

**Dear MEA Prayer Supporters,**

**MAASAI EVANGELISTIC ASSOCIATION** is **VERY** disturbed when more than 500 agitated Maasai women in the remote village of Narok County held a protest yesterday advocating **FOR** female genital mutilation and demanding that the government allow them to freely practice FGM. This remote village is the very area in which "MEA" works to intervene on behalf of Maasai girls and young women who are facing female genital mutilation and forced marriages. This protest comes barely a month after a 13-year-old girl died in a botched FGM ritual in the same area and several adults, including her guardians were arrested for being involved. However, the women maintain that death is a rare occasion and only happens when the parents have a curse.

Maasai Evangelistic Association will **NEVER** give up on this battle to fight against FGM, regardless of the setbacks. We must continue to say **NO** to FGM and **YES** to **EDUCATION** and offer education and empowerment to the girls and women of the Maasai Tribe who wish to escape this practice..

We ask that you continue joining and supporting MEA in the fight **AGAINST FGM** here in Maasailand by supporting our **MAASAI RESCUE CENTRE**. Funds are urgently needed to run the Centre and a construction of a big dining room and kitchen. We hope to accommodate more girls in August and we can only do that if we meet the above two very important needs. Your support will be highly appreciated.