

# Sharing Christ in Kenya

Story by Barb Maher



***For He will deliver the needy when he cries, the poor also, and him who has no helper. ... and will save the souls of the needy.*** PSALM 72:12, 13b

Huddled together on the hard earth of a drought-stricken field, families of the Samburu tribe pray to Jesus for food and healing from sickness. Located in Lorian Village of Southern Kenya, the Christian villagers have no school, no hospitals, no wells, and no food. Ongoing tribal conflict and war with the neighboring majority Turkana tribe causes the Samburu to live in daily fear of being attacked for any food they may have.

In July, founder Lane Wettengel and his team from Calvary Relief International (CRI) ministered to the Samburu tribe, moving from hut to hut to pray for the sick, encouraging the people to believe in God and trust His Word. Distributing food and clothing to the people in the village while sharing the Gospel, they led many of the villagers to receive Christ as their Savior.

Lane works closely with two Calvary Chapel pastors in Northern and Southern Kenya, Pastor Evanson Gitu and Steven Ereng. Evanson is the senior pastor of Calvary Chapel Ongata Rongai, just outside of Nairobi in Southern Kenya. He and his wife Miriam run Anchored Hope Schools for underprivileged children. Their ministry, which provides approximately 500 children with daily food and a quality education, is financially supported by CRI. Evanson explained, "With the support of CRI we are able to recruit and educate more children in our schools. The Word of God is taught to both the children and their parents, where many have come to the knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ."

Steven Ereng is a Turkana tribesman. He works alongside his wife Christine, of the Samburu tribe, to share the love of Christ between the two warring groups. Working with CRI, they have developed the Samburu Remote Ministry Base, which helps plant churches, feed the hungry, and provide medical treatment. He stated, "Many people have received Christ Jesus through the ministry of CRI and are now members of our churches here in Northern Kenya."

Supported by CC Sonora, CA, and several other Calvary Chapels, CRI has a vision to alleviate physical and spiritual poverty in African nations that are subject to war, persecution, poverty, and famine. The ministry trains missionaries to plant biblically sound churches in remote African villages while meeting the physical needs of hunger, thirst, and poverty. 🇺🇸

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***Top: Renee Schuster (left) and Merv Cancio of CC Sonora, CA, pray for a sick girl in Marti, Kenya. Renee is wearing a head dress that was a gift.***

***Bottom: Missions Pastor Lane Wettengel, founder of CRI, helps distribute food and Bibles. Two tons of rice, corn flour, and beans were distributed.***