

23 Friday We thank God for thirteen new **members** added to the church in the past year. Four more who were living away from Nairobi returned. We released one to study in Sweden and another to the Central African Republic for work. At the same time we released nine either to join other churches or sadly by excommunication. The resident membership stands at almost 120.

24 Saturday The **Annual General Meeting** is taking place today and various reports of the progress of the church in the last one year will be discussed. Three men are being considered for diaconate, and we trust their addition will give much impetus to the existing body of Deacons for the service of the saints, and the relief of the Elders. These men are Ken Mbuthia, Mike Owit and Eric Aluvisia.

25 Sunday **Ministry** in Nairobi: Our very long-standing deacon, John Muketha, is preaching in the morning; in the early afternoon there are Family & Youth Fellowships, and then MI is preaching in the afternoon. In England KU is again preaching in Charlesworth.

26 Monday (1) Please continue to pray for the ministry in **Pokot North**, the 4 trained Pokot leaders and 3 missionaries, who have responsibility in 13 churches, with 13 primary schools and now 3 secondary schools. (2) KU is taking a further **Preachers' Class** in Liverpool this evening, on the subject of 'Sermon Conclusions'.

27 Tuesday With the growth of TBC Nairobi, both in terms of membership and areas of ministry, there is the continuing need for more **elders**. Pray for MI as he bears the main responsibility, and for EA as he seeks to find time to be of help amidst his other daily responsibilities to provide for his family.

28 Wednesday The **RBAK** is an association of about 20 churches holding to the 1689 Baptist Confession of Faith. The annual gathering of delegates will take place in Nairobi in 2018. We long for a strengthening of the churches, through the training of men in the TPC and sending them to pastor some of these churches, helping in the construction of church buildings and visitation. MI has planned a number of visits to this end. A man is being appointed to help him in the administration of this work so that he will not be derailed from his core ministry of shepherding the flock at TBC.

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

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'PRAY FOR KENYA' - FEBRUARY 2018

1 Thursday With the start of the school year in January we have so far been able to help 14 children of church leaders to go to **school** and **college**. We do not want any such children to miss out simply because their father is a pastor. It is becoming increasingly necessary to support those who are able through College so that there is a real possibility of employment. Our prayer is that this will be of spiritual benefit to these young students.

2 Friday We thank God for the many young people in the church and for relationships that are forming with the goal of **marriage**. As pastors we seek to have a definite input right from the beginning, including premarital counselling. There are many difficulties to be overcome especially those that have to do with the wider family members who have a much greater say in Kenyan culture.

3 Saturday The first **Meaty Forum** of 2018 is being held on a Saturday (not Friday) because the venue was not available. It will be on the subject of 'Love the LGBT', a subject which is increasingly in the news. The panellists, MI and Conrad Mbewe, will need much wisdom, and we trust the change of day will turn to be a blessing.

4 Sunday **Ministry** in Nairobi: Conrad Mbewe from Lusaka, Zambia will be ministering both morning and afternoon. We thank God for the fellowship we have had with many Zambian brothers over the past 25 years, both in terms of ministry and church attendance. May the Lord richly bless this day!

5 Monday We have had many opportunities to evangelize **children and teenagers**, in Sunday School classes, VBS and the High School Camp. We had a record attendance of children at the VBS. We thank God that He provided many gospel workers and we pray for more as this work grows. One of the churches we fellowship with in Nairobi wants us to teach their children during the April holidays.

6 Tuesday Eight new students were admitted to the **TPC** adding to the five existing ones. Of these eight, three are members at TBC, and we trust that even more men may have the call of ministry in their lives. Sadly, three had to be discontinued because of their failure to keep up with the work demanded. The ministry of Richard Barcellos was very well received both by the TPC students and by the church, where he preached twice on 21st January.

7 Wednesday **Finances** are a necessary part of the work. The church in Nairobi is basically self-supporting, but the church planting efforts in the rest of the country depend upon a sizeable input from well-wishers of thousands of pounds monthly. This is used to support local 'missionaries', help churches to acquire land and put up buildings, and educate children of church leaders, amongst other needs.

8 Thursday We now have no one to send to **Korr** as we do not think brother Stanley is suitable for this particular ministry. Although his education is limited, we want to do all we can to train Joseph Ogom, one of our 3 evangelists there. He has shown great faithfulness and understanding over many years.

9 Friday We had tasked some brethren to report on the TBC **Christian School** which has not been able to attract students. They have identified the weaknesses and now what remains is to pursue the development of the School for the benefit of our children in particular.

10 Saturday This morning **Men** meet for their **Breakfast** together with ministry and discussion. Pray that our men will be godly leaders. It is followed by a lengthy **Elders/Deacons** meeting. Pray that there will be hard work and good cooperation between them, for the glory of God in the church.

11 Sunday **Ministry** in Nairobi: Murungi is preaching in the morning, and one of the deacons, Nelson Munyiri, in the afternoon. Please pray for the saints to be built up, and not just to be hearers, and for sinners to be converted,

12 Monday The new **High School** in Pokot North, named Chelopoy Trinity Boys, has opened its doors with just 8 students to start with (this is normal). They have no facilities of their own, except 10 desks, and borrow from the adjacent Primary. The church leader there, Samuel Waswa, is with the boys every day, bringing them the word of God. What an opportunity in such schools!

13 Tuesday We are considering how to send **Charles Awelo** with his family to help the churches in the Osani (Thimlich) area. This is where TBC first established a church plant outside Nairobi, way back in 1983. It did well for about 15 years and then there were all sorts of problems with leaders.

14 Wednesday In spite of the political uncertainties in **South Sudan**, Pastor David Awan, the moderator of the TBC of SS, has made an urgent plea for MI to help them in training of leaders. He believes the strengthening of churches is more important than any financial help that could be given. We hope MI will be able to go after Easter for a conference in Malakal. Travelling there is very challenging as one must depend on World Food Program planes from Juba.

15 Thursday There is a reason to be encouraged by the work going on in **Korr**, especially with the recent conversion of one of the young men who is in college in Nairobi. When he went home, he organized many young people to be further involved in the life of the church, which has born many fruits. Joseph Ogom is training to ride the motorbike that we recently purchased to ease their evangelistic journeys to the villages.

16 Friday MI leaves for Bungoma, Kitale and Kapenguria (west Kenya) to encourage the work in those places. There is a new group **Kitale** in that appreciates the doctrines of grace and would like to be associated with us. We have many of our members who come from this general area, and this will provide an opportunity when visiting their parents' home. **Kapenguria**, the administrative town for our Pokot brethren, has a church plant taking shape, and we trust the Lord to provide a leader for this work.

17 Saturday We have a number of members in Addis Ababa, **Ethiopia**. As far as we know there is no Reformed Baptist Church there, and Islam has made great advances in the country in recent decades. Please pray for AO and his family, and for Hannah and Melesse, that they might be faithful to the Lord.

18 Sunday **Ministry** in Nairobi: EA is preaching in the morning, and one of our young men, Huston Malande (find him at www.afrocalvinist.co.ke), in the afternoon; MI is out in **Mwiyenga** preaching with a team of young men, who will be in different churches in the area.

19 Monday In **Bungoma** town, there is a church forming under the leadership of Martin Mukoyan. We plan to help them acquire their piece of land and then to raise funds for construction. The **Mwiyenga** church is led by Benson Waswa and Edward Simiyu. They are also planting another church in the area, as well as reaching out to charismatic pastors near them. **Chwele** is led by Meshack Wanyonyi. His father, Peter Marisia, is seeking to plant a church near his home in the outskirts of Bungoma town. New contacts have been established in **Endebbes**, near Kitale and so a visit is being made to investigate and encourage this.

20 Tuesday The members of TBC are scattered all over the large city of Nairobi. Various **house groups** take place midweek in different places, as well as the midweek meeting at the church premises. May they be fellowships that draw God's people closer together.

21 Wednesday We continue to pray for our brother David Ng'etich, who is seeking to start a church in **Kericho**, the west side of Kenya. The particular need is to find a place for the regular midweek meeting. We pray the Lord will give him a good group of serious Christians with which to begin.

22 Thursday There have been many weddings in the past year and we do seek to follow up the **newly married** to make sure they are doing well. For many there are bound to be financial struggles. Then the culture has few good examples of truly Christian families, and many have not been in the church that long. Then God blesses them with children... There is much pastoral work to be done.