

## Pray for Kenya November 2017

Dear Brethren:

Please receive this second report on my September visit to Kenya for thanksgiving to God and for prayer. I spent the first 8 days in Nairobi, teaching the TPC, meeting with various brethren afterward the teaching, and ministering on Sunday.

### Nairobi TBC

I had the privilege of preaching morning and evening on Galatians 6:1-10, where I had ministered for 37 years. We thank the Lord that the church continues to grow, and not only



in numbers. There has been growth in love as a number of problem areas have been publicly confessed and forgiveness has led to reconciliation. Also growth in service as we have seen more brethren take an active part in taking what they have received to others. On one Sunday in September, for example, one brother was with me in Pokot North, one was with Murungi in South Nyanza, 7 were in Korr with the building project, one was

ministering at a University, and 3 were in a sister church at Kima. To whom much is given, from him shall much be required. Right now 2 brethren are out in Vote helping to start the construction of a permanent church building and to encourage the Pastor there, Benson Nyamai.



**Murungi Igweta** has been a full-time Pastor in TBC Nairobi since 2009. The last 18 months have been particularly demanding for him and he is looking forward to a month of leave in December.



**Eric Abwao** has been a part-time Pastor since 2014. He has been on sabbatical for 6 months and is due to resume in December. I am still officially the 3<sup>rd</sup>. Pastor and keep in regular contact by the plethora of electronic means.

We are in the process of seeing if the number of **Deacons** can be increased. We have asked members to nominate any men they think are qualified by giving each a questionnaire. The results will be brought to a members' meeting on 18<sup>th</sup>. November for further consideration.

Every Thursday morning ladies who are available get together for a couple of hours of fellowship. Presently they are using A. W. Pink's book to study the Attributes of God. We are thankful for their seriousness, and that here is a mix of older and younger. The faithfulness of the older women has been such an encouragement to us, and some in quite difficult home situations.



### Trinity Pastors' College (TPC)



These are the men I taught the course on Pastoral Theology, Wednesday to Friday and Monday to Wednesday. It is intensive, so I try to have a lot of discussion. I sought to emphasize the seriousness of the work, how all-embracing it is as we deal with the lives of men and women, so one must be sure of the Lord's calling. How else will you persevere through all the difficulties and disappointments? Please PRAY for Oliver Allmand-Smith who will be teaching them

from 8<sup>th</sup>. November. He is taking 2 of the smaller courses, Old Testament Poetic books, and Evangelism. The men go home loaded with study material and they are expected to complete the assignments for the course(s) studied by the time they return. They often find it difficult with all the other demands of supporting their families and developing the ministry.

### Reformed Baptist Association of Kenya (RBAK)

On the way to Pokot North, we took a detour to attend some sessions of the Association of Churches of which we are a part. Attending meant that I was asked to speak twice on aspects of the Reformation! The Chairman of the Association this year, Eric Ngala of Bumala, thought it was a good opportunity to invite pastors from around to hear about the Reformation in this



Pastor Murungi is speaking about being a Reformed Pastor to the scores of church leaders who had been invited to hear about the celebration of the Reformation. "Many were touched according to the responses that followed" is the feedback from one Pastor. There is a great need for Reformation in our day. You might like to go to [www.reformedgospel.org](http://www.reformedgospel.org), the website where Elly Achok has 8 videos on why we need such Reformation.

500<sup>th</sup>. anniversary year. This needs to be heard in a Christian environment where the dominant note is worldly prosperity.

These are the delegates from churches that are members of the RBAK and profess to hold to the 1689 Baptist Confession. They come from various parts of Kenya, but mainly from the south-west part where the Association was being held.



Rendille



The lorry is being loaded with building materials for brethren to take to Korr in order to work on the church building – cement, doors and window frames, wood, hard-core, even a new motorbike. This is because even if things are available they are costly. The cost of hiring the lorry was paid for by what we saved in transporting the cement alone.

Baptistry in faith!

The 7 brethren who spent most of September were able to put in the foundation footings, concrete the floor and make two rooms for those who will come to labour in the gospel here.



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These are the two brothers who spent October in Korr ministering together, **Stanley Musyoki** and **Roy Omondi**. We are now waiting for them to confirm that they want to relocate to Korr with their families to encourage the church there and to reach out to the Rendille people. Then we shall make the decision whether or not they should go. They both have quite large families and it will be an expensive undertaking. In this hardship area the cost of living is appreciably higher. But the need in Korr is great and urgent. The 3 Evangelists are trying but men of training and experience will be of inestimable progress for the work, and seeing the gospel

spread. So we have also been able to supply a new motorbike to make visiting places far and wide much more possible. These are all our plans, but without the grace of God they will come to nothing. All the while many Rendille people remain totally unreached. In God's inscrutable providence we have faced many difficulties with leaders in Korr. At the first we had two Rendille men we had trained but one abruptly left and we had to release the other. We are thankful that the one who left now has a ministry in a village near the town of Laisamis on the main road. Then we sent a 'missionary' to Korr and he proved so unfaithful that the church there had to excommunicate him. Yet another Rendille man we trained and sent to another location turned out to be unfaithful after many years and that ministry is now struggling. Once again there was a man who could not work with him and who has started his own ministry, which we believe to be faithful. God's ways are not our ways. What matters is not our ministry, but God using the servants He chooses to advance His kingdom.

In Christ's service,

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