

Hello everyone, I wanted to tell you about my friend Tom Ondicho. I first met Tom about eight years ago. Tom was a student at the Nairobi Great Commission School in Nairobi. Tom was my student while I was teaching there. Tom worked as a night watchman and would ride his bicycle to school in the morning after working all night. This impressed me tremendously. He never complained about his situation, he just did all he could to gain skills and improve himself. Tom graduated and eventually got a job at school as a maintenance man. He worked tirelessly to help his church in Nairobi and to help lead others to Christ.

About a year ago Tom shared with me his desire to help plant a church back home in his rural area of Kisii. He planned, organized, prayed, and made a trip back to his rural home in order to share the gospel with his friends and neighbors there. He excitedly would tell me about the work there and the potential. After a short while and continued prayer, organization of teams to go and evangelize, and trips back home, some of his contacts there gave their lives to Christ and a church was started. The church is called Samaria Church of Christ. Tom continues to travel back to Kisii in order to keep teaching, leading, and evangelizing. He continues to grow as a leader and has taught leadership classes and seminars in other areas of Kenya. Seeing men and women like Tom grow as leaders, lead others to Christ, and plant churches is one of the amazing joys I get to experience as a missionary in Kenya. Just a few days ago Tom made another trip back to Kisii (a 7 hour trip) on a bus in order to teach, encourage, and share the gospel.

One of my favorite leadership quotes is by John Quincy Adams, "If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a **leader**." I think of Tom whenever I see this quote. Seeing leaders like Tom gives me great hope for Kenya and the future.

Zephaniah and Gladys Kittony continue to visit Tanzania in order to learn the Datooga language, build relationships, and gain important knowledge and understanding of the Datooga culture. The Datooga language is difficult but they are committed and determined. Please pray for them as they are pioneers, being the first missionaries supported by Kenyan churches. Being pioneers is challenging but rewarding.

We are doing well, continue to share the good news with street

children, and have made friends with some from Burundi who are now living in Kenya as refugees. They love reading and studying the Bible.

We are thankful for your partnership with us in sharing the gospel in Kenya. We would not be here if it were not for you! We sincerely thank you!

Until next time, The Conways





