

'PRAY FOR KENYA' - JANUARY 2017

25 Wednesday The Pastor, Stephen ole Kakoiya, the only trained and educated person in **Olgumi** TBC, suffered a stroke 2 years ago, and has been unable to speak. Pray the Lord may raise up someone to minister there among the 3 churches that have been established [see 2016 Number 8.1].

26 Thursday The **RBAK** (Reformed Baptist Association of Churches) links together about 20 like-minded churches in Kenya [read about the last meeting in 2016 Number 8.3]. Pray that we will learn how to use our iphones to encourage one another in the preaching of the gospel. The great need is to 'let the lion out of the cage', to preach the word in season and out of season.

27 Friday **Kasarani** TBC in north Nairobi is based on a children's home called Solidarity. There was recently an attempt to kick TBC out, but we thank God that has been foiled. Pray for John Mutangilii the leader, as he ministers to the children and to the surrounding houses.

28 Saturday When I first came to Kenya in 1968 I went to teach at **Miathene** Secondary School. There is now a thriving church there, led by Joseph Mucheru and a church plant at Muili. Mucheru is formally being set aside as the third elder (only one full-time). Pray that the church will reach out into this densely populated area that decades ago was influenced by the East African revival through the Methodist Church [see 2013 Number 9].

29 Sunday At the end of each year we invite secondary school students to a **Camp** in Nairobi to teach them and to get them to meet other young people from a similar spiritual background. There were 33 last December. Pray that the word brought to them might have a lasting impact in their lives as they have now resumed school. For a report visit www.trinitybaptistkenya.org/reports.

30 Monday Please pray that I might have **wisdom** in using the many contacts there are in Kenya. Using WhatsApp there are 3 groups, TBC Fellowship, RBAK, and Word Exalted Ministries. The latter is a group for expounding the Scriptures consecutively and dealing with the questions that arise. We inevitably focus on charismatic gifts, free will and the extent of the atonement. But it a great opportunity to make known the truth.

31 Tuesday Pray for the **Rendille** village of **Lekuchula**. We have been preaching here a couple of times each year, and one lady professes faith. A primary school is there, but we have been unable to have regular preaching. Many have listened but they need a preacher to live amongst them. Let us beseech the Lord of the harvest. For photos see www.trinitybaptistkenya.org/rendille-ministry/lekuchula.

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

References such as '2016 Number 8.1' refer to 'Pray for Kenya' reports posted on the website www.trainkenya.com under Keith's Prayer Letter

1 Sunday Pastor Murungi will be preaching in TBC **Nairobi**. Pastor Eric will be preaching in TBC **Siaya** with their leader Charles Abwok. The Siaya church has undergone division and is being re-established. Their permanent brick building needs completion. See a report at www.trinitybaptistkenya.org/2016/08.

2 Monday **Polygamy** and **FGM** are still common practices in **Pokot North**, and much pressure is put on Christians to conform. Pray that Christians will stand firm and that the Lord will use the ministry of the 3 leaders, Andrew Chemolok, Thomas Lokerisa and Joshua Sitet.

3 Tuesday Pray for the two resident **Elders** in **Nairobi TBC**, Murungi Igweta (full-time) and Eric Abwao (part-time). With 100+ members, and ministries in many parts of Kenya they need wisdom in the use of time. You can listen to their preaching on You Tube at *tbcchurch*. May the Lord powerfully use them!

4 Wednesday We are committed to helping children whose father is a church leader, and other needy children, to at least obtain **secondary education**. It is a minimum of £350 / \$430 annually, a sum out of the reach of so many [for more details go to the TRAIN(Kenya) website <http://trainkenya.com>].

5 Thursday We have been ministering to the traditional **Rendille** people in north Kenya for almost 20 years but so far have seen little fruit. There is a great need for labourers and we have many young adults in TBC Nairobi. We are considering a mature man, Stanley Musyoki, who is about to start the TPC. Please read <http://pastormurungi.blogspot.co.uk/2016/12/urgent-call-for-missions>.

6 Friday We publish a 28-page magazine twice or thrice a year. **Grace & Truth** 126 has just come out so pray that the 1,000 copies will be used in the churches throughout Kenya and in educational institutions where we have contact. You can view Grace & Truth at www.trinity.or.ke/ministries.

7 Saturday There is a **church members'** meeting today in Nairobi TBC. The main item on the agenda is the triennial re-evaluation of Murungi Igweta as a pastor. With the difficulties we have had in the past months on the eldership do pray there will be a unity of support for our brother who has been labouring so hard.

8 Sunday The Lord continues to bring new people to TBC **Nairobi**. Please pray for Murungi as the full-time elder on whom the bulk of ministry is placed. Pray that God will continue to save and add to the church, and that He will raise up leaders.

9 Monday **South Sudan** maybe the newest country in the world but it has been destroying itself in a protracted civil war. Christians of the Trinity Baptist Church of South Sudan (TBCOSS) have been scattered and our contact, David Awan Malek, is seeking to minister in very difficult circumstances. The last visit made there was in 2012. You can read the report at www.trinitybaptistkenya.org/2012/01.

10 Tuesday With 14 churches and church plants in **Pokot North**, and one in the main town of Kapenguria, and only 3 trained Pokot men and 3 non-Pokot 'missionaries' there is a great need to train men. 3 of these are being trained in the TPC, and there is a plan for a local Bible School in Kamketo.

11 Wednesday The **TPC** starts today with Ronald Kalifungwa from Lusaka Baptist Church, Zambia as the teacher. His main brief is the Doctrine of Eschatology. We are expecting 7 new students to be added to the existing 5 [see 2016 Number 8.1]. It is a very demanding course of study and many are unable to complete it.

12 Thursday Please remember in prayer the **financial situation** of TBC Nairobi. We are responsible not only for the local church, but for the support of the work of churches and schools in Pokot North and Rendille (and some others), helping needy families with school fees, the TPC, etc.

13 Friday Pray for **Elly Achok** and the Gospel Missions Agency church in Mumias. He has a wide open door amongst church leaders following the Word of Faith movement in which he was involved for 17 years. His testimony can be found at www.trinitybaptistkenya.org/testimony-of-elly-achok. The fourth student from Mumias is about to join the TPC. How important is its ministry!

14 Saturday **Osani** TBC was planted many years ago, but has struggled because of the multiplicity of Christian sects (both charismatic and independent African). Daniel Ngollo is the pastor, and one of the members, Nicholas, is starting the TPC. There is a clinic associated with TBC where there are many opportunities to bring the good news. There is a very high HIV+ rate in the area [see 2016 Number 8.3].

15 Sunday Ronald Kalifungwa will be ministering at TBC **Nairobi** today. May the Lord lead him to choose to preach what will be of great spiritual benefit.

16 Monday After the weekend the **TPC** resumes until Wednesday. We are very encouraged that we have three students from TBC Nairobi, Tonny Karwa, Manasses Bor and Ronald Bargebo. All students will return in March, hopefully having read hundreds of pages and answered many questions. Kenya has a great need of men who know the Scriptures and the power of them in their lives.

17 Tuesday There remain communities in Kenya that are **unreached** with the gospel. Sadly we had to give up on a work around Idsowe more than 200 kms. north of Mombasa, where there are such communities, all deeply influenced by Islam.

18 Wednesday Friends in U.K. started the charity **TRAIN (Kenya)** a few years ago to continue the support of the ministry in Kenya when we were no longer there. All financial contributions from U.K. now go through the charity. Please pray the Lord to use them to make the work known through the website and visits to churches and that finances for Pokot, Rendille and Education in particular may be raised. There is a website www.trainkenya.com.

19 Thursday **MO** is a Somali believer who went for resettlement in the States in 2010 and has found it so difficult there. He now has become a citizen and wants to return to Nairobi to serve the Lord amongst his own people. Please pray that we might know the way forward. There are so few Somali believers and once they become open they face constant threats. There are 2 brothers in Nairobi, Nur and Mohamed who have given a Christian message on Facebook and face a backlash [see Facebook page of mona.walter182 of December 26th].

20 Friday Pray for the 3 untrained evangelists based in **Korr, Rendille**, Joseph Ogom, Godana Dabalen and Ruygon Nadesol. They lead the small church, and visit surrounding goobs (villages made up of a circle of huts) to bring the good news of Jesus Christ. The Rendille cling tenaciously to their many traditions, but the gospel is able to powerful work in them by the Holy Spirit.

21 Saturday Many of the TBC **Nairobi** church members and attendees are newly married, courting, or hopefuls! Today is a 'Couples' Retreat' in order to encourage the building of meaningful relationship in the church.

22 Sunday **Keith & Priscilla Underhill** have now been in Liverpool for a year. Thank the Lord for a fairly easy transition and for improvement in Priscilla's health. We desire to be useful in the Lord's service, not only with regular contact with Kenya, but in the church and community here.

23 Monday Some Reformed pastors in Kenya are seeking to plan special meetings for the **500th anniversary** of the start of **the Reformation**. We believe this is a good opportunity to bring the Doctrines of Grace to a wider audience. Without the Lord's blessing it will simply be yet another gathering. Kenya is so needy for a Reformation.

24 Tuesday TBC Nairobi sponsors two Government **Secondary Schools** in **Pokot North**. Isaiah Juma ministers to the 250 boys in Kasei, and Patricko Odhiambo with his wife to the 40 girls in Kamketo. Pray for such young people to be converted. In Kamketo there is the need to complete another dormitory for the growing school [see 2016 Number 8.2].