

PRAY FOR KEITH & PRISCILLA UNDERHILL
TRINITY BAPTIST CHURCH, NAIROBI, KENYA

“Pray for us, that the word of the Lord may speed ahead and be honoured” (2 Thess. 3:1, ESV)

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Dear Brethren,

As I write this Priscilla is in hospital in Ohio, where she went to be with son Jonathan and family on September 23rd. Tuesday morning she found speaking difficult and did not feel well and it has been confirmed that it was a stroke. In God’s mercy the blood clot ‘fragmented’ so the effects are basically gone. Right now the doctors are trying to find out what caused the clot and they are looking for a genetic factor which is in her family. She is well and I have been able to talk often with her on the phone. Jonathan has been at her side almost throughout. She is booked to fly back to UK next week, and then to Nairobi early November, and we wait to see if this will be possible. May the Lord strengthen us in the faith through this unexpected trial.

Since she has been away from Kenya it has been a very, very busy time. I was in Rendille from 23rd September to 1st October; we held the 2-day Grace & Truth Conference on the subject of the Church at which I spoke 4 times (3rd-4th October); I have preached in the last 2 evening services continuing on the life of Elisha (2 Kings 6-7); we have had the 3-day Reformed Baptist Association of Kenya meetings in Funyula, in the far west of Kenya on the Ugandan border (6th-10th October); then the 2nd Parenting Workshop on ‘How to Parent’ (11th October). The Lord has graciously undertaken in all these, upheld us, and made them a blessing to many. This past week has been a bit of a breather and I have been able to visit some families (and get meals provided!).

I will write about the Rendille ministry at a later time, after I return from Pokot North (21st-30th October). God is being so encouraging to us as a church as we continue to have many visitors who show much delight in the church. In the past months, we have received 11 new members. As encouraging as this is it shows up the dearth of Biblical ministry in our big city of Nairobi where there is so much religious activity. We thank God that it is not only young adults who are being drawn, as we have many University students and recent graduates, but also families and more mature people!



Margaret Njure professed faith as a child more than 50 years ago. She has retired from teaching having been in boarding schools most of her life. Being a member of a ‘normal’ church is a new experience for her. She says she has finally come home.

Peter Maina also became a Christian many years back, but on entering politics he succumbed to worldliness. God’s gracious providence in bringing him defeat in the recent elections brought him back to his spiritual senses.



Stephen & Esther Silamo are from Korr (Rendille) and they have come back to the church after a number of years away. They would like us to send them back to serve the Lord amongst their own people.

Abi Kivati joins her husband Peter who became a member in June (2014, No. 8).

Brenda Munyiri also joins her husband Nelson (married 2nd August, 2014, No. 9). Like many young people involved in churches she thought she was converted until the Lord brought her under conviction of sin 3 years back.

The other 5 are young adults, 2 in College, and 3 having embarked on their working life.

God willing, I shall be in Pokot North next week (21st-30th). A week Saturday I shall conduct a wedding there in Kasei, the very first church wedding in the area I think. Afterwards I shall be able to report back about spiritual progress in the area, and how the church building in Kasei and the school in Kamketo are going on.

Do thank the Lord with us for His much grace. As the church grows to almost 80 members, may we stay united in Christ. We are only 3 Elders with responsibilities all around the country. After a lengthy process of discussion we shall be voting on a 3rd Elder, Eric Abwao at the end of November. May it be a unanimous decision for the glory of God in the church.

In Christ's service,

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