

# BEGINNINGS & ENDS

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See if you can find 12 **ends** and 12 **beginnings** in this update!

## Graduation

Congratulations to the 5 GECK (Gospel Evangelical Church of Kenya) graduates! This group nearly dissolved, but five pastors determined to continue. They covered their own expenses for travel, lodging, and food, and they committed themselves to learning, prayer, and implementation. They have now taken it upon themselves to convince all GECK congregations to be trained and are already training 18 more churches! What a testament to their perseverance to the **end** & belief in the transformation that only Christ can **begin** to their communities.

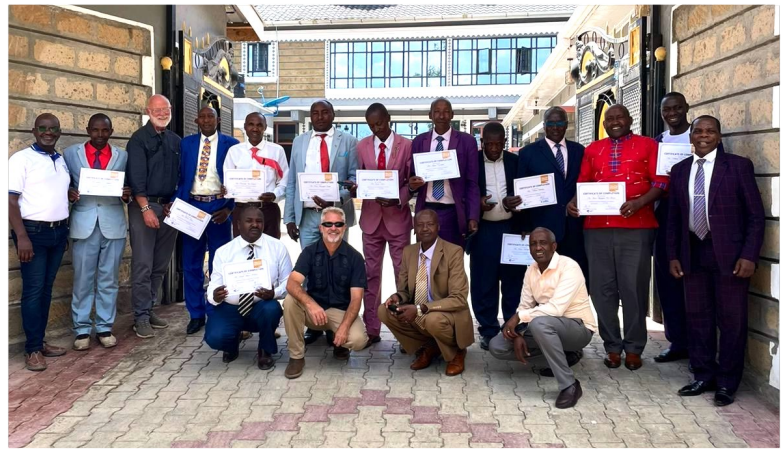
## Transformation

Twelve Ndorobo pastors from rural churches began the TCT training in 2020 and have seen a significant shift in the mindsets of their congregations. Here's one way they see change:

***“ In our culture, men do not help the women. But after the TCT marriage lesson, our men wanted to obey God and have changed! Our families are now stronger”***

-Pastor Petero, AIC Ndorobo

Please pray as they **begin** to experience transformation!



## From Kenya to... Nicaragua!

We celebrated the first two TCT graduations here in Kenya with the GECK and Ndorobo pastors. We are so thankful for the commitment and perseverance of these groups! With COVID setbacks, their 5-year training took seven years. We were encouraged that they believed the training was worth the extra time and effort. What a great **ending** to their training and **beginning** to their impact!

Paul was invited to train 80 pastors and staff from Compassion International, Nicaragua. He was able to brush up on his Spanish with only one embarrassing (and hilarious) translation mistake. The training was a huge success and Compassion Nicaragua is making plans to train over 200 churches in Truth Centered Transformation over the next five years. It was truly a time of mutual encouragement and a new **beginning**!



## FAMILY UPDATE



GUESTS' LUGGAGE DIDN'T ARRIVE, SO ELIZABETH SHARED CLOTHES & HAD 3 LOOK-ALIKES!



A TINY SAMPLING OF INMAN'S WORK.



THE NO-FISH FISHING TRIP.



THE "BANE OF OUR EXISTENCE:" AP CHEM. We'll all be happy when this one ends.



ONE OF MANY MEALS SHARED WITH FAMILY.

As per usual, a lot has been going on so we'll just highlight a few of the major family happenings. **Here are the top 5:**

1. Two of Paul's cousins and their families joined us over the Christmas holidays. We had an incredible time together, and it was hard to see our time **end**.
2. Inman started making wooden jewelry with several types of local wood. Our friend is now selling them in her upscale store in Nairobi ([themoyostore.com](http://themoyostore.com)). Stay tuned as Inman hopes to **begin** a web-based store!
3. Simeon turned 12 and loved his father/son camping and fishing trip up in the Aberdare Mountains. This marks the **end** of little-boyhood and the **beginning** of young-manhood! No fish, but a good time!
4. Owen has had a heavy academic workload this year, and is ready for this school year to **end**. Isaiah keeps finding interesting things to keep him busy, like **beginning** a new worm farm!
5. We have completed half of our new office and guest room. We are yet to install the bathroom and shower, but we hope to start work on that phase soon. The **end** is in sight so we can **begin** hosting!



SUNSET ATOP MT. OLOKWE WITH COUSINS. A glorious **end** after the **beginning** of a difficult hike!

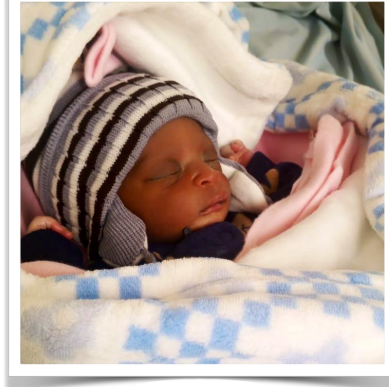
## PERSONAL PRAISE & PRAYER



Paul oversaw the installation of a new pump to our shared property's borehole, since the old one reached it's **end**. The pump serves five houses in our community. **We are so thankful for safe and steady access to WATER!**



Juma (R), has worked with us for over 10 years! His son was badly burned on his arm at their home in Tanzania. Juma travelled home to his family, and his son has since recovered and is doing well. **We thank God for providing necessary health care and healing.**



Shadrach, who has worked with us for seven years, welcomed a new baby boy into his family last month. A beautiful new **beginning!** Elizabeth arranged prenatal and delivery care at the mission hospital & accompanied several appointments. After some complications and a C-section, baby arrived and was named after our **Isaiah!** Mama and baby are healthy and happy, and **we feel so honored!**

Paul's role as regional director for TCT will be coming to an **end** as he plans to hand over to an East African colleague. This has always been the goal, and it's time! He hopes to hand over in early summer.

We will continue working with Reconciled World, but Paul's role will change. In the interim, we will have a short season of sabbatical and discernment for how he will best be used within the organization. **Please pray for this process to be smooth and life-giving and that it will lead to a great new beginning!**

Inman is nearing the **end** of his senior year! He has been accepted to several very great schools and has received excellent academic scholarships! We are very proud of the young man he has become, and we are excited for what new **beginnings** will unfold! **Please pray for us and for Inman as he finalizes his decisions about what's next!**

This year has FLOWN by, and it seems unreal that we might be flying to the U.S. again soon. **Please pray that the school year would end well and that God would direct our summer plans with joy and not too much stress!**

