

'PRAY FOR KENYA' – SEPTEMBER 2018

24 Monday MI is at **RBN**et (Reformed Baptist Network) until 27th. He will have an opportunity of giving a report on the work in Kenya in order to increase interest in the work. We pray that a closer fellowship and partnership in the gospel will be born, and a sustained effort to see Christ known will be established.

25 Tuesday The main administrative centre for the whole of West Pokot County is **Kapenguria** (Makutano). 10-20 meet here each Sunday for worship and we are praying for a spiritually mature couple to go here to establish the work. Our Lord told His disciples to “pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest” (Matthew 9:38). There are many other places in Kenya with a similar need – Kericho, Muthara, Olgumi, Thimlich, for example.

26 Wednesday EA visited **Funyula** and reports: “The church has remained faithful in preaching the gospel in a setting where pressure to compromise in order to have more people attending is high. Simon Ochieng’ continues to labour there. He is praying that God would provide another person to labour with him. The church building remains incomplete. It has a good roof but needs walls.”

27 Thursday 2018 marks the **40th Anniversary** of TBC Nairobi. There is going to be a special day of celebration on 6th October. We pray it will be an opportunity for thankful remembrance, for renewal, and even ministering to some who have been influenced in the past and have gone backwards.

28 Friday In Pokot North there is a huge hydro-electric scheme on the **Turkwell** (Suam) River. Last year a couple from the church in Kapterema moved to this area. Through their witness many in the area are calling for help from TBC. All these opportunities highlight the need to train men in the local Pokot language. There is the plan to open the **Bible Light School** in January 2019 at Kasei.

29 Saturday A special issue of our **Grace & Truth** magazine has been produced for the 40th church anniversary. You can read it at <http://www.trinity.or.ke/grace-and-truth>. A number of church members have contributed and look back on their experience in TBC Nairobi. We usually print 1,000 copies and distribute it freely.

30 Sunday **Ministry** today. (1) Nairobi preaching. Nelson Munyiri in the morning, and Huston Malande in the afternoon. (2) KU is in Pokot North, and during a joint service for all the church there will be the setting aside of church leaders in the 3 well-established churches. It has taken almost 20 years to reach this point. (3) MI is speaking at the West Coast Bible Conference to at Providence Bible Church, Sunnyvale. He is also preaching at Christ Bible Church, Dublin, CA..

EA = Eric Abwao, MI = Murungi Igweta (Pastors of TBC Nairobi); KU = Keith Underhill (Liverpool, UK)

TBC = Trinity Baptist Church; TPC = Trinity Pastors’ College

RBAK = Reformed Baptist Association of Kenya; APC = Africa Pastors’ Conference

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1 Saturday There is a scheduled members’ meeting of **TBC Nairobi** this afternoon. The church is seriously thinking about expanding the Eldership from amongst many brethren in the church. Thanks be to God for His faithfulness to the church for the four decades of existence as a church.

2 Sunday **Ministry** today. (1) Nairobi MI is preaching in the morning from Hebrews 7. Tonny Karwa is preaching in the afternoon. Mark Mujivane, one of the members who is gifted in music, is teaching on distinctiveness of congregational singing. (2) KU is preaching again at Christ’s Church, Deeside, in the morning.

3 Monday MI leaves for 4 weeks in the **States**. Pray that he will be spiritually encouraged by the exposure, and that he will be a blessing wherever he goes. One of the purposes is that greater exposure of the work in Kenya will bring more to fellowship with us. Pray also for TBC Nairobi and his family in his absence

4 Tuesday **Chris Herwig** a student in Liverpool and church member, is in Pokot North until 20th. He is getting some experience of teaching at the Kasei Boys Secondary School, and of the ministry in our churches. No doubt there will be many challenges, but pray it will be a real blessing in his life.

5 Wednesday The first stop for MI is at Grace Fellowship in **East Haven**, Connecticut. We have been in fellowship with this church since the 1990s when Sam Owen, who used to be with us in Nairobi, returned to America and became the Pastor there. Recently, Ken Kiambati has been there while studying at Yale, and is now on his way to Puritan Seminary in Grand Rapids.

6 Thursday A new door of opportunity has opened in **Pokot North**, at Nakuyen near Kacheliba on the Uganda border. The community have invited TBC to church plant and sponsor its school as they have seen what we have done elsewhere. Today and tomorrow Andrew Chemolok will be making this second monthly visit to preach the gospel and to chart the way ahead.

7 Friday The **Meaty Forum** panel discussion is entitled, ‘Porn Again Christian’. Attachment to pornography is a real problem for young people with their attachment to the social media. Many in TBC are struggling against it. May the Lord give the panellists boldness and wisdom. It starts at 6 p.m. Kenyan time and is live streamed at <https://www.facebook.com/themeatyforum>.

8 Saturday We are so thankful to the Lord that in the last five years, 50 believers have been added to the **membership** of TBC, Nairobi. A few others have left the church, but we now about 130 members. Two may be received into the membership of the church. One is an older man who has attended the church for over 20 years!

9 Sunday Ministry today. (1) Nairobi. EA starts Adult SS, Dominic Kabaria is preaching in the morning, and John Muketha in the afternoon. (2) MI is at Grace Baptist, Carlisle, Pennsylvania, a church that has been involved with our ministry in Kenya for more than 4 decades. He will be speaking at the Adult Sunday School on Kenya. In the evening he will preach at the nearby Reibers Reformed Baptist. (3) Tonny Karwa is ministering in Grace Baptist Church, Kisumu.

10 Monday MI has an interview with Chris Arnzen of Iron Sharpens Iron **Radio** about the gospel situation in Kenya. We hope that this will bring to light what the Lord is doing in Kenya, as there has been a remarkable interest in Reformed teaching. It is also an opportunity to make an appeal to those who may be interested in any kind of partnership in the work, whether a church or an individual, so that the gospel may speed ahead and be honoured.

11 Tuesday KU and Cliff Barton from Liverpool are travelling to Nairobi. Cliff is going on behalf of the Church, and the charity TRAIN(Kenya). He has been to Kenya many times and was a teacher there back in the 1970s. It will be a busy 4 weeks, but we want to be an encouragement to the many brethren we meet, and wish to assess how the work of the gospel is progressing.

12 Wednesday (1) The **TPC** begins today with teaching on The Doctrine of Man, with emphasis on sin, both total depravity and total inability. Pray for KU who has the full teaching responsibility. (2) Apur is hosting the **monthly joint service** for all the Pokot North TBC Churches. (3) MI is at the Grace Church of **North Olmstead**, Ohio, for their evening meeting. This is the church where KU's son Jonathan and his family are members.

13 Thursday Recently the Bible was commissioned in **Rendille** language. We pray that this will give some impetus in spreading the gospel in the area. Our brethren, Ogom, Godana and Nadesol, continue to labour hard, going out to the villages twice a week to preach.

14 Friday MI was in **Tanzania** between August 13th. to 25th. There were 4 APCs, in Zanzibar, Dar es Salaam, Tabora and Arusha. This was done in partnership with Pentecostal churches, since there is no Reformed work. The main language spoken in Tanzania is Swahili and with very few English speakers it meant that preaching had to be done through translation except for MI who is Swahili speaker. They also could not benefit from the books being sold and distributed for free.

15 Saturday Evangelism efforts have been redoubled in an effort to spread the honours of Christ in the neighbourhood near the church. We are yet to see direct fruit of these efforts, but we continue to diligently preach the gospel, for we know that it is God's power for salvation for everyone who believes. Please pray that there would be more people who would join us from Donholm area.

16 Sunday Ministry today. (1) KU has the privilege of preaching again in TBC, Nairobi both morning and afternoon. (2) MI is ministering at the Reformed Baptist Church of Riverside, California. It is a church that has recently become closely involved with the work in Kenya, and it has invited MI for this visit. Pray the ties will be more firmly cemented for the cause of the gospel of Christ.

17 Monday The **TPC** resumes today on the Doctrine of Man, and also aspects of Early Church History that are relevant to it, such as Augustine and the Pelagian Controversy. One emphasis will be to make them think – one false doctrine has many implications and never stands alone. There will be the usual debate at the end of the day to seek to sharpen their ability to present views convincingly.

18 Tuesday Out of a population of about 12M in **South Sudan**, 4M are either displaced internally, or are refugees in neighbouring countries. In early August another peace deal was signed. Pray for David Awan Malek and the Trinity Baptist Churches of South Sudan and for the possibility of visiting and training leaders should the peace hold this time round.

19 Wednesday The **TPC** finishes today. The students return to home and ministry, and have much work to complete in the next two months. May they learn increased organization and self-discipline, rare qualities, yet essential for the work of a faithful pastor.

20 Thursday KU and Cliff Barton travel to **Pokot North** for the next 10 days. We expect to visit most of the 13 centres where there is a church and accompanying school. There will be daily opportunities to preach to church members, the wider community, and to school children. We also pray to be a great encouragement to the leaders of the churches.

21 Friday Please remember the work of the gospel amongst **Somal1** people. There are the regular Grace & Truth radio broadcasts done by AO, and the consequent wide visitation of contacts. There is a weekly study in Ethiopia led by AO on the Confession of Faith with the long term goal of church planting.

22 Saturday Internship program at TBC. There are six members of TBC who are being trained at TPC for ministry. How we pray that these men would soon be sent out to labour for the cause of the gospel. The gospel needs are vast in the country.

23 Sunday Ministry today. (1) In Nairobi, EA is ministering both morning and afternoon. (2) KU is in Pokot North, in the Chepkinagh area. A recent report has told of 54 baptized on profession of faith in Christ! (3) MI is preaching at Trinity Baptist, La Mirada, California today. While we do rejoice in all these opportunities the Lord is giving the purpose of ministry is that hearers will be blessed, both saved and built up.