

Missionary Trip to East Africa – March 2006  
“Always Another Drop of Oil”  
Elder Russ Reid

We arrived in Kenya, and learned that Elder Eric O\*'s sister, Ester, had died and Elder Sam A\* met us at the airport, and we went to Kisumu. On Saturday we went to Eric O\*'s homestead for the funeral. After the service, I was impressed not to go eat with the other men and I stayed sitting under the canopy. I was soon surrounded by friends and neighbors, including two ministers from other churches. We engaged in a discussion on the Restoration, in which I was able to introduce the Book of Mormon. One minister had been a friend of Eric O\* for many years and was very interested in knowing more about the book. He expressed a desire to have one and was given a missionary copy of the Book of Mormon the next day. On Sunday, Elder Doug P\* and I went to Ahero, where he taught a class on Covenant and I preached. After the service, we met with the priesthood for about one and a half hours and shared on church organization for which they seemed to be very concerned about. We traveled to Oyugis on Monday, and spent some time with the priesthood in the afternoon, then we shared with a family Sr. Elly has been sharing with, as well as others who gathered in the home. On Tuesday, we went to Nyalenda and had a really great session with a group there. We covered the whole story of the church from the beginning to the Restoration, the Covenant and much more, including a discussion on polygamy. Next stop was Sotik, where Bro. Doug made several copies of his Covenant Teaching, to leave with the priesthood. In the afternoon, we had a long session at Bro. Nelson's home, followed that evening with another gathering at Bro. Leonard's home. Both were well attended, with much interest and many questions, and a good Spirit present in both meetings. Then it was back to Kisumu where we administered to Bro. Eric's aunt again. She is finally awake and alert. One of her sons and a cousin went back to the "Y" with us, where we had a class with them, and also a young man who works at the "Y", and wanted to know about our beliefs. We traveled to Chemameil and shared with a large group there and administered to a young lady who was said to have a bad spirit. We stopped at Bro. Caleb's on the way back and had a sharing service with the people there. We traveled back to Ouygis on Sunday, where I spoke for the service, which was followed by a baptismal service, and then a confirmation and ordination service. Bros. Doug P\* and Micah B\* had left for Tanzania, Kenya's neighbor to the southwest, and Bro. Doug S\* and I headed for Uganda, Kenya's neighbor to the northwest. Taxis, bikes and soldiers were the sights of the day of travel. We got rooms in a hotel, and the next day we went by bike to Busoba, Uganda. Bro. Doug S\* and I taught classes and had several administrations. On our return trip, we encountered heavy rains, and with our bikes providing no protection we were all thoroughly soaked. The next day we went to Namakambo where we both taught again and then Bros. William, Elli, Doug and I shared testimonies. In the process of having several more administrations, our vials of oil became empty, with several administrations still to be done. As we continued to administer to the people, each time we tipped our vials to anoint with oil, there was always another drop of oil. Our next stop was Nauyo, where we shared more and had more administrations. The next day we returned to Nauyo, as there had been an interest expressed for the discussion of ordinances and

stewardship. Bro. Doug and I took turns teaching and leading the discussion. We then returned to Kenya, but during the trip a school girl stepped in front of our vehicle and was struck. She was not hurt, but someone in the gathering crowd threw a very large rock at our vehicle as we drove away. We ran out of gas, and arrived late at Kisumu. The next day we returned by bus, to Nairobi, the capital. Sunday I spoke at a communion service in downtown Nairobi, and then Bro. Doug S\* spoke at the ordination service. I was the spokesman for the ordination of Bro. Patrick to the office of Priest, and Bro. Doug was the spokesman for the ordination of Bro. Maurice to the office of Teacher. Bro. Doug P\* then taught a class on covenant. Back at Bro. Eric's home that evening the priesthood gathered for a class on church organization. Monday, Bro. Doup P\* and I went to Peter and Aqueline's home and shared scriptures and testimonies, and Hudson joined us on this visit. Returning to Bro. Erik's home that evening we had quite a discussion with Bros. Erik O\*, Tom N\* and Joseph, on where the church is going. Tuesday, Bro. Micah B\* and I went out to Kayole and shared with the people there. Bro. Doug P\* had left for Nigeria and Bro. Doug S\* was busy with paper work. Back at Bro. Erik's home, two young men showed up and I spent some time with them on various scriptures.