

## Among the Maasai

“My father was the village witch doctor and had five wives” is a great start to anyone’s story of faith – and so it proved when David Ole Kereto came into our Wells office to meet us to plan *Rooted in Jesus* work among 300 churches in 3 Dioceses of the Covenant Church International in Kenyan Maasailand, scheduled for March 2009. “I was his first-born, and therefore the one to be apprenticed by him as the next witch doctor in the village”. David, or Tiway as he was then named, carefully learned from his father all the spells and curses, and was doing a fine job in his apprenticeship – but then it all went wrong (or right).



His best friend from primary school, Daniel, became a Christian. David/Tiway could see the difference. When Daniel invited him to a Christian meeting he took a bit of persuading because “Christianity and witchcraft can’t mix”, but eventually agreed to go on condition that he could hide away at the back. But God wasn’t having that. It was the first time David/Tiway had ever experienced the inside of a church, or seen Christian worship; but it was the speaker who did for him, under God. When he invited a response David/Tiway found himself propelled by the Spirit to the front, to kneel in front of him - to the shock of the assembly. From that moment everything changed. Nothing would ever be the same again.

David described to us how he “was attacked by demons on the way home” but Daniel was with him, and he knew he was safe. Not so safe at home, though, when the village elders encouraged his father to kill him. David ran away to save his life, was sheltered by Christians, trained at Bible College and 8 years later returned to his village proclaiming the good news of Jesus Christ, to “save his family from the lake of fire”. He started his first church, and saw many come to the Lord. The Church grew rapidly, spreading across the Maasai area – and now he believes it needs the systematic teaching brought by a SOMA team comprising Alison Morgan, Andy Sachs, Martin Cavender and Tanzanian evangelist Erasto Mollel, using ReSource’s tried and tested *Rooted in Jesus* material. Please pray for us as we seek to support this brave man and his growing number of ministers in bringing the truth of Christ to this part of Kenya.

Martin Cavender, December 2008

Rooted in Jesus will be used in both Swahili and Masai



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