FRIENDS OF MARSABIT **November 2026**

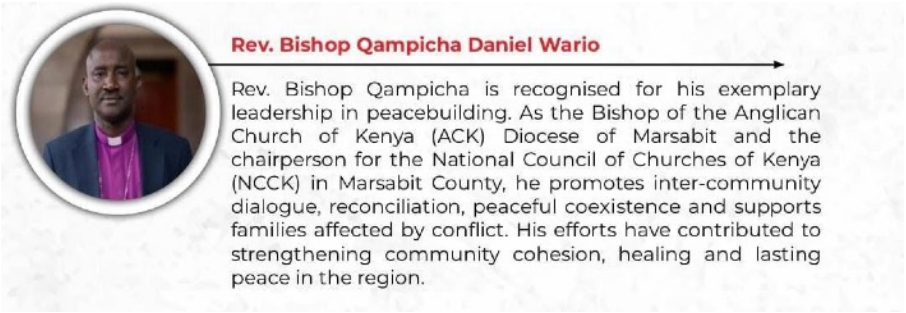
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Dear Friends,

Bishop Daniel Qampicha



Greetings. It has been an eventful few months in Marsabit! One of the public holidays in Kenya, October 20th , is Mashujaa Day, when the country recognises and celebrates its heroes. This year, the Government recognised Bishop Qampicha as a hero of peace building! It was for the tireless work in peace-building. He has indeed been working hard for peace between the different ethnic groups in N. Kenya, and it can be exhausting and dispiriting work, especially when old wounds reopen and violence flares up for the nth time. Well done, Bishop!





Violence in Moyale

Sadly, he and others need their skills and patience again, as the situation in Moyale in the far North has deteriorated badly. Across the border in Ethiopia, there has been fighting between the Oromo and Somali communities. It is not a new problem: when Rob and Sue were there in 2012, we couldn't go to the Northern areas for over 4 months. People are now fleeing into Kenya, some 40,000 refugees having arrived in Moyale so far, 200 of whom are on our church compound.

Where to accommodate them? How to feed them? How to calm angry hearts? How to stop the violence spreading further into Kenya? Ultimately, it's the peacemakers, like Qampicha, who will broker a hard-won peace agreement, with the help of the relevant elders, and the Ethiopian authorities.



Canon Naomi Waqo
the former Bishop's widow and now a Senator, visited the area last week and has pleaded with the Government for resources to help meet the needs. Ven Maganjo, vicar of Moyale, is hard pressed to feed and house those on the compound

Please pray that peace will be restored, people return to their homes, and enough food is found


New Christians being prayed for

But -
Mission is not stopped by insecurity! In August many parishes held missions all over the Diocese. We have heard of the following: in the South – Ngaremara, Daaba and Lowangila; in the centre – the Cathedral, Sagante and Hula Hula; in the North – Sololo and Bori. But others were also planned. In the end, it's mission, which will ensure the Diocese continues to grow and the Kingdom of God spreads, reaching out to others with the good news of Jesus Christ. We are learning that too in UK!

Please pray for all those people who came to faith and those who will nurture them.
Discipleship: There are two major conferences in December to build up the Christians:
An exciting new Men's conference (Dec. 3-6th) at our Elazar school in Karare. It will focus on encouraging men to live out their gospel calling in their family, in wider society and in the church. There is a great enthusiasm for this - KAMA is flourishing!



The Imarika Youth Conference (Dec 7-12th) for 400 or more youngsters at St Andrew's School - we sent a £3000 grant to help with this.

Diocesan Mega Fundraiser: in our last letter we shared about the huge fundraiser on July 26th to raise funds for a project to enable more self-sufficiency. They raised the colossal sum of Ksh 26m (approx. £153,000), amazing! However, it had the effect of drying up the normal flow of funds for everyday expenses, such as salaries. As a result, they couldn't pay the September salaries, the first time in the Diocese's history! FoM sent £7000 to help fill the gap before the funds start coming again from the parishes. It was a reminder of the fragility of funding in the Diocese and the need for long-term planning. **Please pray for sufficient funds to keep paying basic salaries**

FoM Way forward: We too, as trustees, are planning for the long-term future of our Trust and the support we have been giving for the past 12 years. We are hoping to open an account in Kenya, which provides interest. That will continue to support the Diocese in the future, after the Trust itself is wound up in a few years' time. We are holding a zoom meeting for anyone who is interested, to share how our planning is progressing. It will be at 7.30pm on January 27th
***Please let us know, if you would like to join us, and we will send you the link nearer the time.**

NB Mr. Lee and his mother-in-law are still missing. Please continue praying for their release

Thank you all so much for your prayer and support – it means so much, and I pray you are encouraged!
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