



**February 2018**

‘Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised ...’ Psalm 48:1

Twice a year the two PCEA churches come together and give a Love Gift to a family in need within the area. As February gathered momentum, so did members of the two churches and together, with some of the Worship Leaders, we were lifting sheep, a goat and heifer into the trailer and transporting them 42 kms to the home of this dear widow and her children, including one precious little one who is quite disabled. (We rejoiced to see the quality of the animals that the church families were giving: they were of their best, as unto the LORD.) Alongside the livestock were provided items for the home. We were pleased to be able to also provide gifts which had been sent from our church families back home: knitted blankets and teddies, bedding, towels and clothing. The children loved the teddies and blankets, and the family blessed our Father who had so abundantly blessed them.



But their blessing of others does not end there. The churches also give money to help with supporting children within their own church families who are part of the Mission’s Maasai Seeds of Hope. How we bless our LORD for their giving and caring hearts. Our LORD had spoken to our hearts many years back that we were to help and encourage the believers in giving, following the example of the New Testament, and then the blessing would also be theirs: ‘Give and it will be given to you, pressed down, shaken together and running over, it will be given to you.’



We bless our LORD for His goodness and for His building of the churches. Thank you for praying and please continue to do so. The two churches in Olkinyei are now running themselves, under the overall guidance of Rev. Jonathan ole Mapena, (our minister in Narok), with an evangelist in each church and Worship Leaders who also participate in the teaching and preaching as they lead the churches in Worship to our wonderful God who is worthy of all our praise.



This last Saturday and Sunday in February, Rev. Jonathan came in to Olkinyei with four ladies from the Woman's Guild (somewhat like PW). They shared about its workings and it is hoped that the ladies in our area will become involved in Woman's Guild soon. We bless our Father for the growth of many of the believers and their integration into the larger church family. We also bless our Father for Jonathan and his heart for Mission amongst the Maasai. He, alongside ourselves and an evangelist, have been giving out a great wee booklet called, 'Why Jesus?'



So much else has been happening: tables, chairs, books, Bible stories, teaching materials, book case and teddies have been distributed to a local primary school. Cement, sand and hardcore have been distributed also between two schools, as they had need, for fixing the front entrance in one school and making the base for a flag pole in another. Homes have been blessed with bedding, towels, clothing, shoes and knitted teddies and blankets, and children whom we met on the way - as we travelled from place to place – were given knitted teddies and told about our Beloved.



We continue to work at clearing the container and reconnecting missing parts (as we find them), fixing and cleaning. And through MAC, one lovely boy was this month able to receive a wheelchair which had been kindly donated from home. In ALL these things we bless our Father and give thanks to Him for everything.



- Please pray for Rev. Jonathan ole Mapena as he seeks to encourage and teach the many congregations under his care. Remember too the Worship Leaders and evangelists as they also seek to lead the churches and bring glory to God.
- Please continue to pray for God's Holy Spirit to work mightily in the hearts of the Maasai and draw them deeper in their relationship with Him. Give thanks with us for the wonderful work He has been doing and pray that He will continue to work in our hearts, drawing us deeper, for His glory, honour and praise and giving us hearts fully committed to Him.
- Please remember to pray for our children as they are away from us and communication can be a problem. Pray that they will be drawn closer to our Beloved and give their lives fully to Him, for His glory.