

NCM News and Prayer Update – December 2019

Dear Friends and Supporters of Nehemiah Construction Ministries,

I love saying “Thank you”. I love saying this to those I know – and also to those, I want to get to know better! You may think I am ahead of the game for Christmas, when actually I am summing up all that has taken place for NCM over the past months. Here’s the story. You may have already seen the video!

As you are aware, Les and John went back to Kenya in August and September, initially without any specific plans, but trusting GOD to make the way clear on 3 matters – (i) to continue the important repairs and necessary maintenance on the Drilling Rig, the Support vehicle and the 4X4, (ii) to pray and learn of the future work of NCM operation in Kenya, and (iii) depending on (ii), to drill a borehole at Ol-Kalou. Your prayers were requested.

48 hours after their arrival, after periods of Bible readings and prayers together and with their colleague Zeddys Samson, ‘listening to the voice of the Holy Spirit’, an important text message from a trusted UK supporter was received ‘to break the curse that had been put on the rig whilst Les was back in the UK after his last visit’. Over the next few days, this was agreed and acted upon after further prayer, by making tentative plans to make sure the equipment was working, insured and taxed, mobilising the rest of the drilling crew and other preparations to drill at Ol-Kalou. On Monday 21st August, recognising the ‘spiritual battle’ concerning this situation - as Wahungu, the invaluable Christian mechanic of the team, having been involved in an accident requiring hospital treatment - and so in the company of visiting pastors – they prayed together with anointing over all the equipment and upon themselves. It was a very significant time for the Charity and the work .

The next two weeks brought both unexpected joys and also testing challenges: Wahungu returned; the air brake equipment on the truck revealed that important repairs and replacement parts and maintenance were needed; frustration and disappointment bordered on despair but GOD spoke with a message of encouragement and support and so the preparatory work with the remaining team members continued. All the engines started first time, the paperwork was completed and the purchase of supplies, fuel and loading was completed. On Monday 2nd September, after a communion service, the Rig and Support vehicle left the compound on its journey to Ol-Kalou, via Zeddy’s house in Kitale to collect extra rods. However, in the late afternoon, Wahungu reported that the brakes on the support vehicle were sticking again – and the team returned to the compound. Heartfelt disappointment was mixed with gratitude to be back in a secure location but it took the rest of the week to repair the brake John started his return to the UK by overnight bus to Nairobi on Sunday 8th and the small convoy of Rig and Support vehicles left for Ol-Kalou the next day. Both reached at their destinations safely and the drilling team were joined by Les and Zeddys who had followed the trucks by bus. They arrived to find that drilling had begun – down to 60m – but in the wrong location. After being correctly re-sited to the front of the compound as surveyed and previously agreed, drilling was started with no real issues apart from some on-the-job repairs which Wahungu repaired and good progress was made.

Wahungu & Francis drove back to Kitale to pick up extra rods and the next day drilled to 130m (dry), then to 143m and hit water. Drilling went to a depth of 150m. Realising that a Hand Pump could not be installed on top of a borehole this depth, the team continued to drill to 165m so that a submersible electric pump could be installed into a large aquifer. All this took place under direct supervision of both Zeddys and Les. The submersible pump would be connected to the local house electrical supply. Electrical power installation in the area was imminent. The team flushed the hole clear, concreted it, welded a cap and left: job done. They returned to Kitale rejoicing and thanking the Almighty GOD for such grace, such power, such faithfulness, such authority. Jude 24 – 25.

And so, we thank you and thank you and thank you again for your valued support, loving concern, encouraging prayers and persevering faith. This has been the end of a new start for NCM and we thank the LORD for lessons learned, grace received and the promises for His future work through our shared operations in Kenya.

Currently, we are preparing for Les’ return after New Year and we are very grateful to the Zurich Community Trust for extending the grant period to include this proposed visit.

We would be grateful for your generous continued prayers and trust you find the following helpful.

Sunday – we thank and praise to the Almighty GOD for His rule over all things – great and small and rejoice in His faithfulness to us and the desire we have been given to serve Him in this way. Please pray for the Trustees – John, Les, Brian, Will and Richard – and their calling to grow NCM, that the work of the Charity at home and abroad will contribute greatly for the flourishing of the people of Turkana and Pokot.

Monday – we thank and praise the Almighty GOD for the strong relationship in Christ and through the Holy Spirit He has given to us as His people so that we can pray for His will to be done in all things for His Glory. Please pray for the protection of each member of the teams in Kenya and the UK as they go to live out the good news of Christ by their operations in many hostile or diffident environments.

Tuesday – we thank and praise the Almighty GOD for His generosity and grace by which we may receive from Him, all we need to serve Him within our calling. Please pray for the connections which Les and John are developing with various Christian individuals, groups and services in Kenya that we will be directed to work alongside them in the development of the drilling operations there. Pray for Rick Strickland and family, a long-term resident church planter graciously serving in many inhospitable locations.

Wednesday - we thank and praise the Almighty GOD for His willingness and faithfulness to direct our paths, to understand and heed our calls in His forgiveness for our weaknesses, frailties and protection against the challenges of the enemy. Please pray for the wonderful drilling team Wahungu the mechanic. Francis, Mohammed and and their supervisor Zeddys that their walk with the LORD will grow along with their skills and positive attitudes towards this work especially with the use of and care for the equipment they use.

Thursday – we thank and praise the Almighty GOD for His wonderful power working in us to do far more than we can ever ask for or imagine in order to carry out the good works He has prepared for us. Please pray for the physical mental and spiritual health of Les and his family as he prepares to return to Kenya in January – and that he will discover ‘opportunities and open doors’ for the growth of this work.

Friday – we thank and praise the Almighty GOD for sending His Son Jesus the Christ to redeem us completely and pull us back to Himself and His right ways when we screw things up. Pray for the team in Kenya and the team including all supporters and friends of NCM in the UK that we all seriously seek GOD’s will for the smallest to the greatest of each activity.

Saturday – we thank and praise the Almighty GOD for His boundless love for all His Creation, people who know Him and those who don’t (yet) know Him and His desire to bring them all to His abundant life. Please pray for the necessary finances, equipment and other resources for living and working, people in partnerships and for the people we endeavour to serve, by obtaining clean and constant water and by witnessing and explaining the offer of the ‘water of life’.

And here is a daily prayer: Thanks be to Thee, my LORD Jesus Christ, for all the benefits Thou hast given me, For all the pains and insults which Thou hast borne for me; O most merciful Redeemer, Friend and Brother, these three things I pray – that I may know Thee more clearly, love Thee more dearly and follow Thee more nearly, day by day.

Thank you so much. Les, John, Brian, Will, Richard and the Kenyan team.

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