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Dear Pastor and Church Family:

Church Plant In Progress

This month, progress has been made out at Olkeri (ole-CARE-ee) where the Lord has put on our hearts to plant a church. For many years, the church buildings have been left unused. The property has had a caretaker living there to maintain the compound in which the church is located, but no maintenance has been done on the buildings. In the past few years while the church property had been unused, a neighbor put up a gate at the end of the access road. In general, a gate provides extra security; however, this gate blocks vehicle access to the church property. When the gate is opened, the open gate blocks the gate to the church property. The simple solution would be for the one that put up the gate to remove the gate; but we are in Kenya. Land grabbing is common and neighbors with disputes over property rights can get tied up in the court system for years. For example, our landlord has a piece of property that is undeveloped because he and another neighbor have been battling ownership in court for more than twenty years.



Considering how these matters go here in Kenya, we have been asking the Lord for His help in the matter of the gate and access to the church property. We are needing to make some repairs to the fence, build a toilet building, and make general repairs on the church building before we are able to meet there for services. A major obstacle to work being done was the gate blocking access for supplies to be delivered to the property. This week, Bro. B.J. and I were finally able to meet the owner, an older widow woman, in person after many unanswered calls and messages. We praise the Lord that the meeting went well, especially after the owner's sons arrived with the look of young men ready to put up a fight over the issue. Thankfully, our calm helped calm the young men down and we were able to have an honest conversation regarding the gate blocking rightful access.

By the end of our meeting, the family agreed to move the gate to allow us free access to the property. While this verbal agreement is an answer to prayer, we ask for prayer that the family will follow through on their word. In the meantime, we have begun work in replacing the fence. Though there is currently a fence, it is in such a state that it keeps nothing off of the property. For this reason, several things have been stolen from the property in recent years. We are putting up a fence first to protect the supplies from being stolen after they are delivered. While there are still some small hurdles to overcome, we are moving ahead trusting that the Lord has led us to Olkeri at this time to begin a church plant. Please pray with us as we are in the beginning stages of planting a church in Olkeri.

Thank you for your faithful prayer and financial support!

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