

'PRAY FOR KENYA' - DECEMBER 2017

24 Sunday Ministry in **Nairobi**: Eric Abwao is preaching in the morning, and in the early afternoon there will be separate Family and Youth Fellowships.

25 Monday We have a **Christmas Day service** at the usual time of 11 a.m. There are people who come just for this service so it is a wonderful opportunity to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ. Nairobi is generally very quiet over Christmas and the New Year with many people going to their homes 'up-country', where we trust our brethren will be faithful witnesses.

26 Tuesday Many new **members** were added in 2017, although a few left us, either by transfer or excommunication. Most are young adults, either in College or recently graduated. The Elders need much wisdom in leading them through this period of life where there is much change, and we long that each one will contribute in service to the saints.

27 Wednesday With a number of weddings in 2017, we have new **families** in the church who must establish godly homes amidst all the daily struggles of life in a city such as Nairobi. As you pray for them, please pray that the Christian **School** we have started especially for the children of our members will continue and grow and be a powerful spiritual force.

28 Thursday Upendo Reformed Baptist Church at **Oyani** is a member of the RBAK. They want us to pray for a permanent church building, as their old mud one was destroyed by rain, and for more labourers to take hold of the many opportunities for gospel work.

29 Friday O give thanks to the LORD, for He is good; for His lovingkindness is everlasting. Whatever we have gone through in 2017, the Lord has been good, and all has been for our good, although no discipline for the moment is joyful. We cannot know what is in store for 2018, but we do know it will be a further preparation for glory that we have been promised.

30 Saturday Titus was instructed to set in order what remains and appoint **elders**. There are only two elders resident in the Nairobi Church and with a membership of at least 110 and many ministries there is a great need for additional elders. There are also no official elders in the Pokot North Churches and we are very desirous to get the process started but there seems to be a reluctance.

31 Sunday Ministry in **Nairobi**: Eric Abwao & Elias Otieno will minister the word on this last day of the year. May the Lord help them to preach relevantly. Everyone will be invited to take part in the fellowship meal between the services.

EA = Eric Abwao, KU = Keith Underhill, MI = Murungi Igweta (Pastors of TBC Nairobi)

TBC = Trinity Baptist Church; TPC = Trinity Pastors' College

RBAK = Reformed Baptist Association of Kenya

You can get more information by visiting <http://www.trinitybaptistkenya.org>

1 Friday **EA** was re-evaluated as an Elder at the church meeting held on 18th November, and requested to continue his ministry. He is now back from his 6 months Sabbatical and is well refreshed for the task ahead of him in the Eldership. Pray for him and his family, and for **MI** who is on leave for all of December.

2 Saturday There is a **Men's Breakfast** at TBC from 8.00 am. The **Elders & the Deacons** have a retreat to review the year and plan for 2018. Much wisdom is needed and grace to seek to serve the Lord in His church.

3 Sunday **Ministry** in Nairobi: EA is taking both morning Sunday School and the morning service. John Muketha will be preaching in the afternoon. We trust that the Lord will bless these labours and give much fruit in the edification of the saints and salvation of sinners.

4 Monday **Simon Ochieng** labouring in Funyula reports of his struggles to support his family amidst the unsettled times of elections. It is difficult to take up all the opportunities of preaching. Yet there are reasons to be encouraged as two more groups have come under TBC registration – Bukhalalire and Ogina. The leaders are very excited about the truths of the Word of God.

5 Tuesday About 6 times a year a **Fraternal** is held for Pastors in the Liverpool area with about 8-12 attending. This morning KU is speaking on 'Unreached Peoples' of the world, something others will not have had any personal contact with. Most churches are struggling just to keep going, but perhaps they need to be more outward looking.

6 Wednesday **David Ng'etich** is working hard to plant a church in Kericho town. He has a few contacts with whom he has a Bible Study twice a month. He has requested a close partnership with TBC Nairobi. We pray that he will not be discouraged if some of the people come and go but will soldier on. They are looking into 3 possibilities for a regular meeting place.

7 Thursday **Charles Awelo** was sent to South Nyanza to work for a month with Daniel Ngollo and strengthen the work in the area. There are four churches there – Osani, Nyakwaka, Thimlich and Wath Orango – and only Ngollo is trained. A number of men have started the TPC but have not been able to continue.

8 Friday The Church at **Chepkinagh**, and the community, have agreed that Trinity Baptist Church sponsors a secondary school, to be called Chelopoy Trinity Boys. There is also the need for a permanent church building for the growing congregation, and the students. Samuel Waswa is there as a 'missionary' helping the leader, Andrew Chemolok. There are photos of the Chepkinagh ministry at www.trinitybaptistkenya.org/chepkinagh.

9 Saturday The political temperature has been high in **Kenya** after the nullification of the presidential election. The repeat election was boycotted by the main opposition who refuse to recognize the elected president. This has left the country deeply divided. Many have been killed and others injured as a result. There are even talks of secession. May the Lord help Christians to be firm in the faith and life, fervent in prayer and faithful in shunning evil during these evil days.

10 Sunday (1) Ministry in **Nairobi**: John Muketha is preaching in the morning while Dominic Kabaria is preaching in the afternoon. (2) Ministry in **Mombasa**: MI is in Mombasa with his family to witness the setting apart of an American brother, Jeff Myers, to be an Elder in the Gospel Missions Agency Church along with Barnabas Olare. The church is going in the right direction as regards reformation.

11 Monday (1) **KU** is leading the Belvidere Road preachers class on Persuasion in Preaching. (2) The Kisumu **Family Conference** begins today with Conrad Mbewe from Zambia and Luke Walker from the USA speaking. It is expected that many more will be attending and we pray for the organizers, Grace Baptist Church, to be able to cope with these increasing numbers.

12 Tuesday Having sent Stanley & Roy to **Korr** for the month of October, we are considering sending Stanley with his family in January since Roy has declined, at least for the moment, in light of the difficulties of the area. It would be a big commitment on Stanley's part, and also on our part financially.

13 Wednesday A Youth Camp is happening at **Miathene** with a few young people from TBC led by Gaitano Mbatia involved. Pray that this will impact these young lives and turn out to be of much encouragement to the church and their leaders, Joseph Mucheru, Joshua Kairithia and Paul Kianji.

14 Thursday The church recently has been nominating a few young men to the **diaconate** in Nairobi. We are still considering the men who have been nominated with an aim of bringing them before the church for discussion and approval. We are so thankful that there are so many who are already serving the Lord in the church so that many have been mentioned as possibilities.

15 Friday Kevin Oruru has been working hard to make sure that the church in **Vote** has a church building. The church there is very encouraged and were able to meet inside 26th. November for the first time! We pray that this will give impetus to the work so that more are drawn to the grace of Christ. For photos please go to www.trinitybaptistkenya.org/reports.

16 Saturday The **Olgumi** church continues to occupy a special place of our hearts. A good number of people have continued to take interest in the work by visiting every third Sunday of the month, such as tomorrow.

17 Sunday (1) Ministry in **Nairobi**: Dominic Kabaria & Eric Abwao are preaching. In the afternoon there are separate Women & Men's Fellowships. (2) **KU** is preaching again at Charlesworth, and there will be a Carol Service in the afternoon where we pray outsiders may come to hear the gospel.

18 Monday The **TPC** board has considered ten applications for the 2018 admissions and 8 of the applicants have been successful, including 3 from the Nairobi Church. It is a very great privilege to have a part in training these men for the ministry. We pray that they will persevere and diligently do their work on time, and so be those who learn to accomplish much.

19 Tuesday We thank God for the various **evangelistic** efforts made by the church in the last month – the 5 day Vacation Bible School, the High School Camp, the Dine & Listen, and visits to other churches. May the Lord give a harvest from the young souls who heard the gospel. Go to www.trinitybaptistkenya.org/reports to view pictures of the VBS and Dine & Listen events.

20 Wednesday Pray for the ministry of our **Somal** brethren: (1) NH in Nairobi and his world-wide internet chat room that has hundreds of followers. (2) AO in Ethiopia with his gospel radio ministry and personal contacts, as well as his recent visit to Kenya. Please go to www.trinitybaptistkenya.org/reports and Ethiopian ministry, to read his report for 2017.

21 Thursday **Elly Achok** has written 3 articles on The Heart of Worship, The Authority, The Content, and The Attitude. I commend them to your reading, and I pray will have a wide readership. They are especially encouraging considering he spent 17 years as a Word of Faith preacher before the Lord saved him. See www.reformedgospel.org/2017/11.

22 Friday We are involved in the support of the **education** of many children especially of Pastors. We trust the Lord to provide the resources to be able to pay fees for these children to complete the studies they have begun. Provision of finances for Education, Pokot and Rendille ministries, remains an ever pressing need. The Lord has been graciously providing, but we need to be cautious with the responsibilities we assume.

23 Saturday TBC has three young men who have served an **internship** during 2017. Two of them will be continuing with the TPC studies in 2018, as well as individually being responsible for the practical organizing of the TPC, and High School ministry. The third will be gaining experience by devoting himself full time to the church office work. We have a further two requests for internship in 2018.