

Greetings in the Lord!

I trust this finds you well in the Lord, here are the updates on September visit to Olgumi.

Receive warm greetings from the congregation of Trinity Baptist Church Olgumi, they were very happy to have us there on the 17th of September.

It was a good time to travel there, we thank God for providing the rains some days before which helped us on getting our way there, sadly we were late on arrival though we didn't find the service to have started, that is at around 10:30am.

There were three of us who travelled to Olgumi, Francis, Nickson and Ronald, we had planned initially to have a friend to help with interpretation, but we were not able due to time constraints between us and him that Sunday morning. This led to a difficulty with our interpretation from Swahili at the beginning of the service. Thankfully Peninah Kakoiya was available later on to help with the interpretation, although she was sickly, she greatly helped with the interpretation. The family of Mr. Kakoiya had a bereavement the previous week- Kakoiya's mother who had been in hospital for a while had passed on. They have been having a hard time with this together with the medical needs of Pastor Kakoiya and one of her daughter's who has been unwell and one of their daughter who went back to school recently to continue on with her secondary education for her third term.



*Olgumi Trinity Baptist Church photo.*

We thank God for providing an interpreter for us this time, Teka taught from 1 John 2 handling verses 9&10 on Christians as those in the light, Ronald taught from 1 Corinthians 15: 20-22 on the hope that we have in Christ's resurrection, Francis preached from John 15:1-5 under the title "Kaa katika Kristo"(Abiding in Christ)- we were all 36 with the children included.

The aspect of interpretation saddened us since there is a great need for this congregation to have the Word of God read and taught to them, every other Lord's day and daily in their households, with only a few people able to read Maasai. This reminded us on how we often take things for

granted, for us being in a reformed church, we may have enjoyed much "food", till we fail to be thankful, taking lightly what we hungered for at first.

The brethren there were so glad to have the Word of God brought to them, taking serious that little, perhaps to help remind each other for the weeks ahead.

It is a good thing that we can have the Scriptures with us now, we can turn the pages of Scriptures every other day of our lives. It is a sad thing when tomorrow we can't even read or remember where the book of Genesis or Revelation is, if God brings this we may learn perhaps.

"If you can't appreciate the water you have, go to where there is no water." K. Underhill

We can give ourselves to studying the Scriptures saturating our prayers with the Word of God(His Will), he will answer us.

"All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be competent, equipped for every good work." 2 Timothy 3:16-17(ESV)

Let us even learn to read our vernacular, to read Swahili so as to preach the gospel as opportunity arises over on the countryside.

Let us thank God for those who brought the gospel to us.

Let us thank God for the local church the Lord has provided for us, the elders and deacons who labour among us praying for them. Thanking God for the ministers of the Gospel in the frontiers of our country and all over the world, majorly praying for the course of the gospel. We ourselves not caging the Gospel in our hearts, but preaching it as the Lord has entrusted us with His Word, remembering brothers and sisters all over the world with whom we are one in faith.

On our way back we were held up with the rains till 5pm, we had a good time with the family of Mr Kakoiya, Isaiah, Moses and Simon, Moses is the one currently helping at the church, he helped us to navigate back to the main road through the flash floods, which had swept the rough road down hill (the area experiences flash floods during the rainy season in the surrounding areas). The people of Olgumi were grateful for the rains despite restrain from traveling, they rejoiced the more for the Lord answered prayers. By God's providence we met a pastor who stays in an area called Ewuaso who helped us navigate back, since the two roads back to Maai-Mahiu were covered with water(we had to travel a longer route around 62Km back via Kamangu, Gicheru and Nachu in Kiambu County) Ewuaso town is not far from a sister church in a place called Ewang'an. We had lost hope on getting back to Nairobi, even the next day being a working day, we had even decide to spend the night there till the waters go down, We thank God for providing this pastor. With man things may seem not possible, under God who holds the universe by the power of his Word, let's trust in Him who is able to give life to all creation, eternal life to men who are born dead in sin. We navigated through a hilly area with which we thought we were in the middle of a forest praying that nothing happens to us. It was a joy to get back to the lights of Nairobi, where we arrive around : 10:45pm.



*One of the brothers after the rain, next to a river that was not there an hour earlier, which cleared perhaps an hour later.*

An encouragement to us to pray for the Ministry of the Word among this community of the Maasai, pray for the pastors in the locality, their labours for the Lord, for fruit from the preaching every Lord's day.

Let us continue in prayer with much thanksgiving for the health of Pastor Kakoiya and his family. Much thanksgiving for the September visit and praying the Lord willing when we visit the church in October we would have a profitable time together under the feet of Christ. There is a great need for the Word in this church every Lord's day, let us pray that men may not be destroyed because of lack of knowledge, but they would have the chief Shepherd through faithful preaching of the Gospel of Christ who has his own even in this area.

May the Lord our God keep you in your service to him as He bestows each day, thank him for his perennial mercies.

Your brother in Christ,  
Ronald Bargebo.