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Dear ministry partners,

Jesus clearly taught that His faithful followers were to obey God and bear "good fruit". One of the challenges of all ministry, and particularly cross-cultural ministry, is that faithful ministry may not bear good fruit for a very long time. One may even be a servant who faithfully "plants and waters" but is never privileged to "harvest" the increase God brings.

In 1996 when Barb and I took up residence in an unreached community in Northern Kenya, we prayed for obedience and faithfulness. We prayed for strength and endurance, and divine help and grace as we were confronted with our weakness and limitations. And we asked the Lord if he might allow us to see "good fruit" in that place in our lifetime... And He did.

Barb, Jade, and I spent Christmas with our Kenyan church family. The church is led by faithful men from different tribes which have been historically hostile to each other. Men who turned their backs on their tribal religions and turned to Christ, and then proceeded to model the Gospel to their unbelieving wives. Their sacrificial love, which they openly ascribed to Christ, eventually brought their wives to faith. They learned to read and write so they could study God's Word on their own. Then these believing Dads and Moms began teaching their children God's Word and modeling God's standard for his people and their families to their community, often through humanly unbearable testing and trials (ostracism from family, a child dying, a brother murdered by terrorists). And God added to the number of believers in that place.

For the past two years this new church has been without a resident pastor or missionary. The believers meet early before work each morning, Monday through Friday, to study the Bible together and pray. They have a great testimony in the community. They have stood, and continue to stand, against those who would bring false teaching and practices into the church. And the children who are growing up with Christian Moms and Dads are flourishing. They are respectful and joyful, and desire to represent their Savior well.

I look forward to the day when you will meet the "good fruit" resulting from your faithful partnership in the Gospel harvest.

Jim Teasdale
For the TMM Family