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Hi Everyone,

Happy Easter! Praise the Lord that Jesus is alive!

By the time you get this we should be about halfway through our time in Samburu. We won't have any internet or phone coverage whilst we are there so we have written this prayer letter just before leaving.

Samburu describes both the region and the tribe that live there. It is a full day's drive north of Nairobi (mainly on dirt tracks). It is one of the areas that has been severely affected by the current drought in East Africa. Life there is much more basic than we are used to and many people still live in mud huts, so there will be lots of challenges and adjustments, but we are excited to go.

We will have spent our first week in Samburu living in four teams of five to six, mixed with the Kenyans from the TransformD team, in villages. This will be a really good opportunity to experience Samburu life and culture. This should help us in the following two weeks, when we are running children and youth holiday camps. The time in the villages will help us better understand the context the children are coming from, so we can best explain the gospel to them in ways they will understand. For example, verses such as Isaiah 1 v 18 where our sins are washed from us and we become white as snow, the children have no concept of snow and what it looks like!

The week before Easter we will have been running a children's camp for 9-13 year olds. We are expecting around 200-300 children. The programme will be exploring who Jesus is, what he came to do and how we can respond to him, as well as games, songs and activities.

On Easter Saturday, the children's camp ends and the youth (aged 14 years upwards) camp will start. During their four days on camp we will be looking at the book of 1 Thessalonians, thinking through how to read the Bible and various cultural issues.

Although these will be a really busy and tiring two weeks, we're really excited to get to know the children and share the gospel with them. Also, as a team we are doing a lot of the talks and have been really busy preparing those over the past few weeks.

Our last ten days in Samburu should be slightly more relaxed in that we will not have more than 100 people in our care! Having said that it will be physically tiring as we will be helping with building work at the centre in Tuum where the camps take place. The current plan is for us to build a new dormitory so that the camps can expand in the future.

We'll send another prayer letter in May when we will be back in Nairobi, but in the meantime we would love you to be praying for the following:

- Strength and joy in our final week of service in Samburu
- For seeds to have been planted in children from the kids camp
- For safety on our journey home

With love and prayers,
Sophie, Phoebe and the rest of the Kenya team xx

P.S. Sorry for the lack of photos - we'll send photos from our time in Samburu with our next prayer letter.