

FRIENDS OF MARSABIT **November 2025**

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Dear Friends,

Bishop Daniel Qampicha and Safia

Greetings. Firstly, I'm sorry there has been a delay since our previous newsletter. But, as well as the two zoom sessions we had discussing the future of FoM, Sue and I have been to Marsabit, and I wanted to include details of our visit. What a visit it was! Sue tried to make it less busy than usual, but so much is happening in the Diocese, it was impossible! I pray it encourages you as you hear how things are thriving!


Laying a foundation stone

In 10 days, a team of 7 of us, plus Bishop Qampicha, visited 18 churches and 5 schools. We created the new Turkana parish of Daaba and licensed James as the new vicar; laid the foundation stone for a new church in Marsabit at Kiwanja Ndege (airstrip),



Sue at the fundraising in the cathedral

then had a fundraiser in the Cathedral to build it; broke the ground for a new resource centre at Laisamis; prayed over the land where a new church is to be built at Epiding.


Confirmation candidates

We confirmed 43 Rendille in the Chalbi desert.

We encouraged the Christians and prayed for many students, who were about to take their Grade 6 or Grade 9 exams.



Year 9 boys at St Andrews Boys High School

We met most of the clergy and many evangelists at archdeaconry gatherings in Isiolo, Marsabit and Sololo. We drove 500 kms one way from the Mt. Kenya foothills south of Isiolo right up to the Ethiopian border… and back!


Bishop Qampicha and Mama Rocco

Everywhere we went, congregations had plans to grow and develop. There was an air of hope and expectation, despite the huge challenges they face. We saw some of the fruit of last year's mission firstly, in the Chalbi desert, when we stopped at the new church of Tigo, where we met Mama Rocco, a Gabra nomad, who couldn't read. She had become a Christian, and started a church, encouraging many women from her village to join her, and secondly, in Kargi parish, at Kambinye and Murub – where we confirmed 43 people, mainly women, who sang and danced in joy! Three new churches, Kambinye, Murub and Tigo had all been born as a result of the mission, hallelujah!


Tigo Church

Please pray for all these new Christians, new churches and the clergy who lead and disciple them
Our schools: were all preparing for exams. These have now finished well – we pray for good results to encourage them all, especially as at St. Andrew's they are our pioneer exam class. St. Andrew's has also been given funds for solar installation, and more infrastructure. Please pray for all these students, whose lives have so much potential.

Regarding the future of FoM, we chatted with Bishop Qampicha, who, like most of you on our zoom meetings, is keen for us to continue for as long as we can. Bishop Joseph Galgalo, the Provincial Secretary, and a Gabra from Marsabit said the same, as did Canon Naomi, the wife of our predecessor, and now a senior figure in the Government. We spoke with the Church Commissioners for Kenya, who are willing to open a Deposit account for us, as we seek to raise funds for the long-term future. The Diocesan Communications Officer, Daniel Huqa, who produces the Voice of Hope, told us about the **Diocesan website**, which has so much up to date news: it is **www.ackdiocesemarsabit.org.** Check it out! The FoM Trustees are meeting in February to produce some more concrete proposals

In Brief:
The second court case, claiming compensation for the old land rover accident in 2015, has still not been finalised
Mr. Lee and his mother-in-law are still missing. Please continue praying for their release
The Diocese is down to one functioning land cruiser, and is praying for funds to buy a new one
S**ome rain has come, but poorly**: people fear the rains have failed and are starting to panic, with some villages already crying out for food. Watch this space. Please pray for rain
Thank you all for your prayer and support – it means so much, and I pray you are encouraged too!

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