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Kenya: Reaching the Samburu People

John 15:16—“You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should remain, that whatever you ask the Father in My name He may give you.”

For years, sharing the gospel with remote nomadic people groups such as the Samburu of Kenya has been a challenge. These people follow their livestock, wandering the land to find grass to feed them. So how does one share the gospel with such peoples that are always on the move?

Lawrence is a Samburu who was introduced to Jesus a few years ago. He studied with two pastors to prepare himself to share God’s love with his people. He knows the language and customs and has dedicated his life to being a Global Mission pioneer, sharing God’s love with his people in a way they understand.

During the past two years, the Samburu have come to know the love of God and have accepted Jesus into their hearts. They meet under a tree every Sabbath to study God’s word with Lawrence. The Samburu people love to sing and value their time together. They spend the Sabbath day telling stories, singing, and eating together.

Nearby are their simple homes, where the Samburu sleep at night. Their homes are made of materials ranging from animal skins to empty rice bags and sticks. This type of home can easily be packed up to move when the group must find new pastures for their animals.

The Samburu people’s homes are their safe spaces, where they will be protected from dangerous animals like lions and elephants. Their homes are a refuge for the family, and to be invited into this space is a privilege. The Samburu people extend this privilege to Lawrence, allowing him to share lessons from the Bible in their homes. He visits them often, and they look forward to listening as he reads the Bible and prays with them.

This Samburu group has come to know the love of God, but they are just one of many similar nomadic groups throughout Eastern Africa. Please pray for the unreached people groups in this region of the world and for Global Mission pioneers like Lawrence, who have answered God’s call to serve.

Our faithful Promise offerings support not only the local missionary work, but also efforts to teach others around the world about Jesus in a way they can understand. Our offerings can go where we cannot, so let’s make every effort to share God’s love through our generous and regular offerings.

