended literacy classes for the whole of the previous year and could read and write well! The village elders wanted to marry her off, but she wanted a different life and so prepared herself by acquiring the needed skills. She was not intimidated by the fact that she would need to join the six year olds in class and has been attending church as well.

Another eighteen year old girl has joined the nursery school class!

The Challenges

The new feeding project has brought a lot of extra work. Please pray for Lynne as she sets systems in place for regular food orders and lots more besides. We have never done anything on this scale before! We have had to train drivers, for licences, insurance, parts, tools and so much more. We have been driving up and down to Nairobi to get it all organized.

Tirrim Secondary School has faced a number of disciplinary issues this term. The setting in place of godly dorm parents has helped the situation greatly. Sereyon is a man whose wife came to Christ through the literacy

project. He has never learnt to read and write but is a fervent believer and is very excited at the opportunity for ministry. He speaks both Rendille and Samburu fluently so can talk to all the students in their home language. Please pray!

We are in the process of setting up a Tirrim Board, to help give guidance and vision to the project and to give encouragement to Joshua Turuga, the new managing director of the Tirrim Project. Pray for Joshua as we would like him and our senior pastor to train in South Africa to get outside experience to lead this large work for God. We are all exploring the best way forward and need lots of godly wisdom!

Thanksgiving

It was so encouraging to hear of the many who prayed for grandson Joshua and his operation. He is doing very well and is due to return to Cape Town for a bone transplant into the left arm so that the two arms will grow at the same rate. It is tough for a little boy to be tied down to a hospital bed with tubes and pipes! We ask you to keep praying for him.

With our love and deepest appreciation

Nick and Lynne



