**23** Thursday There are a number of villages (goob) around Mt. Bayo in **Rendille** – Leckuchula, Lengima, Lagarama, Goob Torre, and Haragura. Only Lengima has a church (Catholic). We sponsor a government primary school at Lekuchula but we have not been able to find a preacher to go there regularly. Similarly we have employed an ECD teacher at Lagarama but there is no preaching. There is nothing at Goob Torre, and Haragura are calling for us. Where are the gospel labourers? (for pictures go to www.trinitybaptistkenya.org/rendille-ministry/)

24 Friday The magazine **Grace & Truth** no. 126 has been printed and distributed and we are beginning to work on no. 127. There is such a great need for literature that both teaches and corrects, so pray that God may use this magazine (you may read it online at <u>www.trinity.or.ke/ministries/grace-truth-magazine/</u>).

**25** Saturday The AGM of **Trinity Baptist Church, Nairobi** takes place this afternoon. There will be a vote for Murungi Igweta to continue as a pastor of TBC Nairobi which we pray will show the church is united in support of him. It has been a difficult year, but much blessing has been seen in many being added to the church, and we pray that these difficulties might now be behind us.

26 Sunday Please pray for the **Pastors** as they preach today in Nairobi, as well as many other local churches in Kenya. There are more than 30 churches linked together in the RBAK and we pray that the preachers will focus on Christ and Him crucified and not get side-tracked.

**27 Monday Polygamy** is a great problem in Pokot North. Not only are so many of those converted already having more than one wife, but there is so much pressure on Christians to add wives. Pray for the leaders and the other few monogamous Christians to stand firm, and to have godly families that will be an attractive pattern for others.

**28 Tuesday** We are anticipating many **weddings** this year, perhaps 7 to add to the 4 last year. We are concerned at the trend to spend a lot of money on the day and we seek to encourage them not to follow the world and its outward show. So there is a lot of premarital counselling to be done, and we pray for the Lord to give stable, God-honouring families.

RBAK = Reformed Baptist Association of Kenya TBC = Trinity Baptist Church TPC = Trinity Pastors' College

## 'PRAY FOR KENYA' - FEBUARY 2017

**1** Wednesday **Stanley Musyoki**, a new TPC student, leaves for Korr (Rendille) for a month. Pray that he will be well received and that both he and the church will know the will of the Lord concerning his permanent relocation there with his family to minister the gospel.

**2** Thursday We are very concerned about these **Rendille** people of north Kenya, many of whom remain unreached with the gospel. After 15 years of sowing there is very little fruit so far to be seen. Pray with us for an outpouring of the Spirit and the definite conversion of some of the traditionalists through the Gospel.

**3** Friday The **Meaty Forum** convenes the first Friday of each month. We hire facilities in central Nairobi and near the main University. We set a topic, have a few panellists to consider it from various aspects, then open it up to questions. There are typically 50 young people present. This month the topic is 'The Means of Grace'. [For more information please visit the Facebook page for Meaty Forum]

**4** Saturday We seek to help children of church leaders and other needy ones with **fees** for secondary and tertiary education. We pray they might appreciate it and not take it for granted. May they be saved and use their education for the extension of the kingdom of God.

**5** Sunday Pray for spiritually effectual **preaching** today. Murungi is preaching in both services in Nairobi. Many applicants for **membership** are due to give their testimony before the members in the afternoon. Underhill in UK is preaching at Charlesworth, a small, struggling church south-east of Manchester, established in 1837!

**6** Monday TBC sponsors the **Kasei Boys' Secondary School** in Pokot North, and **Isaiah Juma** is a chaplain for the church in the school. Pray for his ministry on Sundays when all the 250 boys sit under his ministry, and for the other opportunities to bring the word of God to them.

**7** Tuesday **Tonny Karwa** is a TBC intern for 2017. We were in adjacent beds in the hospital in 2014 (see his testimony at <u>http://trinitybaptistkenya.org/tonny-karwa/</u>). He has started the TPC studies and will have responsibilities in administering it. He administers a WhatsApp group to his various contacts to seek to bring true Biblical exposition to their attention.

**8** Wednesday A few years ago **Simon Ochieng'** went to **Funyula** to plant a church. He has found it difficult as people are very transient in this small town. We have been able to buy a plot of land, and some Christians from the Netherlands helped to put up a shell of a structure. They are struggling to put the bricks in place, and even more so the 'living stones'. Pray for Simon that he may clearly and powerfully preach the gospel [www.trinitybaptistkenya.org/2016/08].

**9** Thursday Please pray for the **TPC** students as they study at their homes with all the distractions they must overcome. For a photo of the class of January go to <a href="http://trinitybaptistkenya.org/2017-2/">http://trinitybaptistkenya.org/2017-2/</a>. 6 new students began the course, with one being unable to come for health reasons, in addition to the 3 already studying. The others in the photo were auditing.

**10** Friday Our brethren in Mumias have sent **Noah Ikari**, who has completed the TPC lectures, to plant a church in **Sabatia**. We thank God that more churches are being planted where the doctrines of grace are being preached as opposed to the health & wealth message. Please go to the Facebook page of Elly Achok Olare for 18<sup>th</sup>. December for more information and pictures.

**11** Saturday Bimonthly we have a **Men's Breakfast**, followed by an **Elders' & Deacons' Meeting**. 20-30 of the men attend the Breakfast and we seek for them (mostly young adults) to be mature adults, showing proper leadership. Pray that after some difficulties in 2016 the Deacons may learn to serve well so as to be of much help to the Elders.

**12** Sunday In Nairobi Murungi will be **preaching** in the morning, and deacon Otieno, for the first time, at the 4 p.m. service. We thank the Lord that He is giving us many gifted men and we wish to be stewards of these gifts. Underhill in UK is preaching at Ramsbottom, north of Manchester, and reporting on the ongoing ministry in Kenya.

**13** Monday Brother **Abwao** is a part-time pastor with Murungi and needs wisdom in balancing his time between his calling and the need to support his family in his business. Together with health issues he has found the past months greatly testing. May the Lord use him more and more in preaching and pastoral counselling.

14 Tuesday Manases Bor has started the TPC and is considering serving the Lord amongst unreached peoples such as the Rendille. We have long prayed to the Lord for Him to raise up such men and pray that his being part of TBC and submitting himself to the TPC studies will be a great spiritual blessing to him, preparing him for great usefulness.

**15** Wednesday The 6 **Deacons** need a lot of wisdom in their work as they deal with very needy people but with scarce resources. They are also responsible for needs associated with TBC throughout the country, often having no personal knowledge. May they be able more and more to take the burdens off the Elders.

**16** Thursday From today Murungi will be visiting churches in west Kenya, Mwiyenga (17), Chwele (18), Bungoma town (19), Mumias/Funyula/Bumala/Matayos/Busia/ Bukhalalire (20), Siaya (21). These are all churches linked with TBC Nairobi through the RBAK and need much encouragement. For details of the previous visit go to www.trinitybaptistkenya.org/west-kenya-safari-2/.

**17** Friday Just over an hour from Nairobi on the road to Mombasa is **Kima**, where **Donald Kivungi** is to be formally set aside in March as a Pastor of Community Baptist Church. On 19<sup>th</sup>. January 17 church members almost unanimously voted for him as their Pastor. We thank God that the one vocal dissenter publicly declared he would nevertheless receive him as his Pastor.

**18** Saturday The regular needs for the ministry in Rendille and Pokot North continue as we support both church workers and school teachers. Pray for the trustees of the charity **TRAIN(Kenya)** as they seek to make these needs known, and that the Lord will graciously supply what is needed, as He has in past years.

**19** Sunday Monthly on a Sunday afternoon there is a separate and simultaneous Men's & Women's Fellowship. Pray that each group will be encouraged to fulfil their respective roles and that we shall be a family oriented church.

**20** Monday **AO** was converted in Nairobi almost 20 years ago. He now lives in Ethiopia and runs the Grace and Truth Somali MERF Radio Ministry. Pray for the programmes as they are aired to the horn of Africa, almost the only way the message of the gospel can be taken there. Thank God for the power of the gospel amongst these people.

**21 Tuesday** Andrew Chemolok is seeking to start another church in **Kiwawa** (visit <u>http://trinitybaptistkenya.org/kiwawa/</u> for more details and a few pictures). It is easy to start meetings and then a school, but only the Lord can open the heart to take heed to the word of the gospel.

22 Wednesday Please keep praying for Keith & Priscilla Underhill as they continue their new lives in Liverpool UK. They want to be useful in the Lord's service, in the local church of which they are a part, in the UK, and in their continuing contact in Kenya. Pray the Lord might be pleased to further help Priscilla to recover from her stroke.