

**24 Wednesday** EA is at the Jomo Kenyatta University Christian Union, speaking on Christian Stewardship. He is to address the concept of stewardship, helping the needy, right ways of earning and gambling, and the gender biases in work. Quite a tall order! But how needful all these things are.

**25 Thursday** Friday & Sunday EA will be at **Kenyatta University** Christian Union, preaching on the Holy Spirit. Hopefully this will address the huge misconceptions held by a largely charismatic student union.

**26 Friday** 7 members go each Friday to the nearby Donholm **Primary School**, and each preach to a class of about 70 students (= 500 students!). This PPI (Programme for Pastoral Instruction) takes place in every school in the country each Friday as an opportunity the respective Church to teach its doctrine. For us our doctrine is the Gospel of Jesus Christ and Him crucified.

**27 Saturday** KU is speaking to the **Young Life** group in Liverpool on Romans 5:1-11. The group comprises of 10-15 young people, including a number from our own Church (Belvidere Road). It is encouraging that they are serious enough to be going through a book of the Bible like Romans week by week.

**28 Sunday** **Ministry** today: Nairobi MI is preaching in the morning from Hebrews while brother John Muketha, one of the Deacons, is preaching in the afternoon in his long running series from 2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians. There is always the danger that brethren who came so enthusiastically to the Church begin to take the ministry for granted and become careless.

**29 Monday** KU has a further opportunity to speak to 6-8 of the men of the Belvidere Road Church **Preaching Class**. The next 3 classes will be on Preaching and Systematic Theology. I believe it is so important that preaching brings out specific doctrine and that this is tied to the whole system of doctrine in the Bible, the "faith that was once for all delivered to the saints".

**30 Tuesday** Each Wednesday three brethren, Nick Teka, Emma Karuri & Ronald Bargebo, go to the nearby slum of **Kamola** for ministry in a school, another providential opportunity to bring the gospel to the community.

**31 Wednesday** (1) KU is again in the small **Pershore** Evangelical Church, reporting on the recent ministry in Kenya. They have been prayerfully and financially supportive over many years. (2) The next day is a regular meeting of the 6 trustees of **TRAIN(Kenya)** in Pershore to deliberate on how to continue to support the work of TBC Nairobi and the RBAK Churches.

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

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

RBAK = Reformed Baptist Association of Kenya

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## 'PRAY FOR KENYA' - OCTOBER 2018

**1 Monday** **KU & Cliff Barton** return from the 10 days in Pokot North. They will stop in Kipsaos (after Eldoret) where one brother in the church has his ancestral home. With advancing years it is wisdom not to seek to do the whole journey in one day. But we are also anticipating the good fellowship.

**2 Tuesday** **MI** returns from the States today where he visited several churches across the country, preaching and presenting the report of God's work in Kenya through TBC Nairobi. We trust that the Lord will use the visits to encourage those churches in their zeal for the cause of Christ across the world. MI was himself very encouraged by the interest shown in prayer and financial support.

**3 Wednesday** KU taught the **TPC** last month on the Doctrine of Man, and part of the History of the Early Church, especially on Augustine. There was excellent interaction in the class. However, a number of students did not come because of struggles at their home – such things as having to be responsible for siblings because parents are deceased. For many here life is a continual struggle, but we pray that through such their faith will be strengthened.

**4 Thursday** The **RBAK** is an Association of about 20 Churches that subscribe to the 1689 Baptist Confession of Faith. These Churches send delegates for annual meetings every October. Today many are travelling from different parts of the country for this meeting. The focus this year is on Evangelism with an aim of killing any aspect of Hyper-Calvinism, whether perceived or practical, and to spur the Churches to be more aggressive in the spreading of the gospel.

**5 Friday** (1) **RBAK** has its first full day today. There will be 4 addresses, on Preaching Christ and Him Crucified (KU), the Examples of Jesus (EA) and Paul in Evangelism, and the question, What is Wrong with our Evangelism? (MI) (2) The **Meaty Forum** last month was very well attended with 150 present. Please pray that it will continue to be a means of reaching out to many young people.

**6 Saturday** **TBC** is celebrating 40 years of God's faithfulness and grace. Many who have been involved in the life of the church have been invited and we trust that the Lord will use this occasion for His glory. It is very easy to blow our own trumpet but we want many to be challenged to love and serve the Lord more.

**7 Sunday** **Ministry** today: KU is preaching in the morning. One of the TPC students and a member of the church, Nick Okong'o, will preach for the first time in the evening. There are also the Sunday School classes before the morning service, and the Prayer Meeting before the afternoon service.

**8 Monday** (1) **RBAK** has had meetings from Thursday, and today will be the Annual General Assembly, discussing the business of the Association. We desire to grow in fellowship and in numbers as there is a lot of work to be done across the country. (2) **KU & Cliff** depart to return to Liverpool, arriving Tuesday morning.

**9 Tuesday** **KU** spent some time in **TBC Nairobi** and found the Church at peace and delighting in the Lord as He speaks through His word. Some of the older members are struggling. Some of the newly married have also shown less commitment. But it was a privilege to preach to more than 150 in the morning and to interact with many throughout the day who are earnestly seeking to follow the Lord.

**10 Wednesday** We thank the Lord that **Priscilla's visa** in order to remain in the U.K. has been granted. This will last for 30 months when the final application will be made and we trust that then she will be granted 'unlimited leave to remain'.

**11 Thursday** **TBC Nairobi's** need for **Elders** remains the greatest need of the Church as we see it. The existing Elders have a responsibility to identify, nurture and recommend those men in the Church who could be added to the Eldership. Thankfully, the Lord has provided a number of men who have a desire to join the ministry. There are also a number of mature men who are to be encouraged to take up this responsibility in order to serve Christ.

**12 Friday** We have seen a few **conversions** recently and so a number of people have been baptized. We desire that the word preached may bear more fruit and that there would be yet more conversions, especially the many children who attend. May the Holy Spirit move mightily to reveal the rich grace of Christ.

**13 Saturday** (1) An enlarged issue of our **Grace & Truth** magazine (no. 130) has been printed. It was for the occasion of the Church anniversary and we also wish it to be distributed amongst the Churches and further afield. (2) **KU** is attending a day Conference near Liverpool which is held annually, God's Glory our Joy.

**14 Sunday** **Ministry** today: (1) Nairobi, **EA** will preach in the morning on the Law of God, where he is preaching through the Ten Commandments. **MI** resumes ministry in Nairobi after being away for a month in the US. He will be preaching in the afternoon from the series on 'Back to Basics' and deal with the doctrine of the perseverance of the saints. (2) **KU** is preaching in Ramsbottom in the morning and giving a report of the recent time in Kenya in the evening.

**15 Monday** Please pray about the **financial needs**, especially for support of labourers to be sent to places that are crying out for ministry of the word. David Ng'etich plans to church plant in the town of Kericho. Charles Awelo is waiting to go to strengthen the work in the Osani/Thimlich area. We continue to pray for a mature man for the Rendille ministry. And there are still others.

**16 Tuesday** There are two young men from **Korr, Rendille**, in TBC Nairobi. Although there are Churches working in the area as well as TBC, they lament how few people are converted, especially the traditional men. Because of their hardness it is the women and especially children who are targeted. But is our gospel not able to save even the chief of sinners?

**17 Wednesday** There are a number of **Book Clubs** members have organized in different parts of the city. One has been considering an issue of the Free Grace Broadcaster on The Sinfulness of Sin. This was an eye-opener to many, and led to the conversion of one who had been a member of the church!

**18 Thursday** **MI's** time with the brethren in **East Haven**, Connecticut, was very encouraging as this church has prayed and supported the work in Kenya for a long time. They expressed their interest in continuing. **Grace Baptist Church, Carlisle**, was so excited to hear of God's faithfulness in Kenya and one couple expressed an interest to come to Kenya and serve in the children's ministry.

**19 Friday** **KU** is spending the weekend in **Viborg, Denmark**, with Johan and the Kristuskirchen Church. This is a small Reformed Baptist Church, one of the very few in Denmark, which is such a needy country spiritually. Please pray that the two men who lead the Church, Eric and Johan, will be encouraged to be faithful, and that the Lord will add to them in days to come.

**20 Saturday** The **TBC school** committee is seriously planning to restart the school for 2019. They have been spurred on by the fact that many families are starting in the Church. We pray it will get off the ground, be a thoroughly Christian School, and be a witness in the neighbourhood and even beyond.

**21 Sunday** **Ministry** today: (1) In Nairobi, **MI** is preaching in the morning continuing his series in Hebrews, while **EA** is preaching in the afternoon. (2) **KU** is ministering in Viborg, Denmark, at Kristuskirchen. May those who are present in all places be doers as well as hearers of the word, by the working of the Spirit.

**22 Monday** **MI** preached in the **Reibers** Church on 9<sup>th</sup> September and gave a brief report. Charles Fitzpatrick has now retired and the Church is bringing in a new pastor. May his ministry be most fruitful for this small Church. Grace Church in **Cleveland** is the church where Jonathan Underhill and his family are members and **MI** was there on 12<sup>th</sup> Sept. both to preach and to report on the work in Kenya.

**23 Tuesday** **MI** was well received by the brethren in **Riverside** California and preached there on 16<sup>th</sup> Sept. He also brought a lengthy report of the work in Kenya at their morning Sunday School. We thank God for such Churches that are partnering with us.