

Pray for Kenya February 2016

Greetings in Christ's name. We are continuing to settle into our new life in Liverpool, seeking to get the house in shape now there are just the two of us. Before we can get all our things unpacked there is decorating to be done in some rooms. We are used to a culture where labour is cheap, but now we have to learn to do these things ourselves! Priscilla is slowly improving, feeling a little more like her old self, but still needing a stable life with as few changes as possible. It is hard for us to understand this need not having had a stroke. And it is for this reason that we have decided to cancel my forthcoming visit to Kenya so she does not have to face the change and resulting adjustment of my absence.

Visit to Kenya Cancelled

I was to have gone from mid-March through April to teach in the PTC, and to visit Rendille and Pokot North amongst other things. The Course I was to do for the PTC will now have to be postponed until it is offered again in 2018.



Our intern, **Peter Kivati**, is presently visiting Rendille. He is praying to go there and minister the gospel when he finishes the PTC in early 2018, Lord willing. This will be a big thing for us, the first time to send a family to church plant in such a remote and difficult place.

We feel the urgent need to send someone else to visit Pokot North as soon as possible. Our withdrawal of support for the more than 40 teachers in the various schools has been a big blow to them, but we had no

choice because of lack of finances. We are seeking to encourage the trained men to show real leadership at this time so that this situation will be turned for spiritual good instead of engendering an attitude of hopelessness. There is need to complete the church building in **Kasei** by laying a concrete floor and putting in windows and doors. Kasei is an administrative centre where the church sponsors a secondary and primary school and so we have seen this as a necessary project. The Pokot brethren have also continued to embark on church planting, with two new meetings, in Kiwawa and **Kapenguria**. The latter is the main centre for the Pokot people (the 'County Seat'). Although it is around 100 kms. south of our churches, it is where people have to go to bank and for hospital, etc. There is the continuing need for the Lord to raise up labourers especially amongst the Pokot themselves. We have sent three non-Pokot here to labour, and two from the area are engaged in the PTC training.

Ministry in U.K.

Please pray for us in the following opportunities of service:

(1) Ramsbottom (Trinity Grace Church). One of the Pastors of this church is Oliver Allmand-Smith who has visited Kenya a number of times, both Pokot North, and more recently to teach in the PTC. The church, situated north of Manchester, therefore has a great interest

in Kenya, and I have the opportunity to preach in the morning service on 6th. March, and to present a report on Kenya in the evening service.

(2) Pershore (Evangelical Church). In their final years my parents were located in this small town near Worcester and my mother became an attender. This little group of believers that meets in a primary school became very precious to us while my parents were alive and on 9th. March I will give a report about the work in Kenya at their midweek meeting.

(3) TRAIN Charity. This is a U.K. based charity that some of my friends have set up to ensure the continuity of the various ministries with which I was involved in Kenya, especially the PTC and outreach in Pokot North and Rendille. There is a Board meeting on 10th. March. One of the items will be the way forward in Pokot North for the schools.

(4) Aberystwyth (Alfred Place Baptist Church). This town is located on the west coast in central Wales, is where I went to University and became a Christian, and is the church that first sent us out to labour in Kenya in 1975. Until the other week the Pastor has been Geoffrey Thomas who has had a 50 year ministry in this same church! They are voting on receiving a new pastor on 13th. March and I shall be preaching both morning and evening. I will need wisdom and earnestly pray for the maintaining of the unity of the church in the face of this great change.

Trinity Baptist Church, Nairobi

In February two new members were added to the church.



Francis Mwenda is Pastor Murungi's brother-in-law. Joe Thwagi is another young man who has come to believe with a passion that the doctrines of grace are nothing less than the Biblical gospel. He was willing to travel more than 100 kms. from Nyeri to be with us each Sunday, until he has now relocated to Nairobi. We are so encouraged to have more and more young adults who want to put the local church at the centre of their lives in this world.

Recently the two other Pastors have been preaching and here are the YouTube links:

(1) Vincent Kajuma at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QoYGWSOJ9zQ> ('The Love of Christ Controls Us') and https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Oj_DLHk9tb0 ('Don't Live for Yourself but for Christ') both from 2 Corinthians 5:14-15.

(2) Eric Abwao at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aZ4S3aLsFpU> ('Children Matter in the Sight of God') and <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MLrXSvpMKW8> ('A Call to Parents') both from Ephesians 6:1-4.

May I encourage you to go to www.afrocalvinist.com and read what some of our members are writing, I believe so profitably. The latest is on our attitude towards entertainment.

We are just to publish a further edition of our Grace & Truth magazine (no. 125). At the church's website, <http://www.trinity.or.ke/ministries/grace-truth-magazine/>, all issues since 114 can be found.

Other Ministry

(1) Please go to <http://trinitybaptistkenya.org/reports/> to read about Murungi's ministry in **South Africa**.

(2) **Kasarani Trinity Baptist Church** in north Nairobi has been led by John Mutangili, one of the PTC students, and Peter Wambua. Recently, it suffered a serious problem because of a management problem in the Solidarity Children's Centre from where it operates. Most of its members are youthful, and students in different schools. A couple of leaders in the Centre have opposed the church and this has been a cause of friction with John and a few others in the church leadership. Please pray for this fledgling church, that the current squabbles may work together for good in the sovereign hand of God. Besides, the centre caters for spiritual, educational and financial needs of some of these young people. The prospect of losing this work to a greedy person is very distressing because it would leave untold suffering to the children who are being helped. It has been funded mainly from a church in Australia. Christina Eglinton has been working here for a long period until she relocated last year. Please pray.

(3) **Faith Reformed Baptist Church, Nairobi**. This is an edited report from Murungi after a recent visit to this church which is the other side of Nairobi to ourselves.

"The service was better conducted than ever – no contemporary songs, no ladies leading in singing from the front as before. They begin with prayer, a hymn and then Psalm and so we read Psalm 95 together. Then they have a session of singing where we sang 4 hymns. This is followed by Bible-reading and so it was John 6:60-71 and a short explanation done by Joshua Karani (Pastor) who was leading the service. Then we had a long session of prayers. For this part the prayer petitions are taken directly from the members. I was much encouraged to hear the requests (even though I disagree with the whole aspect of giving them publicly). Then we sang 'On the Wings of Faith Uprising' (246) and then I was called up to preach. I preached for the third time about the death of Christ from Mark 15:33-41 and I thought that I enjoyed a good help from the Lord as I spoke. I also realized how true it is that a sermon preached only once, is yet to be preached. We had a time to sing 'Halleluiah what a Saviour', and 'Alas and Did My Saviour Bleed?' Afterwards we had tea/soda and a cake and the proceeded to their AGM. Karani chaired the meeting and the interactions were so warm that their close fellowship was felt. They were thankful to the Lord for the tent they have put up (it is very big) and strong. They are yet to complete it – they have to deal with the heat from the roof and the flooring. One of the items they had were fellowship meals and evangelism refreshments which were to cost 115K – the few ladies (four to be precise) requested for the favour to provide that and relieve the church from the burden since they have more to spend for than their income (as it is true of all of us). I was encouraged that they are deliberately moving their meetings from Sunday to other days now that they have their own premises. They are planning a weekend of evangelism and would like us to partner with them.

Thank you for your continued prayerful support of us in UK and the continuing ministry in Kenya.

In Christ's service,

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