

The Edapals

Serving the Turkana community of North Western Kenya



Hello Family, Friends, and Partners,

For those of you just getting to know us, here is a quick overview of our ministry: the Turkana are a proud and strong people. They live in a harsh semi-arid area of North Western Kenya. They are historically nomadic, taking the livestock wherever they can find food and access to water. In 2004, we (Keshule, who is Turkana, and Ali, his wife) moved our family to the major town of Lodwar, in Kenya. With lots of prayers and trusting God over the years, we formed relationships with some wonderful people who have become integral to the work that we now continue to guide and support from the UK.

The Turkana Community ministry is involved in church planting, using the model of friendship, evangelism, discipleship and mentoring. We offer adult literacy classes for both church members and non-members, and minister through a community gardens. Boreholes with solar pump systems for water security and teaching people how to grow food are a huge part of the ministry. We are also involved in sponsoring children to attend high school and college (which is not available in the community), and have seen God's faithfulness to the commitments made in the realm of education.

In 2023, we partnered with World Renewal, through our good friend Drew Fitzpatrick. We are excited to get to know many of you, even from a distance. Thank you for your prayers and support!

Giving Opportunity

Below are young people that we have supported and are supporting through High School (5) and College (2). These young people are doing their community proud to realize their opportunities to embrace education beyond primary school, something they must travel outside the community to do. They work super hard and have all been doing well. We would like to continue to support these young people and others. Education is a tool we can give young people to become transformational within their communities. We see God at work in their spiritual lives and God fulfilling not only the dreams of these youth but the dreams that God gave us when he told us that we would see a rebuilding and restoration of families and communities and villages and peoples. Would you join in sponsoring these young people? It is around \$450 a year for high school and \$650 a year for college.

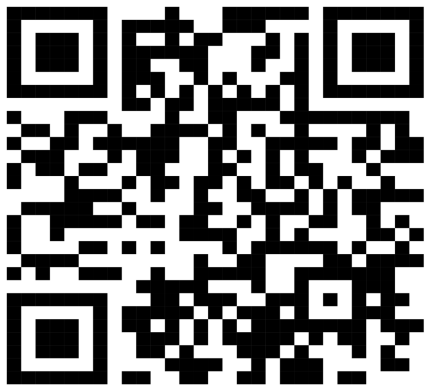




Family Update

Keshule: In January, Keshule's UK Visa Renewal was finally processed after nine months of prayer and trusting. He can now leave and re-enter the UK. Keshule is currently helping out at a local Garage, his "boss" is a kind-hearted Muslim man originally from Afghanistan. Keshule continues with his Interpretation Qualification and is sometimes contacted for Translation (Swahili) services. Keshule is planning a trip to Kenya in April for a month. He will spend time with the Pastors and Communities in Turkana. Keshule will monitor the various projects (Bees, Gardens and Literacy) and will facilitate some teaching for those planning to be baptised. There is a large number of new believers and the Pastors have asked Keshule to be a part of the proclamation and celebration baptism day.

Ali: Ali continues to work with young people who live in residential care. The young people have all experienced childhood trauma. The home Ali works in has three young people and a team of around 12 who support them. Ali loves her work and feels she is really part of a team. Ali has struggled with chronic pain for a many years and the last 6 months have been particularly tough. There are days when she uses a walking stick to get around. Other times it can be she just uses it for longer distances like going to the supermarket.



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Ben: In September 2023 Ben began working on his degree in Film and Media at The University of Sunderland, which is about two hours away from the rest of the family. He shares a flat with four other people and has taken to Uni life really well, as he even has a routine for his laundry and cooks his own meals! Ben has a passion for PC game playing, has an amazing eye for detail and thinks deeply and intricately about life. He will have his 22nd birthday in March.

Chloë: Chloë is working on her degree in Geography with Data Science at University College London. Chloë lives in a flat with four others in Central London not far from all the ionic landmarks. She does not have a lot of time for sightseeing, but enjoys going to the Theatre. She took an optional module at The London School of Oriental and African Studies, called Africa in the World. She is very drawn to East Africa. Chloë is dynamic, sociable and incredibly dedicated to what she puts her mind to. She turns 21 in August; she loves all things zebra!

Lydia: Lydia has overcome so much in the last four years! She had a "Stroke," then recovery, then brain surgery, then recovery again. She has worked hard to be able to walk and balance, and every day takes extra effort as the fatigue for acquired brain Injury can and is exhausting. Lydia is in her final year of High School and is on target to pass her exams very adequately to secure a place at college where she will study Criminology, Media and Psychology. Lydia loves cooking for people. She likes to visit her friends and she works hard with them to study for her upcoming summer exams. She keeps a really regulated routine which helps her fatigue, meaning she manages life very well. Lydia is determined, committed and loves her Kenyan heritage. In June Lydia will be 17.

