

## 'PRAY FOR KENYA' - MARCH 2018

**25 Sunday** Pray for the **ministry** of today. (1) Nairobi MI morning & afternoon. (2) KU preaching in the International (therefore English speaking) Lutheran Church, Addis Ababa. Wisdom from the Lord is needed to know what to preach.

**26 Monday** **KU** leaves Addis Ababa and arrives home in Liverpool late in the evening. With a very busy week ahead (including preaching morning and evening on Easter Sunday) pray for a good journey both for witnessing and preparation.

**27 Tuesday** Part of an email from David Awan in **South Sudan** – “I would like to inform you that I came to Paloch for Church leaders meetings of TBCOSS. The general activities of church are well. We have a good number of believers in Malakal. I am indeed sorry because I didn't have communication with you because there is no internet services in Malakal because war of 2013-2015 has destroyed everything in Malakal.” We continue to pray towards MI making a visit to Malakal after Easter, Lord willing.

**28 Wednesday** This evening **KU** is in the small church in Pershore meeting in the home of Clive Bryant, the pastor, and reporting on the recent visit to Kenya. This church has had an active involvement since KU's parents moved to the town in the early 1990s. Thank God that a prayerful involvement in the spread of the gospel unites God's people around the globe.

**29 Thursday** (1) A three day seminar in **Miathene** TBC on 'Joy is suffering for Christ's sake' starts today. (2) Also today the trustees of the charity **TRAIN(Kenya)** meet in Pershore for the bi-annual board meeting. KU will report on the ministry of TBC in Kenya, having just returned. The 6 trustees are all concerned that the ministry of the gospel continues in the absence of KU in Kenya.

**30 Friday** **MI** is preaching at the Good Friday service. The Easter Cantata takes place tonight, as we plan for the **Passion For Missions Conference**, with the theme of Urban Missions. There will be two guest speakers, and we thank God for more men that he is raising in different quarters embracing the doctrines of grace.

**31 Saturday** Pray for **KU** in Southport at a Young Life meeting this evening. They wish to be challenged with the call of Missions! YL is a ministry directed towards teenagers especially and we thank God that it is serious minded when the prevailing Christian atmosphere seems to have more to do with having fun, joining with the world in order to win them.

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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**1 Thursday** Pray for the preaching of the gospel in **Pokot North** in the many churches, primary schools, and 3 secondary schools. There is a lengthy report at <http://trinitybaptistkenya.org/pokot-north-ministries> from one of the missionaries that you may read for detailed information.

**2 Friday** (1) Last month's **Meaty Forum** was well attended and the presentations were well received. Good questions were asked and biblical responses were given. (2) Charles Abwok leads the church in **Siaya** though he lives over almost 50 kms. away, which makes the pastoring difficult. He has requested that we help him in identifying another man to work with him with a view of setting him apart to be an additional pastor in the church.

**3 Saturday** 12 **Couples** had supper together at the church premises on 16/2 (belated Valentine's?). May the challenge they received be worked out in practice. “We were edified and challenged by the word that was shared. Especially how as married couples we can be of service and encouragement to the church community and the unmarried.”

**4 Sunday** Please pray for God's blessing on the **ministry** of MI in Nairobi, both morning and afternoon. His preaching through Hebrews has been well received as the supremacy of Christ over anything and anyone else is held up. In the afternoon he will complete preaching through the book of Daniel.

**5 Monday** Simon Ochieng leads the work in **Funyula** and has shown himself to be a hardworking man, despite little financial support. He is reaching out to the pastors from other churches, who appear to be greatly benefiting. MI met with a group of about 15 and sought to encourage them towards Biblical worship in their churches. A good number of them can openly identify errors in their churches.

**6 Tuesday** **KU** leaves for Nairobi this evening via Addis Ababa. Pray that the three weeks away will be very useful in encouraging brethren. Pray for Priscilla in his absence and for Matthew who will be staying with her.

**7 Wednesday** (1) **KU** arrives Nairobi this morning and needs to adjust quickly ready for ministry outside Nairobi in subsequent days. (2) We continue to pray that the work of the gospel may speed ahead amongst the **Rendille** community. Manases Bor, an intern, will be visiting there to be of encouragement to them.

**8 Thursday** KU and MI start a 6 day ministry starting with **Vote**, about 4 hours drive through Machakos and Kitui towards the Coast. This where we were recently able to put up a permanent church building, many previous ones having been destroyed by high wind (<http://trinitybaptistkenya.org/vote-church>).

**9 Friday** KU and MI are travelling to **Mombasa** on the Coast. Pray for meaningful fellowship as this month marks the end of their official working together as pastors of TBC (see 18<sup>th</sup>). There will be lots of opportunity to talk together for the many hours in the car.

**10 Saturday** KU and MI are in **Maweni**. We thank God for the labours of Barnabas Olare and trust the Lord for more Biblically aligned local churches in this Islam-dominated coastal region. Jeff Myers recently became a co-pastor in this church (<http://trinitybaptistkenya.org/new-pastor-for-gma-mombasa>).

**11 Sunday** Pray for the **ministry of the word** today. (1) In Nairobi EA is preaching in the morning, and for the first time Kevin Oruru in the afternoon. (2) KU and MI are in Boyani, about 20 miles inland from Mombasa. It is near where the gospel first came to Kenya in the 1840's (Rabai, and the missionary Ludwig Krapf). Pray that the church of about 35 members together with its pastor, George Mwanjisi, may be greatly encouraged.

**12 Monday** KU and MI to **Kima**, which is along the Mombasa road about one hour from Nairobi. Donald Kivungi is the pastor here and is working towards his wedding (see 24<sup>th</sup>). The church is small with a membership of about 30 and there have been many encouragements from the ministry of Donald.

**13 Tuesday** KU and MI to Nairobi via **Kiatuni**. Bethesda Baptist Church is led by two pastors. Joseph Mutua was trained in the TPC many years ago, and Sammy Malua has just begun this year. Above all we seek to be of use to such churches by the TPC training. Pray that such men will not only be informed theologically, but will be set on fire with the gospel!

**14 Wednesday** Today the **TPC** begins its 2<sup>nd</sup>. session of 2018. KU is teaching on The Doctrine of Scripture. This is such a vital foundation for men who come from various backgrounds, that they approach the Scriptures as the very word of God, finally authoritative in all matters of faith and practice.

**15 Thursday** (1) May the **TPC** students be convinced that the Bible is fully breathed out by God and it totally reliable. (2) Martin Mukoyan has been labouring to plant a church in the outskirts of **Bungoma** town. He has about 20 who gather regularly. They are working towards acquiring their own premises and we have begun the process of purchasing land for construction.

**16 Friday** (1) Continue to pray for the **TPC** studies. (2) **AO** recently spent a weekend in Hargeisa, the capital of self-proclaimed S0maliland. There are a number of believers although they cannot meet publicly in this Muslim dominated country. He was able to gather them in a private house and preach the word to them. God is at work through radio and Facebook and He is building His church.

**17 Saturday** We celebrate two weddings today. **Kevin and Joy** are members of TBC Nairobi. **Catherine**, a long time member will marry **Alfred**. We pray that more godly unions will be established in the church and God may bless them as they seek to be tools for each other's sanctification.

**18 Sunday** Today **KU** has the privilege of preaching in Nairobi for the last time as the pastor of this church that he started in 1978. In both morning and afternoon he will complete Galatians, by proclaiming the gospel in 6:11-18. In the early afternoon there will be a members' meeting where he will formally step down as a pastor of TBC Nairobi. Praise is due to the Lord alone who has been so gracious.

**19 Monday** The **TPC** resumes today. Error and heresy stalk on every hand. May these 12 men be unmoveable in their commitment to the doctrines of Scripture and unashamedly hold to them and proclaim them! Please read the comments at <http://trinitybaptistkenya.org/tpc/2018-2> and see photos of the students.

**20 Tuesday** (1) The **TPC** continues. It is a very demanding Course and we pray God will raise up men who are single-minded in their commitment. (2) MI met leaders of three different churches in **Kitale** in his recent visit, some of them very charismatic. It was encouraging to meet Alfred Mangwa and the members of Umoja Baptist who desire to be distinctively reformed. They are passionate about the possibility of working with a reformed church in order that they would be more Biblical. Much wisdom is needed as we bring such churches on board.

**21 Wednesday** This is the last day of the **TPC**. Some travel home over night, others leave in the morning. Keep praying for these men that they might be able to discipline themselves so as to complete the work by the time they return in May. They must also support their families and minister in their churches.

**22 Thursday** We are calling the 6 church leaders in **Pokot North** to Nairobi for a day of discussion and prayer. We want to encourage them in the preaching of the gospel as their great privilege and responsibility, and to chart the way forward for the ministry to be more self-sufficient in the future in terms of finance.

**23 Friday** **KU** leaves for Addis Ababa this morning, in order to spend the weekend with AO and learn first hand of his ministry to his S0mal1 people. The flight will take us over north Kenya and Rendille and vast stretches of land where the gospel has not much been heard. Together with AO and his family there are 2 other former members of TBC in AA who we pray will be greatly encouraged.

**24 Saturday** (1) **KU** is in Addis Ababa with AO. High on the agenda is finding or even planting a Reformed Baptist Church in Addis Ababa. The Charismatics have a great influence. (2) Wedding of **Donald & Sophie**. Donald (see 12<sup>th</sup>.) has had to patiently wait for the Lord to provide a helper fit for him. Sophie has been a member of TBC Nairobi for a long time.