

Pray for Kenya August 2016

Dear Brethren:

I have a lot to share with you this month. We have been in Liverpool more than 8 months and people ask us how we are settling in and adjusting. It is getting towards late August and we have not experienced much of what we would call 'summer'. A few nice days and everyone is saying "It's too hot!" The biggest adjustment is the relative lack of interaction with people. This is not meant as a criticism but as an observation; lifestyles are different, although we prefer the Kenyan one. Of course, we are the outsiders and it takes us time to learn new ways (will we ever?). Then we have to try to get used to the fact that I am not the pastor here, and we do not live on the church premises. So pray for us that we will be content and useful in the Lord's service. Naturally, so much of our lives continues to be centred around Kenya, with emails, WhatsApp groups and Skype.

TBC Nairobi

(1) New members. The Lord added another 4 members this month, 3 through baptism.



Yvonne Tonny & Olivia Karwa Martha
(with Matz)

The baptism and reception of Tonny & Olivia was very special to me. It was Tonny who came to be in the hospital bed next to me in May 2014. A bus had been bombed by terrorists in Nairobi and both Tonny and Olivia were rushed to hospital. In God's providence Tonny landed in the bed next to me, with his expectant wife in another ward. Please read his testimony at www.trinitybaptistkenya.org/tonny-karwa. I continued to visit him while he remained in hospital, and then when he was discharged. Rejoicing in the truth in Christ he had found he wanted to bring this gospel message to many of his friends. So there came into existence a WhatsApp group name Word Exalted. It has been an opportunity for me to bring the word to many in Kenya even

while I am here in Liverpool. I have given a simple exposition of the main themes of Romans, and there have been extended discussions on spiritual gifts, and now on giving. The sad thing is people don't interact with Scripture, only continue to peddle their teaching. But there is evidence of more eyes being opened by the Spirit.

(2) Meaty Forum. This monthly Friday evening event has resumed. There is a new venue, nearer the town centre, and adjacent to the main University of Nairobi campus. The turnout was encouraging, more than 60 for a session on 'How to Know the Will of God'. It is our prayer that many impressionable young people will be impacted by the word through such a means. Please pray for our pastors who are invariably the panellists.



(3) VBS. Every school holiday, i.e. 3 times a year, there is what we call Vacation Bible School for a week Monday through Friday. In recent years we have not found it easy to draw children. There is so often extra holiday tuition, such is the pressure on children to perform.

Other Churches

(1) West Kenya. Pastor Murungi recently did a whirlwind tour to the western part of Kenya where there are many brethren and churches with which we have fellowship. Some are registered under TBC, and other registered with the government independently. If you would like to read in depth please go to www.trinitybaptistkenya.org/west-kenya-safari-2/. There are many interesting details in the report: the struggles men go through in planting churches, the availability of many men for ministry that we have trained in the Nairobi TPC, and above all the great opportunities for preaching the gospel.

(2) Mumias, Gospel Missions Agency. I am giving you this link, www.trinitybaptistkenya.org/testimony-of-elly-achok/, which is to Elly Achok's testimony. He was for 17 years a preacher of Word of Faith doctrines despite his life experiences practically denying the very thing he preached. The Lord so graciously transformed him and has opened wide opportunities for the preaching of the truth. Having so many contacts among Word of Faith leaders, he runs an annual Reformation Conference in 3 venues (the one in Mombasa is from 24th. to 27th. August), and gathers scores to give months of teaching in his Wisdom Training Centres.



Preaching

The Lord has been gracious in giving me many opportunities of ministry over the past weeks. I have had 4 consecutive Sunday mornings in our home church here in Liverpool (Belvidere Road) on Paul's prayer in Ephesians 3:14-21. We have also been to the small church at Charlesworth again (south-east of Manchester). They are seeking to reach out to the surrounding population but such little response is seen. Attending church is simply not



part of the culture – rather sports, car boot sales and antique fairs, family outings, etc. One evening I went for the first time to Deeside Evangelical Church (picture) and preached on Psalm 107. They wanted me to give a little report on Kenya so I started by telling them of 2 differences between preaching in Nairobi and Deeside – in Nairobi doors and windows are open, and while they have watches in Nairobi we have time, a gentle warning that maybe I

would preach a little longer than they were used to.

Visit to Kenya

I am scheduled to go to Kenya on Saturday 3rd. September, returning to Liverpool Thursday morning 29th. It is going to be a very full schedule, Lord willing. Please especially pray for Priscilla as my absence will be a big change for her and we trust the Lord will enable her to cope. Deborah and children will be staying with her during the week, and Matthew during the weekends. Jonathan is coming over from America for the last week or so and will stay on for the day that I arrive so that we can at least meet!

Saturday 3rd. – Arrival Nairobi at 21.00

Sunday 4th. – Preaching morning and evening services at TBC Nairobi

Monday 5th. – Visit to Olgumi to be with Stephen Ole Kakoiya who suffered a stroke almost 2 years ago and is still unable to speak. He was the only trained man for the 3 churches in this area.

Tuesday 6th. – Visiting income tax offices!!

Wednesday 7th. to Friday 9th. – Teaching in the TPC, The Doctrine of the Holy Spirit & Preaching

Saturday 10th. – Visiting church members

Sunday 11th. – Preaching in morning service at TBC Nairobi

Monday 12th. to Wednesday 14th. – Teaching in the TPC.

Thursday 15th. – Arrival in Pokot North (Kasei), travelling with Cliff Barton, also from Liverpool.

Friday 16th. to Thursday 22nd. – Ministry in Pokot North

Friday 23rd. to Monday 26th. – The Reformed Baptist Association of Kenya (RBAK) annual meetings at Osani, South Nyanza

Tuesday 27th. – Drive back to Nairobi

Wednesday 28th. – Final day in Nairobi

Thursday 29th. – Arrive home in the morning, Lord willing.

We do continue to covet your fellowship in prayer. The days continue to be full of opportunities in Nairobi and Kenya. A very great need is for the Lord to raise up more and more faithful men who will give themselves to the preaching of the Biblical gospel.

In Christ's service,

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