

## December 2023

Dear Friends,

Luke 1:30-33 "But the angel of the Lord said to her, Do not be afraid, Mary; you who have found favor with God. You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. He will be great and will called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over Jacob's descendants forever; his kingdom will never end."

Advent Greetings! I am thankful for all of you who have supported the Maasai Outreach Mission in sharing the gospel in word and deed since the inception of our partnership with the Reformed Church in America.

As we celebrate this advent season, the announcement of the coming and birth of Jesus, MOM has been busy conducting our annual Christmas evangelism campaign. We celebrate by gathering all of our churches from 14 districts for the three weeks leading up to Christmas Day in three regional locations. From Wednesday to Friday, these regional evangelism and Christmas celebration campaigns take place from Wednesday to Friday and end with a grand Sunday worship celebration.





We are overjoyed this Christmas. In July, we celebrated the graduation of Miriam Muntolol's graduation from medical school at Qiqihar University in China. She is now home and going through the process to complete her full examination to become a licensed medical doctor in Kenya. Many of you may remember in April 2008, Miriam was diagnosed with a heart condition. The visiting RCA mission group of RCA pastors and other Maasai Well Project supporters raised the funds for Miriam's heart surgery, which saved her life. Miriam's family was extremely grateful for this support via the RCA. From this life-saving act of kindness, Miriam developed a passion for medicine with a dream of becoming a cardiologist. Also, seeing the many needs of her people over the years, especially those of women, she plans to become a cardiologist with a specialty in OB/GYN. It is because of your support and the prayers of many in the RCA her dreams are coming to fruition.

Would you like to receive these updates digitally? Please email Kelli at <a href="mailto:kqilmore@rca.org">kqilmore@rca.org</a> to be added to the email list. You will receive more timely updates from the missionary you support and help us be good stewards of our resources.





We are also overjoyed at how God has revealed God's self in the life of the Maasai Outreach Mission church. On October 27, 2023, we celebrated the dedication of the Maasai Clinic and the community health education and evangelism program in the rural community near the border of Namanga. A small RCA delegation including Global Mission director, JP Sundararajan, Africa supervisor Derrick Jones, Pastor Paul Janssen, Uniting Reformed Church in Somerville, NJ, and Mission Committee member Barbara Oliveira from Christ Community Church, Carmichael, CA. We rejoiced, danced, sang, and cried as we dedicated this long-awaited clinic which will serve hundreds of Maasai within a 35-kilometer (21-mile) radius in Kenya and up to 90 kilometers in Tanzania.



Mama Grace Saita (pictured above left) is the clinic director. She is a Maasai who served as a nurse with the Kenya Department of Rural Health for 18 years. She also served with numerous NGOs in Somalia, Congo, Uganda, and South Sudan, for nearly 15 years. Grace discerned the call of God to return home to her people and

utilize the gifts, skills, and experience she acquired over the years to provide quality healthcare for the extremely underserved Maasai in rural areas. The dedication and launching of this clinic is an answer to the prayers of many Maasai who have seen mothers and children die and others suffer because of the lack of adequate healthcare. In this season of advent, we rejoice at the sign of hope that this clinic brings. We believe many lives will be saved. Many will come to know the Lord Jesus and experience everlasting life and life more abundantly. Indeed the Lord is with us. Our pastoral and evangelism team will work closely with the clinic staff when they go out to educate the communities deep in the bush. Please pray that God will mightily use our team to share the gospel in word and deed.



## **Prayers Requests**

- 1. For clinic staff and evangelism team as we educate and share the gospel with the people.
- 2. That God grant us favor with the government and other NGOs and stakeholders.
- 3. For the ongoing funding to assist us in firmly establishing the clinic and Maasai Community Health and Evangelism program as we work towards becoming sustainable in three years. If you desire to support this endeavor, please see consider gifts to medical ministry and motorbikes at https://www.rca.org/global-mission/missionaries/maasai-mission-outreach/.
- 4. For the celebratory RCA/MOM partnership video that will be forthcoming in early 2024.
- 5. For Bishop Simon Muntolol and the plans for me to visit the States in late February, March, and April.

Thank you all for your support and prayers. May we continually walk together to plant churches and reach the unreached Maasai, deep in the bush of Maasailand.

Have a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year!!!

Yours in Christ,

Bishop Simon Muntolol Maasai Outreach Mission