# 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

I returned to Kenya by myself on January 8<sup>th</sup> and have had a very busy time ever since! Priscilla was left behind with Deborah & Matthew in Liverpool, either to follow me when she feels strong enough, or for me to return around the end of February. We have been on Skype most days and she continues to be well although she has succumbed to a nasty cold (I guess we are not used to them). Thank you for your continued concern and prayers on her behalf especially. She is being well cared for by the children and some of the church members there in Liverpool.

#### **TBC Nairobi**

We continue to receive many new people on Sunday mornings so that the auditorium is getting filled. People appreciate the serious preaching and the singing of meaningful hymns. Yesterday I preached on Hosea 11:12 – 12:14 under the theme of 'Return to God' (we are uploading onto Sermon Audio). In the evening I took Philippians 3:20-21 to describe a true Christian as one who is a citizen of heaven, is eagerly waiting for Christ to return, and who longs to receive a new body. We have had 3 new members in the last couple of months and still more are interested in committing themselves to the local church.



# Robert Elizabeth a recent convert

Naigher who was taught by Priscilla in the Sunday School when she used to live in the area





Once a month the Young Adults meet for an hour Sunday afternoon. Bear in mind that people are not used to 'spending the whole day in church'. They were discussing Book Clubs where they get together weekly to talk about the book they have agreed to read. We thank God for such a host of serious young people.

# **Grace & Truth No.123**

We publish a 28 page magazine 3-4 times annually. It is wholly written by members of Trinity Baptist Church. If you would like to look at it go to our website <a href="www.trinity.or.ke">www.trinity.or.ke</a> and look under Ministries for Grace & Truth. We make 1000 copies available free of charge and trust the Lord will use it to spread abroad the truth.

#### Pastoral Theological Course (PTC)

We had our first session of the year from January 14<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup>. Our subject for the 6 days of lectures and discussion was The Doctrine of Scripture. My concern is to give them such a high

doctrine that they will very carefully yet assuredly deal with the Scriptures. We always have a discussion on 'Alcohol is sin' to illustrate that we must depend on Scripture no more no less. In Kenya it is generally thought that it is sin to drink anything with an alcohol content. They are hard-pressed to come up with Scripture to back this up! At the same time we have to be very sensitive to the terrible social problem alcohol is in Kenya and so give no impression that it is OK.

There were 5 new students admitted, making a total of 13.





On the second photo they are sitting down, from left to right:

- 1. *Samuel Waswa* from Mwiyenga, Bungoma. His father went through the Course in the 1990s and is pastor of a church at his home.
- 2. *Peter Nalunyit* is from Wasat, Pokot North, and we are thankful that he has returned to take up the Course again. There is a great need for labourers in Pokot.
- 3. *NOOR Hassan*, a member of Trinity Baptist Church, who ministers to his own people over the internet.
- 4. *Elijah Thayaka*, pastor with Redeemed Gospel Church north of Nairobi. He came to the Africa Pastors Conference (APC) last year and appreciated the teaching so much.
- 5. *Peter Kivati*, a new intern with Trinity Baptist Church, Nairobi, and very interested in the Rendille ministry.
- 6. David Awan Malek is standing at the back very tall. He is the brother from South Sudan, pastor with Trinity Baptist of South Sudan. He would so much like to be with us the 6 times annually for the PTC but the cost of flying is prohibitive for him. Yet at this time, especially with the upheaval in his country, this training is the best way we think we can help these brethren.

# **Miathene**

My fellow pastor Murungi has been there this past weekend, to help reconstitute the church after all the problems of the previous few years. A total of 41 now form the membership and he phoned me to say what a wonderful day the Lord gave them. When there appear to be problems in so many places it is such a cause for thanksgiving to the God of abundant mercy.

### <u>Rendille</u>

Please pray for me and Peter Kivati as we visit Rendille from Tuesday January 27<sup>th</sup> to Thursday February 5<sup>th</sup>. We are hoping the Lord will use us to strengthen the work there. Now that there is a good mobile phone network there I shall be able to keep in daily contact.

Please continue to PRAY, especially for us in this last year of full-time ministry in Kenya, and for wisdom in Priscilla's return to be with me here.

In Christ's service,

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