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PASSION FOR MISSIONS CONFERENCE  
HELD ON THE 15<sup>TH</sup> OF APRIL, 2017  
AT TRINITY BAPTIST CHURCH, NBI.  
A REPORT

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## i. Introduction

*May God be gracious to us and bless us  
and make his face to shine upon us, Selah  
that your way may be known on earth,  
your saving power among all nations.  
Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
let all the peoples praise you!  
Psalm 67:1-3*

The Lord, being kind and gracious, enabled us to have the first Passion for Missions Conference (hereafter referred to as P4M Conference) on the 15<sup>th</sup> of April, which was the Easter weekend Saturday. Though scheduled to start at 9 am in the morning, we started at 9.40 am with a session on some people groups in Kenya that need the gospel. We were informed of the Orma by Gideon Saina, the Pokot by Gaitano Mbatia, and the Rendile by Manases Bor. We then poured our ardent prayers for them that the light of God's grace will shine upon them. May our sincere prayers be heard!

After that we heard Pastor Murungi preach from Mt. 28:18-20. It was helpful to hear that the Great Commission is as much ours as it was to the apostles, who initially heard it, for the Lord has not come yet. We then heard Pastor Charles Maina of Buruburu Baptist preach from John 17:17-19. He preached with much passion, showing us from the Scriptures that one of the implications of Christ's mission on earth, is for us going out for sinners, not to save them as Christ came to do, but to tell them of Christ's saving power.

In the afternoon, we had three group discussion sessions which were called Strategy Workshops:

1. Financing Missions – Francis Kalawa
2. Praying for Missions – Tony Karwa
3. Sending out Missionaries – Dominic Kabaria

These three sessions were very helpful for each of the group presented in a plenary session their findings to the all of us.

The sermons and group discussion were punctuated with testimonials from three missionaries who had been invited from across the country. These were:

- Patrick Odhiambo from Kamketo, West Pokot County
- Simon Ochieng' from Funyula, Busia county
- Roy Onyango from Bondo, Siaya County

Pastor Solomon Muigai from Kahawa Sukari Baptist gave a brief of the work of short term missions going on among the Maasai community which he leads. We were glad to hear that he was taking a team of more than 30 from different Baptist churches in the city for a weeklong mission in Magadi near Tanzanian border.

## i. The conference was successful in the following areas:

1. There was knowledge provided of the three communities for the future sending of labourers among these needy areas.
2. The preaching of the Word so ably demonstrated that the power is in the gospel of Christ that we bear and not in strategy, education, human wisdom, finances or any kind flexing of arm of flesh – we must depend on the power of God for salvation for everyone who believes.
3. We able to transport and host, and possibly encourage the three missionaries. This shows an ongoing work. Their testimonials were sobering since there was no attempt to sanitize their experience in the field. Those who sign up for missions need to know the reality and count the cost accordingly.
4. The brethren at TBC came in large numbers not just to benefit from the conference (which they did) but also to spend and be spent in serving others.
5. The attendance was impressive especially with the majority from TBC.
6. The food was good, even though lunch was delayed.
7. The Lord provided for the conference bountifully, we had more than enough.
8. We were able to give DVDs and John Piper's book, Filling Up the Afflictions for Christ, for free.

## ii. Recommendations

The following are some of the recommendations given for future conferences:

1. That the missionaries be facilitated to come with their wives so that even the ladies who will have attended the conference can hear their testimonies.
2. That the discussion groups be made much smaller and be better organized.
3. That we have workshops rather than group discussions, where people are being taught.
4. That all presentations: Unreached people group sessions and sermons be prepared beforehand and handed in even a month before the date of the conference to be given at the conference.
5. That the whole conference be recorded and then circulated widely.
6. Be more deliberate on prayer, i.e. spend more time in prayer as we depend on God. the success of missions depends on God. Having deliberate and specific prayer after every missionary testimonial.
7. To have the missionaries in some sort of a Q&A instead of allowing them time to just speak freely. This would be to harness as much information from them as is possible in the short time given.

## iii. Conclusions

Many thanks to those that helped in doing the various duties needed to be done. Some helped purchase the lunch ingredients, others helped where tea was concerned, others sprang into action to be great hosts to the missionaries, others sourced for material, and others prayed that things may go smoothly. To all these may the Lord pour much blessing. I am truly grateful for all the efforts that went into the bringing together of the conference. May the Lord continue to bring more hands into the matter.

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