

Safari to Ukambani & Pwani

Soon after arrival, Murungi and I took off to drive south-east from Nairobi towards the Coast.

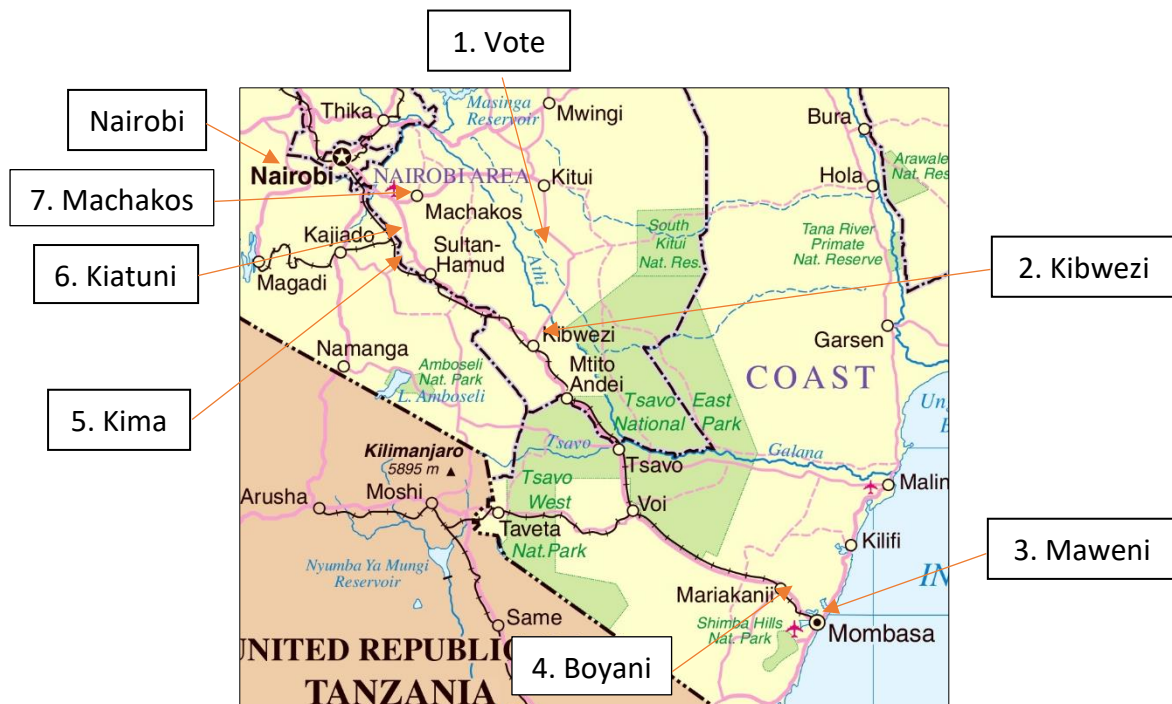
(1) **Vote.** Benson Nyamai is the pastor in this small church of 15 regular attenders. We have recently helped him with a new permanent building as the roof of the old one was blown off three times by heavy wind. There are a lot of churches in the area but, as in much of Kenya, little clear gospel preaching is to be found. At best there is decisionism; at worst the prosperity teaching. Being mid-week, we were able to gather 7 women to whom Murungi preached on 2 Timothy 2:8.



(2) **Kibwezi.** Many Kenyans surf the internet looking for contacts. Pastor Peter Mbako of Kalinga Market just outside Kibwezi got in contact with the publishers of the Free Grace Broadcaster in Florida. We happen to be the distributors in Kenya so we could take copies personally.

(3) **Maweni.** Barnabas Olare and Jeff Myers are co-pastors at the Gospel Missions Agency Church in Mombasa. The name of Barnabas' shop, 'Sola Fide Enterprises', says it all! He trained in our TPC 2012-4 and is actively seeking the Biblical reformation of the church. We had a blessed time of fellowship with these brethren and were also able to visit one of the TPC students from the church. Until he joined the TPC Barnabas was fully part of the Word of Faith movement. To build up what he has torn down in the past he has started a 'Wisdom Training Centre' for the instruction of church leaders, and hosts an annual Reformation Conference.





(4) **Boyani.** George Mwanjisi in the pastor here, having trained in the TPC many years ago. We were here for the Sunday and ministered in the morning and visited in the area in the



afternoon. The church still gathers in his unfinished living room. We have been able to purchase a nearby plot of land and hope to help them build a permanent structure soon. This is a growing church of about 35 members, in an area where Muslims are influential and where traditional religion remains as a basis of culture. It is near here, at Rabai, where the first missionary away from the Coast settled in the 1840s, Ludwig von Krappf.

(5) **Kima.** Donald Kivungi has attended TPC at different times. He recently married Sophie from TBC Nairobi. Kima is a settlement area with many older, retired people in church. It is the only one that has been able to put up their own building. There was a problem with the member who gave land and who has taken a dislike to Donald. It is a shame that we had to deal with that while passing through.

(6) **Kiatuni.** Joseph Mutua a pastor of Bethesda Baptist Church with nice acronym BBC! It is a well established with 100 members. I taught him first in Thika in 1970s then in Nairobi in TPC in 1990s. They are seeking closer links with us in Nairobi, and hence our visit.

(7) **Machakos.** George Wambua is seeking to plant a church in this town so we stopped by to see him. He trained in TPC 15 years ago. It was encouraging that he felt compelled to come here without first looking for support. It is often the other way round. All meetings are presently in his house. Very soon there will be the first APC in this town.