

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

We continue to thank you for your prayers on our behalf. The Lord has graciously upheld me through a very busy 10 weeks in Kenya without Priscilla and now I am safely reunited with her in Liverpool. The initial plan is to be here with her until early May when I am due to be back in Nairobi to teach the PTC students. Nearer the time we shall know if she will feel ready to return with me.

Pokot North

From 2nd to 10th March I went again to visit the work in Pokot North, together with 2 young men whose mothers are church members. They have both finished High School and are looking forward to taking courses that could lead to employment so that they can help support their families. As you can imagine, it was a life-enriching experience for them, a challenge to be thankful for what they have received, and to live of life of devotion to the Lord.

I had the opportunity to preach 3 or 4 times every day, both to the churches and to students in the schools we sponsor. The work is being consolidated, and it is expanding with many opportunities to bring the word of life.



At APUR the congregation was swelled by church members coming down from the hills (behind). I preached on Acts 2:42 to encourage them to be fully committed to the life of the church, and on Matthew 26:41 that the Christian life is one of constant fighting against temptation.



At KASEI we again found a nice shady spot to preach to the small group of believers. Joshua wanted me to encourage them to love the church so I chose to tell them about the figures in Ephesians 2:19-22, citizenship, family, and temple.

At WASAT, as in every school we were able to visit, the children come together, and we bring them the word of God. This is a privilege we have as the sponsor, as well as being able to teach the whole school our doctrine in one lesson each Friday. To do this more effectively we need more preachers, and a programme for school assembly and the Friday class.



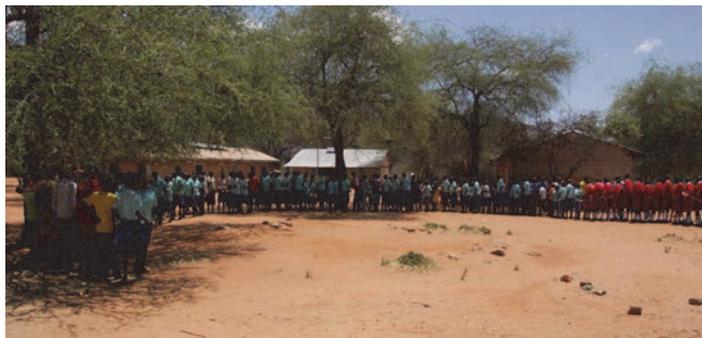
At KAPTEREMA there is this beautiful Nandi flame tree under which the teachers have their 'staff room'. It looks attractive until the wind gets up and blows a cloud of dust into the face! Bit by bit the Government is helping to build the necessary facilities, while we also help in supporting teaching so that there is a full complement of staff.



At KAMKETO on Sunday morning 2 churches met together, along with the secondary school girls, and those who board in the primary school. Only the school hall was large enough to accommodate all who came. I had the privilege to preach on God's love from 1 John 4:7-10, and our love from John 13:34-35.



After the service there was the usual 'greetings circle' outside and at least 250 adults and students were counted as being present.



The Kamketo Trinity Girls' Secondary School:



Having an established boys' school in Kasei with more than 200 in the 4 classes, we have now started the girls' school in Kamketo with a founding class of 16. We thank the Lord for the funds that many of you gave to enable us to construct one classroom, two toilet blocks, and to renovate a dormitory for their use. Imagine that these girls have 5 teachers for their various subjects, 2 part-time from the primary school, 2 whom we support, and one funded from fees paid.



The girls in Form One are about 14 years of age, all from the region of Pokot North, and some from local schools sponsored by Trinity Baptist Church. In order to take advantage of this opportunity we are sending Patricko Odhiambo there with his family to be a chaplain for both the Primary and Secondary Schools. He is from the church at Osani in South Nyanza and completed the PTC many years ago.



These 3 men are sporting TRAIN T-shirts. TRAIN (Kenya) is the Charity in UK through which the funds for the School buildings has been channelled. From left to right: Andrew Chemolok, leader at Chepkinagh; Adan Mohamed, one of the young men who came with me; Thomas Lokeria, leader at Kamketo.



Here are photos of the classroom, the inside of the dormitory, and one of the toilet blocks (long-drop), the latter I know not normally paraded as a photo! Having started the school, we now look to the Government to develop the infrastructure. As the girls sang their welcome they made know their need for solar lighting so that they can make best use of the evenings in reading. Remember it is always dark by 7 p.m. here in the tropics.



Pastoral Theological Course (PTC)

The students came for the second time this year, March 11-18, including 2 from Pokot North, Peter Nalunyit (Wasat) and Stephen Ong'ulo (Kasei). They were taught The Gospels and Acts by visiting teachers, Geoffrey Thomas (long time pastor in Aberystwyth, Wales, our home church), and former pastor Stephen Turner from New Zealand. We are very thankful to the Lord for their coming and their teaching.

Here are the students in the lecture room, many with their computers. The front two are from TBC Nairobi, Vincent (left) whom we are seeking to set aside as an elder in some months, and Peter (right) who is very interested in ministering to the Rendille people. There was also David Awan Malek (back centre) from South Sudan who would like to return every 2 months for the PTC, but the only way is by air and the cost is great.



The visitors also took part in various activities over the weekend:

- (1) The Meaty Forum – the panel discussion on the theme of Education with up to 60 young adults present.
- (2) Evangelism – before the PTC students and others went out for personal evangelism in the area, they were spoken to about John Bunyan and from 1 Peter 3:15.
- (3) Preaching – <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jbuvsYWTCCY> (Geoffrey Thomas);
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4oo0rDCRQ7U> (Stephen Turner).
- (4) Women’s Fellowship – their monthly Sunday afternoon meeting for all ages, on Titus 2:4-5.
- (5) The ‘Tea Plot’ – by 6 p.m. the young adults still had not had enough and around 25 of them came to my house for refreshments to talk and hear the visitors talk about their countries. May be one of them will tell us why they have given the meeting its name, certainly there is tea, but what are they plotting?

We continue to be blessed as a church with a joyful unity and new people being added as members. Two young ladies had been recently converted and were baptized on March 8th. Still others are in various stages of applying for membership. So please do continue to pray for unity and growth, for wisdom for the elders, and for us as we are away from Nairobi.

In Christ’s service,

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