

## 'PRAY FOR KENYA' - APRIL 2019

**24 Wednesday** We are thankful for the wide open doors for the gospel in different **Universities**. Since the beginning of the year more than 10 Colleges have extended invitations for ministry. The door that was only open in Nairobi has ushered us into many other institutions of higher learning. Please pray that the Lord may open the hearts and eyes of many to embrace the one true gospel.

**25 Thursday** **Miathene** TBC led by Joseph Mucheru was visited by MI and a few other brethren on 31<sup>st</sup> March. The church wants to establish the work in Muthara and hopefully plant another church in Meru town. Much grace is needed.

**26 Friday** As a result of the recent **Western Kenya** trip we have come to conclude that it is not tenable to retain fellowship with churches that do not proclaim the true gospel, and with men who fail to live lives worthy of the Lord. So we have had to disfellowship with a few whose conduct is questionable. There are still rumblings so that perhaps we may have to disassociate with a few more.

**27 Saturday** **Vote** TBC has attracted two more families since the church was completed. Benson Nyamai, the pastor, has a man who is helping in the ministry. They have also recently been approached by the Government to set up a demonstration farm in their property which has gone very well with the village-folk as they come to see how to work towards food security in this arid land.

**28 Sunday** **Ministry** today in Nairobi. MI is preaching in the morning and John Muketha in the afternoon. We continue to pray that the Lord may give a desire for a better use of the Lord's Day amongst believers. The attendance at the afternoon service has never been impressive, which adversely affects those who do not make maximum use of the public means of grace for their good.

**29 Monday** **Funyula** TBC, led by Simon Ochieng', has been desiring to complete their church building. This year we hope to see them have a more usable facility. Please pray that there may be more conversions as our brother labours there.

**30 Tuesday** Educational needs for secondary **school fees** are coming up. We desire to support all the pastors' children in paying school fees, though this year we have not received much towards this need. We have had to turn many away, and yet there is nowhere else to go if their children are to have basic education.

**31 Wednesday** **Rendille**. Stanley Musyoki has now relocated to Korr with his family. Diba was also sent in March and he preached in Korr (24/3) and visited Lekuchula and Losidan where we sponsor schools. We pray that gospel witness may be established in these places.

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 Monday** The **TRAIN(Kenya)** Trustees have their first Board meeting by Skype call. TRAIN exists to promote the gospel work of TBC Nairobi and churches in the RBAK. You may visit the website at <http://www.trainkenya.com>. Pray for wisdom that the charity might be of genuine help. There are 6 trustees, and all but one have visited us in Kenya.

**2 Tuesday** **Chelopoy Boys School** continues to greatly interest us, as we seek to raise funds for the initial infrastructural development so that the Government can take it up. We sent out a special plea for funding and we thank God that about one-third has been raised. The County Government has also begun taking interest in the work and has made a similar donation. There are around 40 boys.

**3 Wednesday** KU is speaking to the small church in **Pershore** this evening, reporting on his recent trip to Ethiopia and Kenya (<http://www.pechurch.org.uk>). Thank God for such faithful prayerful support from many such churches for the spread and strengthening of the gospel in Kenya.

**4 Thursday** In February MI was involved in a number of **radio broadcasts** together with the speakers for the Grace & Truth Conference. There has been good feedback and on-going gospel relationships with listeners. MI was invited again by the radio presenter, who greatly appreciated the truths taught on the 20<sup>th</sup> March, to speak on Evangelism. May the Lord give the increase.

**5 Friday** The **Meaty Forum** has been slow in starting in Nairobi this year, although the first forum was held in Meru in February. This crucial ministry has come to crossroads as we seek God's will to discern whether it has served its usefulness or we should plod on with it. With the radio broadcasts the desire for a mass audience seems to be taking precedence where consecutive exposition ministry could be established. Funding is a hindrance to such a prospect.

**6 Saturday** Pray for **Addis Baptist Church** which has been meeting for about 5 years (<http://www.addis-baptist.com>). In a large city of around 7 million that is dominated by charismatic churches, and such worship styles, together with the entrenched Orthodox Church, they seek to build a church based on the Biblical doctrines found in the 1689 Baptist Confession. At present it is mostly young people. A great need is a more suitable meeting place.

**7 Sunday** **Ministry** today. (1) Nairobi. MI resumes his preaching through Hebrews in the morning and EA through Nehemiah in the afternoon. (2) KU is in Charlesworth, preaching in the morning, then reporting on the recent visit to Ethiopia and Kenya in the afternoon.

**8 Monday** Pray for AO and **SOmal1 ministry**: for the discipline of preparing the programmes for airing; for the following up of contacts especially when they are in places dangerous to go to. There is evidence that God is at work saving people who are yearning for something different from the religion around them. But as yet they are not free to openly practice their faith.

**9 Tuesday** The **Grace & Truth Conference's** ministry was highly appreciated. It was well attended although the success of it was the great number of pastors from a Charismatic/Word of Faith background. Special podcasts have been produced on some of the subjects. Hear them at <https://refhub.podbean.com>.

**10 Wednesday** Give thanks for the **Competent to Counsel Seminars** held between 25<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> March, facilitated by David Merck, Grand Rapids, MI. There were over 50 in attendance and they all confessed how greatly they profited. We pray that a Biblical mind-set in dealing with people's problems will be embraced, especially by pastors who are physicians of souls.

**Thursday** **Siaya TBC** desperately cries for a resident pastor. MI and Kevin Oruru visited there on 17<sup>th</sup> March and it was sad to see the shrinking congregation. We wish to see a vibrant work in such a town church, and so pray that the Lord may pour His life-giving Spirit to bring about conversions. The pastor there, Charles Abwok commutes on Sundays more than 50 kms. to preach.

**12 Friday** The need for the expansion of the **Eldership** at TBC Nairobi continues to be a point of prayer. Now that Dominic Kabaria's name is with the members of the church, we pray that we may be united in mind regarding him and in due time we pray that the Lord may make him ready for the work. His ministry, over the years with the children has greatly been appreciated.

**13 Saturday** Dominic is leading the **Sunday School Teacher's Training** today and has invited even those from other churches. We desire that our children may be well instructed in the Lord, since this is the means that the Holy Spirit uses for the salvation of souls. Therefore, their teachers need to be taught how best to bring the word and the gospel to bear in such young minds.

**14 Sunday** **Ministry** today. (1) MI is preaching in the morning and Eric Kahure, an intern and TPC student, in the afternoon. (2) KU is preaching in Trinity Grace Church, **Ramsbottom** in the morning, spend time with Oliver Allmand-Smith and family, and then give a small report to the church in the evening service.

**15 Monday** The **TPC** in March had 8 students. We thank the Lord they were all able to hand in their completed work in time (see the forthcoming prayer letter for more details). We trust this will become a normal feature. Today the TPC Board has its regular skype call to assess how things are going as we seek to train these men up to be faithful pastors and preachers.

**16 Tuesday** The **VBS** for TBC Nairobi began yesterday. An average of 60 children attend, and while the majority may be from the church, many are just from the neighbourhood, whose parents are mostly unbelievers or involved in other churches. We desire that the contact with the children may be used of the Lord also to open doors with the parents.

**17 Wednesday** **Tanzanian APC Conferences** are being planned in earnest. Swahili books are being procured. Elly Achok from Mumias will be the main speaker together with MI between 2<sup>nd</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> September in Arusha, Dar es Salaam, Morogoro, Dodoma and Mwanza. Last month we mentioned that Simon Patilo is church planting in Dodoma having been sent from Lusaka Baptist Church and he has offered to be help in this work.

**18 Thursday** The **South Sudan** situation remains a great concern for us as we pray that the Lord may strengthen David Awan (Malakal) and James Lual (Juba) to be a source of encouragement for the rest of the pastors working with them. They desire that we help them in the training of these pastors and MI hopes to travel there before the end of the year.

**19 Friday** Every Easter Friday we host a **Concert** or Cantata. This year we shall spend the evening singing Easter Hymns and we shall hear preaching about the Passion of Christ from Nick Kennicott from Georgia, US. May the Lord use it to warm our hearts to sing the praise of Him who died to save us.

**20 Saturday** The **Passion for Missions Conference** is focusing on the theme of Church Planting. Those attending, mostly students from universities, will be urged to see the goal of missions is church planting and the end of it all is the glory of God. Nick Kennicott and MI will be speaking.

**21 Sunday** **Ministry** today. (1) Nairobi. Nick Kennicott is preaching in the morning and MI in the afternoon. (2) KU is preaching in Maidenbower, south of London, both morning and afternoon (<http://mabach.org>). For decades this has been a supporting church for the ministry in Kenya, for which we thank the Lord.

**22 Monday** Community Baptist Church, **Kima** is a church led by Donald Kivungi. The pastor has gone through trials with struggles with his newly married wife who has serious mental issues. They are expecting their firstborn and solicit our ardent prayers that the Lord may be gracious to her.

**23 Tuesday** **Tonny Karwa** was released from TBC Nairobi on the 31<sup>st</sup> March to respond to the call from Grace Baptist Church Kisumu to be their pastor. The family is settling in there. We pray that the Lord may richly bless the ministry of Tonny so that Christ's church may be blessed.