**FRIENDS OF MARSABIT** **July 2026**
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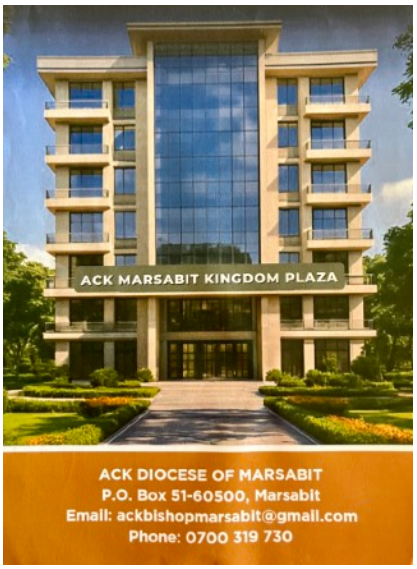


Dear Friends, **Bishop Daniel Qampicha**

Greetings. The Lord has been very gracious to the Diocese over the years, and slowly they have been getting closer to being self-sustaining. In 2025, the overall budget was Ksh28m (about £165,000), and they raised Ksh16m internally, leaving a gap of 12m, which has been covered by outside friends and donors, such as us, Friends of Marsabit (approx. Ksh4m p.a.). That gap has been reducing over the years. Their next push is a **Mega Fundraiser** on July 26th, which will produce income from 2030, praying that thereafter they will be self-sustaining.




**The Diocesan Mega Fundraiser.** The Diocese is organising a huge fundraiser on July 26th , hoping to raise funds to build the "Kingdom Plaza", which will generate income to fill the funding gap. The Bishop had hoped that the President might be the Guest of Honour, but he will be visiting Marsabit in August instead. However, the date is fixed and lots of other Bishops and their Dioceses have agreed to come, as well as other guests. So, the Bishop has asked me, Rob, to be the special guest! He knows Sue and I won't be traveling out to Marsabit, but he'd like me as a sort of figurehead, because it's difficult to ask anyone else at this stage! We are sending out a donation and a contribution from the Friends of Marsabit, as well as emailing words of encouragement. 2026 is a significant year, being the 10th anniversary of Qampicha's consecration as Bishop and Rob's retirement – how time passes! Kingdom Plaza is a huge development of shops and rental properties, either in Marsabit, or in Nairobi to maximise income. On Saturday July 18th , the Diocese is encouraging everyone to join in a Day of Prayer and Fasting for this project




**Please pray with them that this fundraiser will reach the target and bring much blessing**

**FoM Way forward:** While the Diocese has been planning for their future, the FoM Trustees have been doing the same. We spent a day together in May to discuss our future. Reluctantly, because we trustees are getting older, we do feel the need to close the Trust in the next few years, sometime between 2028-2030. But, like the Diocese, we too wish to continue to provide income for the future. We plan to open a deposit account with the Church Commissioners, which would pay interest to the Diocese. We will be sharing more ideas about this later, once things become clearer.
Amazingly, over the years, FoM has channelled gifts to Marsabit of almost £1 million!
**Please pray for us, as we continue our planning, and seek to open an account.**

**Motor Vehicles:** Following the purchase of the new Fortuner for the Bishop, the previous vehicle, KBY, which Sue and I used before our retirement, has now been put back on the road after its accident last year. It has already proved really useful to the Bishop: when he was traveling between Archers Post and Serolevi in the Isiolo Archdeaconry, his new car was attacked with stones, thrown by Samburu herds boys, which damaged the windscreen Thank the Lord he and his passengers were unharmed.
**Please continue to pray for his safety and that of others as they travel around the vast Northern deserts**

**Rain:** The rains have been reasonable this year, so the farmers were able to plant, and now the fields are green, and everyone is expecting a decent harvest, thank the Lord! Rain may cause problems on the muddy roads, but it is always seen as a blessing because of the hope it brings for food among people who are so often struggling to find it for themselves and their livestock.
**Please thank the Lord for the rain, and pray it may return in October.**

**Security:** Security is okay at the moment, though the attack on the Bishop's car, with the Bishop inside, was an unwelcome reminder of the dangers that do lurk, and may strike at any time.
**Schools:** The new High school for girls in Sololo has still not progressed, but a sizeable grant has been received, which can build one classroom, and so kickstart the whole development. **Please Lord, help us build this school? An ICDC Early Child Education Centre** was officially launched on April 5th at Atulelo in the new Daaba Parish in the Southern Archdeaconry, through African Exchange, helped by Vestavia Hills Church, USA. **Thank you Lord.**

**New Church:** Bishop Qampicha consecrated a new church, ACK Reheboth, Mata Arba, in Sagante Parish, commissioned their KAMA and MU branches, and confirmed many Christians

**The Diocese held a Boys and Girls Brigade Day in Marsabit**, bringing together companies from Kargi (West), Sololo (North) and Marsabit and even companies from Southern Dioceses of Meru and Mbeere. They processed through the streets and gave Brigade displays, with new flags being presented, ending with a large service, choirs and feasting!



Bishop handing over the colours to Provost Kennedy Akongo, Brigade President.



Parade around Marsabit town

**In Brief:**
**Mr. Lee and his mother-in-law are still missing.** Please continue praying for their release
**Ven John Maganjo,** (Archdeacon of Moyale) continues to recover well. Please give thanks, but keep praying
**Thank you** all so much for your prayer and support – it means so much, and I pray you are encouraged too!



Ven John Maganjo

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