



MUMIAS KENYA 2016 NEWSLETTER PART 1

BEHOLD!!!A CONFLUENCE OF MANY STREAMS: MAY THE RIVER FLOW

It gives me great Joy to speak to you again from this mission's desk. The Lord has been exceedingly good to us. 2016 Reformation Conference (REFCON) has drawn its curtains few days ago. Many of you know that this is our annual flagship event. We have thought to present these reports to you in two parts. This first installment will give a Historical background to the work here and hopefully put in context what the work here is all about. We think this will put you in good stead to better appreciate the reports that will come in part two of this re-

port—primarily about REFCON 2016. About nine years ago the Lord saved my soul and pulled me out of vain religion and a false ministry which I had exercised for well over 17 years. I knew then that the calling of my life would be to strive to bring the light of the authentic Gospel to our people here in Kenya and beyond. The Lord not only used Billy and Tessa Sked to bring me the saving Gospel of my salvation (Ephesians 1:13), but He was pleased to use them in many ways to teach me “...*more adequately the ways of the Lord*”.

My heart overflows with Joy at the mere memory of

Pastor Keith Underhill (above Right) God used him for three solid years when I sat under his patient tutelage: a rabid Arminian, being weaned as it were from the poison of heresy. We remain in your debt. The Gospel of God's Grace in the face of His Son has gone far and wide in the intervening years, from schools and colleges, to church-



RIGHT: DELEGATES WHO ATTENDED THIS YEAR'S REFORMATION CONFERENCE 2016 AT MUMIAS KENYA

es that are presently struggling to extricate themselves from the slavery of heresy and false religion. From Uganda, Burundi and even the Democratic republic of Congo; God's Gracious offer of salvation has gone that far since then. Churches have been planted within our country Kenya led by men who have themselves tasted and have been persuaded on the Doctrines of Grace.



BILL & TESSA SKED

BOOT CAMP WE CALL WTC

Wisdom Training Center (WTC) was birthed for the purpose of multiplying our outreach. It is more of a Boot Camp College where men come to not only learn, but also to experience the saving Gospel of Christ. Pastors and church leaders of varying ranks have in the past six years been greatly challenged, some have testified of finding the Lord (or being found of the Lord) as they wrestled with the God of the Scriptures and the authentic Gospel of their salvation.

Many have paid a high price for the faith they have been granted by Christ. Some have been interdicted by their churches; some have died for this faith. We remember Pastor Daniel who was accused to the police of disturbing the peace of a registered society (Church) and by police brutality did not survive two weeks after release from custody. So the Gospel has gone forth in its characteristic fashion; graciously saving souls from the peril of eternal

hell, but presently exposing those same souls to temporal perils and afflictions. Make no mistake peo-

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ple of God, persecution is as rife today as any other time in the long and checkered history of the Christian Church; where persecution has appeared lessened, one can almost always find compromise and unfaithfulness to the genuine cause of Christ.

GATHERING AROUND THE MANDATE

Once again we stood in great hope for the Gospel cause at this years Refcon, when we looked at 37 men and women graduating and many going forth into frontline active ministry. This is the mandate on Gospel Missions Agency (GMA) and Wisdom Training Center (WTC). In this mandate we have been joined and supported by Billy and Tessa Sked, very much integral part and parcel of this work. Billy and Tessa Sked are to be sure part of the Missions team here and we think of them in that way. We especially call to mind the constant and dependable support of our church family at Hervey Bay Bible Church in Queensland Australia. Much good has come from our partnership: not only financial support but also the kind of Infrastructural inputs that will go a long way in firming the work here and accrediting our courses. These all taken together have been the winds beneath our sails. Pastor Terry Arnold, brother Ray Ozich, Mark Rosier and the entire leadership and membership of HBBC,



we thank you from the bottom of our hearts.



IN THE 'SIMILITUDE' OF PAUL'S ARREST

When I first saw the light and was truly converted. God sent me close to 1000km back to the church that launched me into the pastorate, and to the leader who commissioned me. Pastor Barnabas was soon to be arrested by the Gospel of Gods saving Grace. No doubt a conversion that would have far reaching effects to the work of reform in Kenya and the coastal city of Mombasa in particular. God has blessed Barnabas with an intelligent mind and a studious personality. With the support of Billy and Tessa



Sked, he too would be brought under the tutelage of Pastor Keith Underhill at Trinity Baptist Church's Pastors Theological College in Nairobi. The work of Reform and restoration of Biblical religion has been phenomenal. Gospel Missions Agency Church after a long period of patient teaching has embraced the Biblical faith (the doctrines of Grace) over the years.

WTC MOMBASA WAS AN EPOCHAL MILESTONE

I was at the coastal City last June to inaugurate the maiden class of WTC in Mombasa. 27 students (most of them pastors) had enrolled. We have since been buoyed by various reports of men and women being converted in those engaging classes which pastor Barnabas teaches. Early February when I had gone down to do lectures and attended the Church service, we heard a heart lifting testimony of brother Mwayele (a student who had come to know Christ during his studies at WTC). Few days ago during Refcon 2016 here at Mumias, Barnabas was telling me of a lady 'pastor' who had just tendered in her resignation from that post the week before, to her denomination's 'Apostle' saying she "could no longer live in blatant rebellion to the revealed light of Holy Scripture". Out of an initial 27 students who enrolled for WTC, we shall this coming August at REFCON-Mombasa chapter be graduating 26 of them. This is an incredible retention rate! Barnabas tells me they

"...And the word of the Lord grew mightily and prevailed"
-Acts 19:20

have this early in the day received 34 applications for the next intake in June 2016, and we think that number could go much higher after REFCON this coming August. Many prayers and support needed for the Coastal outpost



IN LEAPS AND BOUNDS:SPREADING THE WINGS

The church in Mombasa (picture top right) under the leadership of Pastor Barnabas reached out 30km northwards to the interiors of a small town called Kilifi. Here again God would arrest another Key person with the Gospel of Grace-Pastor Patrick Wafula (Pictured below with Billy and Tessa Sked), a man we could only describe as a faithful plodder. Working in extremely challenging circumstances, God has whittled down his hitherto sizeable congregation to a small group of men and women committed to Biblical Truths and the reformed faith. Please pray for this man Patrick as he has paid a heavy price to make the Gospel known to the Giriama community in which he serves (a fairly remote area and largely an illiterate and heavily impoverished people).

The onward march of the Gospel has never been impeded under the command of its author Jesus Christ, what hope and confidence fills our hearts in this regard!!!



"For necessity is laid upon me, woe is me if I preach not the Gospel.."-I Cor 9:16



From Mumias to the outskirts, let it shine



The Lord has allowed us to see much fruit from this nerve center here at Mumias. Space would not allow a full disclosure of the doings of the Lord amongst us. Wisdom Training Center has 2 other satellite branches-Maraba and Sabatia. A course is available for those who wish to study by email correspondence in the WTC on line program. Churches have been planted and the Genuine Gospel is penetrating the dark interiors of our land, Praise God!!!

More recruits for the harvest field-

Mumias Reformation Conferences and the WTC online training program yielded special trophies of God's Grace. Two leading men were captured by the glorious Gospel of Gods saving Grace in the lakeside City of Kisumu (Kenya's 3rd largest city). Formerly Charismatic pastors; Aloice Oginga Nyadol and Justus Wasuna Olango have become the point men

in the flickering flames in the immediate outskirts of the lake side city . Three congregations have been firmly set on the path of reform and Biblical religion (Obambo, Chula Imbo and Miranga churches). Both men have testified to the new birth experience followed by an impartation of inflamed hearts for the genuine Gospel of Gods saving Grace. Kisumu city has since hosted Reformation Conferences



and several Online WTC studies.

We have much hope for this city. Please pray for these two men

PIC ABOVE: Justus Olango

New frontiers, new bases

It was a delight 2 years ago to launch forth Pastor Duncan Oduori Okola to a village west of Mumias, after his completion of the course here at WTC Mumias. Land was purchased there, church house built and pastoral residence also completed. It gives us great joy to see this community of faithful people struggling to know Christ in a truer way and endeavoring to make Him known in their locality.




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Until the harvest is in and barns be full- "Go ye..."



October last year was a special month as we also launched into frontline ministry one of our elders here at Mumias-Pastor Noah Nyongesa. He is raising the new work in Sabatia (15

km southwest of Mumias). This is very strategic as this place is also host to one of the satellite WTC centers in the region. The church also acts as support base for WTC outreach within Butere district

This coming May (two weeks away) we shall be launching our brother Gabriel Wambani in Otiato (a small village south of Mumias). Pastor Gabriel just graduated with a diploma from WTC last week, and has for a few months been laying the ground work for the church plant. Many prayers needed in this respect as logistics are not only costly but also very complex. Three weeks ago I was invited to speak to a group of former 'Bible college students' who began to suspect that what they were taught in the Arminian college was a sub-Christian theology. They now have asked that we help them as a group to know God and His Gospel in a better way. Brother Andrew Awiti who has in the recent past revived our fellowship is keen on establishing a permanent work within the City of Kisumu. I have been privileged to have a number of seminars and conferences In Eldoret, Naivasha and Nakuru (these are major towns in the former Rift Valley province). Again here the logistics of responding to the growing Gospel needs have minimized our responses. 

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Oh! that we would be strengthened!!!

Join us in fervent prayer for these;

1. Thank God for a hugely successful Refcon, which just ended few days ago-reports of which comes to you in part two of this newsletter
2. We need wisdom as we seek to bring Biblical truths to our own people
3. Provision for the two church plants slated for this year (Otiato and Matungu)
4. Refcon Mombasa and Kisumu chapters coming up
5. All WTC centers direly need financial resources to roll out the programs
6. We are keen on Stocking WTC library here at Mumias, so we need good solid books
7. We have launched a book project for WTC students and alumni. We aim to help them build a library of basic books, especially commentaries. So far in last year's alumni and this years Conference we gave 78 students commentaries on Luke, John and Ephesians in the Swahili language

Part two of this newsletter comes to you in the course of next week (GW)

In His majesty's service

Pastor Elly Achok Olare

For missions team