

## 'PRAY FOR KENYA' – MAY 2018

**24 Thursday** This evening KU is again at **Ramsbottom** for the regular preachers' class. There are 6-8 men in this church, together with the Elders, who preach around. Pray for the Lord to raise up men with gospel fire in their bones.

**25 Friday** (1) A good number of TBC members are travelling to Eldoret for the **wedding** tomorrow of Manases Bor (Intern & TPC student) and Gloria Koech. They are both members of TBC. (2) The **Proclaim Conference** organized by Emmanuel Baptist Church in Nairobi is happening with the attendance increasing every year.

**26 Saturday** (1) Pray for **MI** as he conducts and preaches at the wedding today. With hundreds of people present it is always a great opportunity for the gospel. (2) **KU** is speaking to the Young Life group in Liverpool, on 'What Does God's Word Say About... Promised Prosperity?'

**27 Sunday** Pray for the **ministry** of the word. (1) In Nairobi John Muketha is preaching in the morning and EA in the afternoon. There are also Family & Youth Meetings. (2) In Eldoret MI is preaching in Grace Baptist Church. (3) In Deeside (UK) KU is preaching in the morning.

**28 Monday** The next issue of our magazine Grace & Truth 129 is now out. You can read it at <http://www.trinity.or.ke/ministries/grace-truth-magazine>. It is designed as a teaching tool to reach out far and wide where there is so much ignorance. May the Lord use it for the advance of Biblical reformation.

**29 Tuesday** Let us continue to pray for the ministry of our S0mal1 brethren. (1) AO in Ethiopia and his radio broadcasts all over the horn of Africa and further afield, and his visits to follow up contacts where it is dangerous to be a Christian. (2) NH and his new wife in Nairobi and the internet chat room about the gospel that can have many hundreds of followers.

**30 Wednesday** Andrew Chemolok in **Pokot North** reports that 10 were baptized upon profession of faith in the joint meeting of the churches in April. Many others are requesting baptism and we give thanks to God for this spiritual growth. He continues to request help for a permanent church building in Chepkinagh, and for classrooms for the newly started secondary school.

**31 Thursday** Many of the deacons of TBC have been appointed while unmarried. **Charles Ndung'u** was married to Beatrice Wambui on 28<sup>th</sup> April at a wedding where MI officiated and preached. **Elias Otieno** (chairman of Deacons) and Faith (from EBC) are getting married on 2<sup>nd</sup> June. As more of our young adults get married, we pray that the Lord will bless these marriages.

EA = Eric Abwao, MI = Murungi Igweta (Pastors of TBC Nairobi); KU = Keith Underhill (Liverpool, UK)

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

RBAK = Reformed Baptist Association of Kenya

You can get more information by visiting <http://www.trinitybaptistkenya.org>

**1 Tuesday** The work amongst the **Rendille** continues to be of great concern to us. We are praying that the Lord may raise a few men to go and live there with an aim of further establishing the church in Korr and new churches in Lekuchula and Losidan where we have schools. MI intends to visit there later (from 18/5).

**2 Wednesday** KU is at **North Preston** Evangelical Church this evening reporting on the recent visit to Kenya/Ethiopia. We thank God for the many prayers of God's people that are not unavailing with the Lord. KU seeks to promote the ministry in Kenya through the UK charity TRAIN(Kenya).

**3 Thursday** During the April school holidays two **VBS** (Vacation Bible School) were held, at TBC & Evergreen PCEA. Dominic Kabaria, with a team of 8, was invited to teach children in a Presbyterian church. More than 250 children attended each of the four days they were there (see <http://trinitybaptistkenya.org/reports>). The following week, we had our TBC VBS for five days with an average of 50 attending each day. Pray for these many children who heard the gospel.

**4 Friday** **Bill Emberley** arrives from Canada to teach in the TPC next week. He is coming a few days earlier to better understand the level at which he should teach, and to experience more of the ministry of TBC.

**5 Saturday** **Mike Reid** from Davenport, Iowa (USA), has been training pastors in Muranga and Thika (north of Nairobi). The Lord has opened a wide door of ministry for him and we hope that through this some churches will be reformed and perhaps more planted. There in central Kenya we still do not know of distinctively reformed congregations even though this is the largest community in Kenya.

**6 Sunday** **Ministry** in Nairobi. MI will be preaching in both services, in the morning on Hebrews, and in the afternoon a series called, 'The Basics of our Faith'. Please do not tire to pray for the gospel to come "in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction". Without this all our best efforts will prove fruitless.

**7 Monday** Yesterday, in **Chebang'ang'** Glory Baptist Church there was an ordination service for Geoffrey Ng'eny to be a full time Pastor and prayer for sending out Pastor David Ng'etich for church planting in the nearby Kericho town. May their ministries likewise be owned of the Lord.

**8 Tuesday** Each year 6 Churches get together for 4 nights of ministry in the **Listen Liverpool Bible Convention**. It is not attended as it used to be in days gone by, as it is estimated at less than 100 present. Many churches are shrinking in size, people are busy, and the word of the Lord has not sped ahead and been honoured, as we are urged to pray in 2 Thess. 3:1.

**9 Wednesday** The **TPC** begins today. Bill Emberley & Geoff Thomas are teaching on The Gospels & Acts for 6 days. Pray that the 12 men will devote themselves to the studies in order to be 'approved of God'. They are used to only soaking up information like a sponge, so we are seeking to make them thinking men, able to apply the principles to both interpretation and application.

**10 Thursday** At Kasei, **Pokot North** today, there is the first meeting towards establishing of elderships in the 3 churches of Chepkinagh, Kamketo and Kasei. With the names of those who are being put forward the qualifications as in 1 Timothy 3 and Titus 1 will be examined. We have been working towards this Biblical goal for a long time and pray it will be accomplished this year.

**11 Friday** **Dine & Listen** is an evangelistic meal where church members are encouraged to bring along their unsaved relatives and friends for a good meal and an open gospel presentation. Geoffrey Thomas will be preaching. Pray for him and that many will come under the sound of the gospel leading to salvation.

**12 Saturday** Together with church members, the TPC students go for **evangelism** in the neighbourhood of the church premises. There is an evaluation of the experience with the students as we want this to be a learning time in Biblical evangelism. More than that we pray that many will hear the gospel and be saved.

**13 Sunday** Pray for today's **ministry**. (1) In Nairobi: Geoff Thomas in preaching at Emmanuel Baptist Church in the morning and TBC in the afternoon; Bill Emberley is ministering in TBC in the morning. (2) In Ramsbottom (UK): KU is preaching in the morning, and reporting on the recent visit to Kenya in the evening service. As "jars of clay" may the surpassing power of God be seen in the preachers.

**14 Monday** Continue to pray for the two **Elders** in Nairobi, Murungi Igweta and Eric Abwao, as they further adjust to being without KU. May they be as iron sharpens iron. There are plans to put a third brother before the brethren and for this wisdom is needed as it is in leadership where the church has had its biggest struggles.

**15 Tuesday** The church in **Katilu** in remote Turkana County (north-west Kenya) is led by Isaac Erot. These brethren have continued to faithfully plod on, depending on the Lord, having had no outside visitors for many years. MI is hoping to visit them next month. We need to consider how we can develop Isaac in the word considering he had had little formal education.

**16 Wednesday** The **TPC** finishes today. As the men return home to family and ministry, pray that they will make progress as ministers of the word, that they will be disciplined and diligent in their studies, and that they will grow in godliness. Please further pray for the resources needed to run this programme which is vital for the growth of the work in Kenya.

**17 Thursday** MI is stopping in **Miathene** on the way to Korr. Joseph Mucheru leads the work along with Joshua Kairithia and Paul Kianji. They have also recently planted a church in Muthara which is doing well. A few brethren from Nairobi who are either studying or working in Meru or Maua towns have been worshipping with them. This is where MI was born, and where KU went to teach in 1968.

**18 Friday** MI is travelling to **Korr** (Rendille). Our hearts continue to ache for these people, most of whom are without any meaningful contact with the gospel. The 3 evangelists in Korr need much encouragement as they have seen little response to their preaching. We pray for wisdom to know how to develop Joseph Ogom, the one who at least has a little education.

**19 Saturday** (1) The Members' meeting in Nairobi has the main aim of beginning the process of adding to the Eldership. Wisdom is also needed to know how to divide up the church membership to be more effective in shepherding the flock of God. (2) MI is visiting some villages (goobs) around **Korr**, where most Rendille live. Men are usually found resting under a tree, and women in their small huts. They are almost always willing to listen to the preaching of the gospel and they politely receive it yet cling to their traditions. Pray for the Lord to work in saving power.

**20 Sunday** Pray for the many opportunities of **ministry** today: (1) In Nairobi EA is preaching this morning, and Dominic Kabaria this afternoon; in the early afternoon there are Men & Women's Fellowships. (2) In Pokot North at Kasepa there is a joint service for all the churches. (3) In Korr MI is preaching (through translation).

**21 Monday** (1) We thank God for the wedding of Donald & Sophie in **Kima**. The reports received both from Donald and the church members indicate that they are a very happy family. (2) **MI** is visiting Lekuchula and Goob Torre, villages where we have so often preached, but have not been able to establish anything permanent because there has been no one to send. For photos and more, please go to <http://trinitybaptistkenya.org/rendille-ministry>.

**22 Tuesday** MI is in **Losidan** today. This is a remote community where we helped to establish a primary school many years ago (see the above website). The area is gradually being opened up with a road and this will bring other influences. KU established a good relationship with the leader there, Lepakio. May the Lord work in saving power where to date we know of no Christian at all.

**23 Wednesday** (1) A few brethren in **Addis Ababa**, Ethiopia, who were members in TBC Nairobi, have started Bible Study each Wednesday based upon the 1689 Baptist Confession of Faith. They hope to draw in contacts who are looking for serious teaching, and pray that this will one day form into a church. (2) **MI** is travelling back from Rendille to Nairobi.