

## 'PRAY FOR KENYA' - MARCH 2017

**24 Friday** Give thanks to God for the 26 **new members** added to TBC Nairobi from March 2016 – February 2017 (see 2017, number 1). With 113 resident members, plus more who are non-resident in different parts of Kenya, and the majority being young adults, it is a huge responsibility for the Pastors. Some are at College, others entering the work place, and yet others getting married or recently married.

**25 Saturday** The Lord gave Pastor Murungi and his team a very fruitful visit to **West Kenya** at the end of February. You may read a full report of the many places visited at <http://trinitybaptistkenya.org/west-kenya-february-2017/>. There are many opportunities and great needs. But the greatest is for powerful preaching of Christ and Him crucified in every place.

**26 Sunday** Today is the induction of **Donald Kivungi** in Kima. He has been there since the constituting of the church in 2011, and now the 20 members have chosen him as their first official Pastor. May he preach the gospel fearlessly and powerfully.

**27 Monday** We have a very small **Christian School** that we as a church have started in Nairobi, with just 3 small children. One of our younger church members, Neli, is the teacher. As such, she is well placed to work out Biblical principles on Christian education. We are already seeing fruit in areas like Bible study and catechism. Pray that the Lord will help us faithfully to educate them for godliness. See under Christian School at <http://trinitybaptistkenya.org/reports/>.

**28 Tuesday** Pray for contributors and editing of the next **Grace & Truth**, No. 127. You can read it at [www.trinity.or.ke](http://www.trinity.or.ke) under Ministries. The 1,000 copies we print have the potential, as the Lord wills, for much spiritual good.

**29 Wednesday** Each Thursday morning various sisters who are available meet as a **Women's Fellowship**, under the leadership of Margaret Njire (2017, Number 1). There is also an **Elders' Meeting**, which usually takes place over Skype. Pray the Lord would grant us wisdom and unity as we seek to manage both the church in Nairobi and the many other responsibilities around Kenya.

**30 Thursday** The trustees of **TRAIN(Kenya)** have their bi-annual meeting today in Pershore (UK). The charity exists to continue to support the work the Underhills were involved in throughout Kenya. There is a great need for increased support, and we pray the Lord will use them in this endeavour.

**31 Friday** Pray for the **TPC students** that they might study diligently and be built up spiritually through their studies. Pray for the Lord graciously to raise up mighty preachers, for the fields are white to harvest, and the labourers are few.

**1 Wednesday** Last Saturday the church voted (89% of those present) for **Murungi** to continue as Pastor of TBC, Nairobi. Although we wanted a unanimous vote this is clear support for our brother after all the difficulties. We pray it will be the encouragement he needs to get on with the work to which the Lord has called him.

**2 Thursday** Murungi has the opportunity to speak at the **Nairobi Evangelistic Team** (NAIRET) Fellowship on Colossians 2 this evening and next Thursday. It is a College based group out of which many of our more recent church members have come. Pray that the word faithfully preached may continue to have a big impact.

**3 Friday** The **Meaty Forum** convenes the first Friday of each month. Today the subject is "Work Place Pulpit". Last month the hall was full and we pray that the true and serious message of the Scriptures will spread especially amongst university students. For more information please visit the Facebook page for Meaty Forum.

**4 Saturday** There is a long-running **doctors' strike** in the public health facilities in Kenya so that in cases of emergency people are forced to go private at much greater expense. Tonny Karwa has faced such problems with his injured brother. Please pray for Tonny as he witnesses to his brother and seeks to deal with the financial difficulties (see <http://trinitybaptistkenya.org/reports/> under Medical Emergency).

**5 Sunday** Pray for spiritually effectual **preaching** today in the various churches. **Barnabas Olare** of GMA Mombasa has a series on Biblical Church membership, started 19/2, as he seeks to gradually reform the church to a more Biblical pattern, away from his Word of Faith background.

**6 Monday** The drought in **Rendille** is now a national disaster (southern part of Marsabit County). You can use this link to view a 30 minute documentary from NTV [www.youtube.com/watch?v=e9gqObmn-NE&ab\\_channel=KenyaNTV](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e9gqObmn-NE&ab_channel=KenyaNTV). The first part mentions Laisamis and Kamatonyi, the latter village where we used to have a school, and where I have stayed and preached. Please pray for the few Christians and their testimony, and for efforts we are making in Nairobi to help.

**7 Tuesday** **Stanley Musyoki** has completed his month of ministry in Korr. We both pray that it was of great encouragement to the brethren in their struggles (not least with the drought); and that we will have wisdom as we seek to know the way ahead as regards our brother and his family relocating to Korr to minister. The need for a mature leader is paramount.

**8 Wednesday** Joshua Sitet in **Kasei**, Pokot North longs for there to be a functional eldership in his congregation. He has missionary Isaiah Juma who has completed the TPC. There is also Stephen Ong'ulo from Uganda who is working as a construction engineer in the region and who is struggling to be involved in the TPC. He eventually desires to return home and start a church (for pictures of Kasei go to [www.trinitybaptistkenya.org/kasei/](http://www.trinitybaptistkenya.org/kasei/)).

**9 Thursday** **Keith Underhill** is travelling to Kenya today, arriving late in the evening, and returning the 24<sup>th</sup>. Pray that the two weeks will be very profitably used for encouragement of the brethren. Pray for Priscilla as she is looked after by one or other of the children in Liverpool in his absence.

**10 Friday** The first of many anticipated weddings in 2017 is that of **Moreh & Njeri**. They have had a long-standing relationship and wish to have a simple wedding ceremony, which will be conducted by Pastor Murungi, helped by the Pastor from Njeri's Church. May the Lord help them to establish a truly Christian home.

**11 Saturday** In Nairobi TBC we encourage **corporate prayer** by having many stated times. There is a midweek meeting in groups in various parts of the town, and monthly on a Saturday morning (as today), and a Sunday afternoon. Pray with us for a Spirit of supplication and a growth in attendance.

**12 Sunday** Keith Underhill is preaching in **TBC Nairobi**. Without the Holy Spirit nothing of lasting value will be accomplished. Pray for the full day, the Sunday School at 09.45, the morning service at 11.00, the Lord's Supper at 15.00, and the evening service at 16.00. Some brethren even get together at 18.00 for discussion.

**13 Monday** **Vote** in Kitui County is about 150 miles south-east of Nairobi. For the church constituting in 2014 go to <http://trinitybaptistkenya.org/2014/02/>. It is very much a marginal area rainfall wise and once again the rains failed so there was no harvest. The leader there, Benson Nyamai, has had to find work in another town, only coming home weekends. That has a negative impact on the church.

**14 Tuesday** Please pray for the work of the gospel amongst the **Ariaal Rendille**. It seems that the man we have had in Ndikir has not been faithful. It has been an area unreached with the gospel and a few other preachers are coming who we are seeking to encourage. So in Losidan where we sponsor a primary school, but we do not know of any believers. Go to the following link for pictures of preaching at Losidan, and the school - <http://trinitybaptistkenya.org/rendille-ministry/losidan/>.

**15 Wednesday** The **TPC** studies start today through Friday. Keith Underhill is teaching the third New Testament course, The General Letters, from 10.00 to at least 17.00. Pray that these men will be diligent to give themselves to these studies, as demanding as they are. May the teaching be both clear, as there are different levels of understanding, and engaging.

**16 Thursday** Twice a year, around the onset of each rainy season we have a day set aside as a **Work Day** (18<sup>th</sup>), when we ask members in Nairobi TBC to come and take responsibility for the facilities by cleaning, repairing and participating in pre-determined projects. We pray it will be a meaningful time of fellowship as brethren work together.

**17 Friday** **GMA** Mumias, with Brother Elly Achok, have planted a number of churches in west Kenya and from 17-19 March they have the Regional Women's Conference in the main city of Kisumu & a Ministers' Fraternal. From a Word of Faith background God has given Elly a wide-open door amongst his former colleagues through the Wisdom Training Centres (WTC) and such Conferences.

**18 Saturday** We want the PTC students to be with the church over the weekend so that they can have some experience of what a Reformed Church is like. On such Saturday afternoons there is open-air **evangelism** at the nearby shopping centre and one-to-one ministry. We want them to know that of all Christians the reformed ought to be the most zealously evangelistic.

**19 Sunday** In **Pokot North** the monthly joint service is at Kapkaghun this month, where members from all the churches are to go. This is to make sure that they get good preaching from the few leaders at least once a month. Underhill is again at **TBC Nairobi**. May the word come with the power of the Holy Spirit.

**20 Monday** The **TPC** studies resume today through Wednesday. Keith Underhill is teaching the fourth Church History course that majors on Missions. One great emphasis is on 'Unreached Peoples', even in Kenya, and it is our prayer that some of these men will be such missionaries in days to come.

**21 Tuesday** Joseph Mucheru was set aside as a full-time Pastor in **Miathene** on January 29<sup>th</sup>. For a full report please go to [www.trinitybaptistkenya.org/miathene/](http://www.trinitybaptistkenya.org/miathene/). After some serious difficulties some few years back the church needs consistent and faithful ministry. We trust the Lord will use Mucheru to build it up and see others churches planted in this densely populated area.

**22 Wednesday** The drought in **Pokot North**, as in other parts of north Kenya, is severe. Many families have taken their animals west into Uganda, and this affects both churches and schools. I have encouraged Andrew Chemolok to visit them there to encourage them to be faithful to the Lord as they are in this unsettled condition (2017, Number 1).

**23 Thursday** Underhill has his last day in Nairobi before travelling back overnight. May the Lord use his visit for great encouragement and strengthening. Please keep praying for the church, for the two resident Pastors (Murungi & Abwao), and for the Lord to raise up more leaders.