

The Miathene/Rendille Trip 2018

Summary Report:

Partly because of the long journey and the desire to pick up Mucheru from Miathene, we passed by and spent the night at my little house with the four men who travelled with me – Diba, Kahure, Karwa and Teka. There is a good reason to believe that the church is doing well. Mucheru is highly regarded, going by the reports from the few members we interacted with.

Muthara church is now established with 12-22 people attending regularly. They have their own land and building. They still need to construct a toilet since, as it is, they use a private one. They desperately need a resident pastor. Meanwhile, the Elders in Miathene alternate every month to preach to them.

We met Bonface Kililo in Laisamis and found out that he has now established a church in a village near Laisamis. He is financially supported by a church in Oakland California. They have helped put up a temporary ironsheet church building and bought him a motorcycle. He regularly goes out on evangelism. He said that he went to some more theological training because we did not give him a certificate. I confessed that he has not completed the course!

We passed by Bulkash's home and met his wife. He was away in Merille and she told us that he works in Laisamis on Wednesdays and Fridays while he is in Merille on Tuesday and Thursday. We hoped to pass by on our way back. He offered to accommodate us after visiting Losidan.

The use of the 4X4 Land Cruiser was very helpful since we were able to easily move through the tough terrain to Korr, and the surrounding villages, even if the roads/tracks have been damaged by the heavy rain in the area. The waters of Malgis did not stop us, nor the many *lagga* (dry river bed)

We preached to 16 different groups of people in different villages. On the 18th we visited four different villages:

- a) Goob California. At the night when we arrived, after cooking, we went to preach the gospel at the nearby village of California. I had the opportunity of preaching here from 1 Timothy 2:5,6.
- b) Falkoren we preached to men and children. Mucheru preached here.
- c) We went to two different villages of Ongeli (past Falkoreen), which has recently split and preached to men and women separately. They passionately requested us for a church, now that there is a school nearby. The children can go to learn in the school while the older people can learn at church. Karwa and Kahure preached here.
- d) We also preached to men in Naaghan. On our way back to Korr, we found a group of more than ten men under a tree and we stopped by to share the gospel with them. Teka preached.
- e) On Monday we went out to various villages, including Tubcha (Ogom's village), Urogween and another nearby village. Diba and Maka requested to preach. At Urogween, we had a big group of men who had gathered under a tree. We sought to show the excellence and greatness of Jesus Christ's sacrifice. There were many questions, some of them very perceptive. We felt that the Lord is changing the hearts of these men. E.g. what is wrong with our religion especially *Soriyo*?

- f) Dubsaaahay Ndogo got our visit on Monday night. We thankfully got men in their Naabo, a few men had left but they came back. Another group of women and children was taught separately.

Lekuchula. We preached to the school children. The H/T, John was around and spoke with him while Tonny, Kahure and Teka taught the children. Later on we went to see Ntito. She has now recovered after the husband's death.

The raging water of Malgis, on our way back, was worse due to heavy rains in the Samburu hills. But thankfully a Toyota Hilux pickup had come through, I gathered the courage and went through. When we got to Ndikirr, we found that the road connecting Ndikirr and Lontolio had been completely damaged. We had to go through Laisamis but by the time we had lunch, it was not raining, it was pouring! So we cut short our journey and left for Nairobi instead of going to Losidan.

Various areas of evaluation:

1. I was very pleased by the work that the three brothers, Ogom, Godana and Nadesol are doing in progressing the cause of Christ. There is no doubt that they are fully committed to the work. The church is well reformed in public worship and if what we saw is how they always do it (and I have no reason for any doubts), then they are well-instructed in the Scriptures to keep to the narrow way.
2. I was very impressed by Diba and Madaraka. They preached very well and I wondered if one or both of them could be the answer to our prayers for leaders of the work in Rendille. I spoke with Diba with an aim of establishing whether his heart is burdened about his people's need for the gospel. While it is true that he has a significant burden, he would not want to spend his life as a preacher. He is looking for a job in Nairobi so that he may be useful to his mother and siblings financially.
3. It might help the church there to do the following:
 - 1) Complete the church building.
 - 2) Help in constructing the toilet closer to the church building.
 - 3) Begin a nursery school in Dubsaaahay Ndogo, with an aim of establishing a weekly Bible study there. There is good will with the village there, with a few people coming including two *wazees*. Since the village is close to the church, many could be drawn from there.
4. Eric Kahure should be sent there sometimes this year so that he can help Ogom in preaching, while Ogom takes the leave, preferably in August. This will also provide him with the necessary experience in church planting.
5. The costs of a trip like this is high. We spent just over 20K in fuel alone. It is very unlikely that travelling and visitation can support such a figure. Alternatively, it can be revamped if we would be able to cover all the areas of interest like Pokot, Turkana and Rendille.

Thanksgiving

1. We were able to visit these places in Meru and Marsabit counties. We trust that the labourers in these places were encouraged.

2. We successfully and safely crossed the Malgis. The Lord made wonderful provision in the car we used, thanks to Keith Underhill.
3. For Nadesol, Godana and Nadesol and their faithful labours there. There are also faithful members of the church including the young men who are unashamed of the gospel.
4. For the open door of ministry there.

Prayer

1. We brought the gospel to a number of police officers who stopped us on the way. Six different places! In each of the places we left some gospel literature.
2. That the Lord may move powerfully by His life-giving Spirit through the Rendille land. O may He bring His elect to light in order that they may embrace Jesus Christ.
3. That the Lord may be pleased to provide church leaders who may plant churches in places like Lekuchula, Losidan, Falkoreen/Ongeli among others.
4. That the brethren labouring in Korr may not be discouraged but would know that they are serving the Lord so that they do not grumble or complain. It is necessary to increase Ogom's monthly remuneration.
5. That the church in Korr may be stronger and stronger and that some of the young men who are completing their academics may be stirred to come into the ministry.

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Falkoreen: Joseph Mucheru preaching



Tubcha



Ongeli 1, Women



Ongeli 2 - Women



Naaghan



Korr Worship Service



Urogween men

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Lekuchula Primary