

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

It has been almost one month since we returned to Kenya. The Lord has been kind to us and Priscilla has settled in quite well. We are busy with activity that goes on with the ministry. We are seeking to make sure we have everything ready in order to make the visa application for Priscilla. We only found out the other day that she must have an x-ray for TB. We intend to apply soon and we expect the process to take no more than 3 months. Thank you for upholding us in prayer as we get ready for our ‘redeployment’ after 40 years as a family in Kenya. Our son Matthew is coming for a week on Saturday after working this week in Malawi. He says he is coming ‘home’ but it will not be so for much longer.

Trinity Baptist Church, Nairobi

We have continued to know much blessing as a church, especially in unity and the joy of being together. The Lord continues to add new members. The 2 sisters on the left (Ann & Harriet) were saved last year, not out of the world, but out of a church where the gospel is not preached. While we rejoice in what the Lord had done, it is so sad that many churches are little more than social clubs. Don’t be fooled by reports of phenomenal church growth and crowded services. We must ask if such is centred in Jesus Christ and Him crucified. 3 new members on the right were baptized on 14th June on profession of faith. Adan is the oldest son of a single mother and has been brought up in the church. For a while he flirted with Islam as it is the religion of most of his community. The 4th person is a sister who was excommunicated in 2004, and it was such an encouragement to us to welcome her back into fellowship upon repentance.

New Members

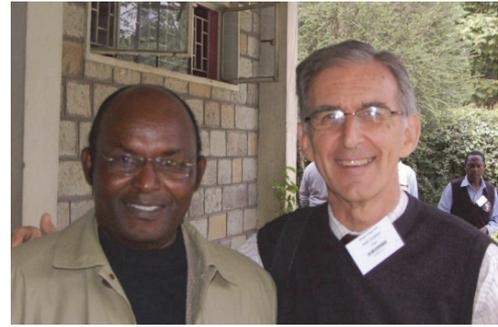


Our Somali brother NH is finding a fruitful ministry on Facebook and Skype. He has told me that weekly about 30 join him on Skype to discuss a Christian topic and many are becoming more open about their faith. As a result some of their Muslim friends are saying it is OK if you want to be a Christian. May the gospel of Christ be glorified in this community!

We continue the process in looking for a 3rd elder (besides me). When I formally step aside in December we are praying that there will be 3 men who have been working together for at least a few months.

As this is my last few months, I am doing most of the preaching in the morning, and continuing with my exposition of Galatians. I want to leave the church with a very clear understanding of the gospel, and as it relates to the Law. This is becoming a controversial subject with, of course, the Sabbath. All the influences world-wide are very much with us through the internet, the New Calvinism, New Covenant, and of course those of us confessing the 1689.

Africa Pastors' Conference (8-9 June)



This is the 2nd such Conference to be held in Nairobi and Ronald Kalifungwa (Lusaka) and Irving Steggles (J'burg) were the speakers. I think there were more than 50 participants, and from various churches, not just those associated with us. It was a very helpful time to many considering the doctrines of justification and sanctification. Please be praying that the Lord will be raising up many men to preach the true gospel of Christ. Many in our church are seriously considering the Lord's calling. One Pentecostal pastor came last year, has started our training (PTC) this year and brought others to the Conference.

One of the participants was Peter Mukuccia, a bishop in the Methodist Church of Kenya. He was one of my secondary school students way back in 1970. It is the first such Conference that we have been involved in together and he so much appreciated it. I expect that many old contacts will resurface in the next few months when they hear we are leaving Kenya.



Other Brethren in Kenya

Joseph Mutua (picture) visited us the other day and we have agreed to be in much closer communication. We have known one another since 1975 when he came to the Bible School in Thika where I was teaching at that time. In the early 1990s he started a church back at his home in Kiatuni (Machakos) which is now known as Bethesda Baptist Church, with the interesting acronym of BBC! There are a number of churches that

profess to be Reformed Baptist in the general area but they are in at least 3 groupings, and much of this is caused by outside (from abroad) interference and the bringing in of money.

These are some highlights from the past month. There are so many things going on from week to week here in Nairobi. I hope to tell you about different areas of Kenya in the next months so you get a fuller picture. The Lord has been gracious over the past 40 years, much has been accomplished, but there is also much spiritual weakness. We are sincerely thankful for your faithful praying and supporting.

In Christ's service,

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