

'PRAY FOR KENYA' – APRIL 2018

24 Tuesday KU visited **Addis Ababa**, Ethiopia, March 23-25. There does not seem to be a genuine Reformed Baptist Church in the country. 3 former members of TBC Nairobi are there and, with contacts they have, there is a plan to begin a Bible study soon which we pray will develop into a church in this very needy land.

25 Wednesday David Ng'etich, Pastor of Glory Baptist, Chebang'ang', visited Nairobi while KU was there, and spoke of his efforts to plant a church in the bustling nearby town of **Kericho**. There are good contacts but they are yet to locate a good place for Bible study meetings. We are thankful for the zeal of such brothers, and please pray for the Lord to powerfully work.

26 Thursday There is encouragement among the young people in **Korr**, Rendille . Madaraka, who is a student at the University of Nairobi, professed faith in Christ, and was baptized in December, and we have seen a great change in his life. While on holiday in Korr from his studies to visit home, the Lord used him to revitalize other young people in the church, and to reach out as their responsibility.

27 Friday KU taught the **TPC** students in March on the Doctrine of Scripture. All 12 were present and it seems to have been a very profitable time. The great need is for their personal discipline to accomplish the assignments before they return in May. They have met together and agreed to hold each other accountable. May they be disciplined, godly, Biblically-knowledgeable men. Almost all the men mentioned in this Prayer Diary have been trained in the TPC.

28 Saturday We have begun the process of buying a plot in the town of **Bungoma**, where Martin Mukoyan is the leader. Pray that he might be faithful in preaching the gospel, clearly showing his hearers what it means to be a Christian, as there is so much false teaching, and so many false professors.

29 Sunday **Ministry** today: (1) In Nairobi MI is preaching in the morning, and one of our men, Robert Mwangi, in the afternoon. There will also be a programme of evangelism before the afternoon service. (2) In the Liverpool area KU is preaching again in the evening at Grange United Reformed Church, a church that has rejected the liberalism of the URC denomination.

30 Monday **Kapenguria** is the HQ for West Pokot County in which Pokot North is situated. As the town where so many from Pokot North must come for various services, our brethren have begun Sunday services in an available lodging room. The great need is to send a trained man to minister here.

EA = Eric Abwao, MI = Murungi Igweta (Pastors of TBC Nairobi); KU = Keith Underhill
TBC = Trinity Baptist Church; TPC = Trinity Pastors' College
RBAK = Reformed Baptist Association of Kenya
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1 Sunday **Ministry** on this Easter Sunday: (1) In Nairobi Naphtally Ogallo is preaching for the first time since he left the church in 2006 and MI is preaching in the afternoon. (2) In Liverpool KU is preaching at his home church, Belvidere Road, both morning and evening. This is because the Pastor, Ian Higham, is leading a team from the church to help Logos Baptist Church in Arad, Romania.

2 Monday Last Saturday was the annual **Passion for Missions** Conference on the theme of Urban Missions. Our longing is that God may raise up church planters from the many young men He has given us to go to the towns of Kenya amongst other places, wherever He opens the door (see 25, 28 and 30).

3 Tuesday A wonderful opportunity has opened up in the neighbouring **Donholm Primary School** to preach the gospel to the upper classes every Friday. Our TPC student, Manases Bor, is heading this up. Pray that many of these students may end up being part pf TBC.

4 Wednesday KU & MI visited **Vote** on 8/3. Benson Nyamai leads this small church for whom we have recently put up a permanent building for worship. We are considering sending our 3 interns to such churches for a month at a time in order to encourage them in the outreach for the sake of the gospel.

5 Thursday We met with the 6 leaders from **Pokot North** on 22/3. We agreed on the process for appointing pastors in the three main local churches – instruction on the work and qualifications of pastors, agreement on those to be put forward, discussion by church members, and finally voting. When MI visits in late June he will lead the discussions by members on the men who are to be considered.

6 Friday The **Meaty Forum** this month is on 'Depression'. We desire to set forth a Biblical perspective in order to balance the medical model. In all these meetings our primary aim is to show that the Scriptures are sufficient and authoritative in all matters of faith and practice.

7 Saturday (1) Today is a **Work Day** at the church premises when we request the members to help in 'spring' cleaning and various repairs and projects. (2) In the afternoon there is an **Elders/Deacons** meeting, including for the first time the 3 new deacons who were set aside on 18/3, making now 8 men.

8 Sunday (1) **Ministry** in Nairobi: EA is preaching in the morning, and our long-standing deacon, John Muketha, in the afternoon. Please pray for clarity and power in the preached word. (2) MI was due to be in **South Sudan**. He has not been able to go because of lack of reliable transport between Juba and Malakal. David Awan continues to be in contact emphasizing that what they need is not financial support but training of church leaders.

9 Monday KU & MI visited Maweni (Mombasa) on 9-10/3. Barnabas Olare & Jeff Myers are Pastors of this church which is well on the road of reformation. They have a membership of 17, 2 leaders, and a training programme called Wisdom Training Centre. As a result other churches in the area are also reforming according to the Scriptures.

10 Tuesday Pray for Dominic Kabaria who heads up the **children's & young people's** work in TBC. There will be the usual VBS in the April holidays between 16th -20th. The Lord is bringing an increasing number of children and the materials we produce are in ever greater demand by a number of other churches. The SS team is also leading the VBS between 9th-13th in a Presbyterian church!

11 Wednesday Please continue to pray for Joseph Ogom and other leaders in **Korr** (Rendille). Joseph has now obtained his motorbike licence, and we trust this will enable him to do much more in terms of preaching in the numerous 'goobs' (villages) around Korr, and even beyond. With no well-trained man to send we are considering how we can best train Joseph with his very modest education.

12 Thursday KU & MI visited **Boyani** on 10-11/3, about 30 kms. inland from Mombasa. George Mwanjisi leads this church of about 30 members. We were much encouraged by the worship and fellowship. For a long time they have been meeting in George's home premises, but we are now planning to help put up a meeting place on land that has been purchased for the church.

13 Friday KU was much encouraged by his visit to **TBC Nairobi** in March. The auditorium was very full. The Elders are obviously respected and appreciated. So many stayed for lunch, throughout the afternoon, and even at 8.30 some were reluctant to leave. There is a joy and earnestness which is a clear indication that the Lord has continued to be at work.

14 Saturday 2018 promises to be a year of **weddings!** Our S0mal1 brother NH married a S0mal1 believer, a very rare occurrence (16/3). Two young members were joined together, and two other ladies who have waited many years for husbands (17/3 & 24/3). Today John Mutangili, & Christine are marrying – John is our leader at the church in Nairobi based on a children's rescue home (Solidarity). Pray that these brethren will establish genuine Christian homes.

15 Sunday **Ministry** in Nairobi today: Dominic Kabaria (see 10/4) is preaching in the morning, and MI in the afternoon. TBC is known for its expository preaching, but it is easy for those who have settled to take it for granted. May the preaching continue to work in saving power and build up His people into spiritual maturity.

16 Monday KU & MI visited **Kima** on 12/3, about an hour before reaching Nairobi on the road from the Coast. The pastor, Donald Kivungi, married one of our members in Nairobi on 24/3. There is potential for trouble in this church of about

20 mostly elderly members, as the brother who gave the land for the church is not clearly backing the pastor. Pray for Sophie to settle well in this new place with Donald, and for Donald to have much wisdom in dealing with the members.

17 Tuesday On 18/3 **KU** finally stepped down as an Elder of TBC Nairobi. There was a special lunch put on by some of the young men, and then a members' meeting. A number spoke warmly of their reminiscences and then he addressed them for the last time as their pastor. It was a joyful time of thanksgiving to God. Please join us in this thanksgiving.

18 Wednesday The annual **Reformation Conference** in Mumias is from today to the 22nd. on the letter to the Hebrews and the glories of Christ. Michael Maura of Bethesda Baptist in Nairobi and Barnabas Olare of Gospel Missions Agency in Mombasa (see 9/4) will be the speakers. Pray that Biblical truth will be preached in power, received into many lives, and impact many churches.

19 Thursday Another important item in our meeting on 22/3 with the **Pokot North** leaders was the need to work towards self-sufficiency as opposed to relying on external funding. The brethren thankfully received it very well, and we are now going to firm up a document concerning the schools for final approval. We thank the Lord for those who have given generously for the development of the schools in and the brethren testified of much spiritual good that has been done.

20 Friday KU & MI visited the Bethesda Baptist Church in **Kiatuni** on 13/3 and its long-standing pastor, Joseph Mutua. The church continues with over 100 members and we are training a 2nd. pastor in the TPC, Sammy Malua. Before reaching Nairobi we stopped in to visit George Wambua who is church planting in the town of **Machakos**. It was most encouraging to hear how he started this work by faith, not first of all waiting for funding. We are praying that there will be good local churches in all towns in Kenya.

21 Saturday The **RBAK** links churches that hold to the 1689 Baptist Confession of Faith. A number of churches are interested in becoming a part, and we long for its strengthening. Particularly we need to encourage one another to preach the whole counsel of God, and not to major on financial concerns however genuine.

22 Sunday **Ministry** today: (1) MI is preaching both morning and afternoon. Pray that his ministry may be more and more used of the Lord. (2) KU is preaching again in Charlesworth in the morning and then reporting on his recent visit to Kenya after lunch together. This little group of believers needs much grace to stand firm in the Lord.

23 Monday KU is attending the Banner of Truth Ministers' **Conference** until 26th. Pray that it might be an encouragement and challenge to the 200 or so church leaders who are expected to attend.