

Pray for Kenya July 2016

Dear Brethren:

We thank the Lord for His continued mercy. Priscilla has continued to settle and has been able to accompany me on two trips out of Liverpool, one for five days to Aberystwyth, and a day to Charlesworth.



The photograph of us is in **Aberystwyth**. We say this is back 'home' because this is where Keith became a Christian in 1964, and is the church that sent us to Kenya in 1975 and has taken care of us to the present time.

Apart from ministry on Sunday and presentation about the ministry in Kenya in the midweek meeting, we had opportunity to fellowship with many brethren whom we have known 40-50 years. What an encouragement to see the continued grace of God as we all approach the end of our lives.

There have been some interesting interactions with Christians from other countries:

(1) A Christian from Hungary, who is very concerned about the plight of refugees coming into Europe and appalled by the Hungarian churches ignoring them. She went to volunteer at the Croatian/Serbia border to help them cross. She narrated that one lady whispered to her, 'I hate Islam!' What an opportunity it is for these fleeing ones to hear the gospel of peace and love.

(2) Pastor Jayakanth representing a Fellowship of Churches in Sri Lanka. There are about 50 local churches in different parts of the Island and there is much persecution. We were shocked to see the "asceticism and severity to the body" (Col. 2:23) practiced by Hindus (fire walking, suspension by flesh hooks). What terrible things idols demand of their devotees. Thank God that He is our Saviour and He suffered for us. This is good news indeed!

(3) Pastor Mircea Aioanei from Logos Baptist Church, Arad, Romania. The pastor of the church here in Liverpool (Ian Higham) was recently in Arad for a Conference to teach and encourage brethren from the 4 Reformed Baptist groups in the country. Mircea is with us here in Liverpool at present, enjoying a well-deserved break, and we have talked together about how our pastoral training programme in Kenya could be duplicated amongst them in Romania.

Trinity Pastors' College (TPC – new acronym for PTC)

We are producing a brochure to encourage new students. We will only have 2 students continuing the studies after this year, so we are praying for a large new intake for 2017. We already have 5 who are interested. This is what one of the former students of the PTC wrote, so engagingly:

"Imagine meeting someone, you kind of hit it off immediately and get chatting and laughing, really enjoying each other's company without really bothering to get to know each other. Then someone comes along and asks you, "Who's this man you are with? Do you know his name, his background, his worth?" Imagine the bewilderment, even embarrassment, of having to mutter and stutter, not

knowing what to say in response. This example closely mirrors my experience at the PTC. Here I was introduced to the Bible, MY BIBLE, a book I had interacted with almost all my life. Born in a professing Christian family, begun preaching while in high school and pastoring at age 23, I knew that the Bible is the word of God, but did I? How and why is the Bible God's word, what are the implications of that, to my life, my faith and my preaching. How am I to approach it, rightly divide and apply it? Walking with a "strange" Bible in hand meant that I had no functional theology, no knowledge of the Biblical gospel and no Christian life to talk about. As a result I had imbibed and propagated the false wealth and health/prosperity gospel, got deeply entrenched in the errors and excesses of the Pentecostal-Charismatic movement etc. In my 3 years at the PTC, I met and learnt under godly, Biblical men, whose example of faithfulness to and passion for the scriptures not only steered me to a true understanding of the gospel, but also instilled in me an attitude of utmost trust in the scriptures. At the PTC I didn't just learn theology, I found the Bible, it was opened to me and in it I found the gospel, the gospel which saved my soul and which I now preach to the saving of other souls" (Barnabas Olare, Gospel Missions Agency, Mombasa).

They have been meeting this past week, under the teaching of Ryan Devine from Riverside, Los Angeles, California, studying the Doctrine of Christ. Pastor Murungi has also been doing some teaching on Modern Church History.



There is the following report from Pastor Murungi. .

"The classes with Ryan went well. He so much exerted himself to teach and interact with the men. He used the projector and gave them his own notes. I asked him what he found most challenging, and he said that being alone and so taking all the teaching was taxing. It was also lonely in the guest flat. He is committed to coming in 2018 with his wife. His co-pastor Christian Poleynard is also very interested – he has been a missionary in Uganda for 4 years (between 2000-2003)! Since he is bi-vocational just like Ryan (he is a teacher, special needs), he can only come during the summer holiday.

All the students except Caleb came, i.e. Andrew Marando, Geoffrey Isambo, Stephen Ongulo, Samuel Waswa, Peter Nalunyit, Geoffrey Ngole. Four of these are from Pokot North. Noor also attended from Monday to Wednesday. Ronald Bargebo of TBC Nairobi also attended a few classes.

I invited Stanley Musyoki and he was in the class Tuesday and Wednesday. Ryan was also very pleased with him in terms of his questioning and reasoning with the Bible. I sat down with him, and he is very interested in going to Rendille if given the opportunity."

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The 2016 Africa Pastors' Conference took place on 28-29 June at Nairobi TBC. We thank God for the ever increasing participation of local church leaders and pray that men and their churches will be transformed by the powerful word of God. Please read the full report at <http://trinitybaptistkenya.org/reports/>

New Members in Nairobi TBC



Diba Isaaq (left) is from Korr, Rendille, although he spent much of his youth in TBC Nairobi. We are helping to put him through a post-secondary school course so he is more employable so he will be able to support his widowed mother who is presently dependent upon us.

The others (left-right):

Marjorie Orwity

Esther Njeri

Edwin Ngase

Preaching

I have been having quite a few opportunities for preaching and ask you to pray for the ministry and for the making of the needs in Kenya more widely known. We thank the Lord that most of the needs for the schools in Pokot North have been met for 2016, and we must now start thinking about 2017.

I have opportunities to preach here in Liverpool the next 4 Sunday mornings, and also one evening in Deeside a bit south of here one evening. I have now booked flights to come to Kenya (I can't help writing as if it is my place of residence!) from September 3rd. to 28th. Lord willing.

Thank you for your continuing fellowship and prayer for us and the brethren in Kenya.

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