

Pray for Kenya

February - March 2019

Dear Brethren,

We trust you are finding the monthly Prayer Diary useful for bringing our work of the gospel in Kenya and my opportunities of ministry here in U.K. before the Lord. With this Prayer Letter we seek your prayers for a forthcoming visit, and for things that have taken place in Kenya.

Forthcoming visit to Ethiopia/Kenya

(1) Ethiopia, March 9-12. I arrive in Addis Saturday morning 9th. March and will stay with my Somali brother AO and his family. I wish to encourage him in his gospel radio ministry to his people far and wide, and in his visits to follow up contacts in those places. On Sunday we will be with the fairly new Addis Baptist Church, and they have asked me to preach for them. There are a few Trinity Baptist Church members from Nairobi (former refugees) in Addis and I am seeking to encourage them to be part of this church.

(2) Nairobi, March 12-21. For 6 of the days I will be teaching in the Trinity Pastors' College (TPC). We expect 10 men who will be introduced to a course on Preaching, and to half the course on the Doctrine of the Holy Spirit or Salvation Applied. I shall be preaching on the Sunday at TBC Nairobi. At every available other time I shall be seeking to meet with various brethren and to visit in homes. It is always a very busy time, but so encouraging spiritually. Please pray that it might be useful in the Lord's kind providence. Also pray for Priscilla as she remains in UK and is looked after by the children.

Reports from around Kenya

As we are no longer living in Kenya, I have to rely on reports sent from Kenya. Please follow the links to read what brethren have written.

Meru/Miathene – <http://trinitybaptistkenya.org/meru>

This is in the centre of Kenya, on the equator, just east of Mt. Kenya. It is where I went to teach way back in 1968 when I first came to Kenya. There has been a church linked to TBC Nairobi in Miathene since the early 1990s. It was first Christianized by the Methodist Church from England from the 1920s, and influenced by the East African revival in the late 1940s and early 1950s. A few years back the Miathene church went through a leadership crisis, and we eventually sent Brother Joseph Mucheru to be the full time Pastor there and the church has stabilized. They have more recently planted a church a few miles away in the predominantly Catholic area of Muthara. Now 15 miles away in the main town of Meru opportunities have emerged among University students. There is a weekly Sunday afternoon Bible Study, and a monthly Saturday afternoon 'Meaty Forum'. The stated aim is to plant a Biblical Church in this town. Although there are so many churches already they are mostly of the Denominational type, or Charismatic. [for those who like maps you can find one at <http://www.maplandia.com/kenya/eastern/muthara>]

Olgumi – <http://trinitybaptistkenya.org/olgumi-february-2019>

Olgumi is not far from Nairobi as the crow flies. It lies on the slopes of an active volcano in the form of fumaroles along the fracture lines. We became involved in this church among the Maasai people some years back as their Pastor, Stephen Kakoiya, embraced the doctrines of grace. In God's mysterious providence, he was struck with a stroke 4 years ago which has rendered him speechless. He is still able to give some direction to the church but we are praying for another man to take his place. Brethren from Nairobi regularly go there to preach.

Pokot North – <http://trinitybaptistkenya.org/pokot-north-5>

A whole section of the website is devoted to this ministry. It formally started in 2000 as Trinity Baptist Church took over the running of a few churches. Since that time there has been much expansion in this fairly remote area of north-west Kenya. There are 13 churches with a few hundred baptized believers. Recently 6 men were set apart to be pastors in the 3 main churches (2 in each). Each local church also has a Primary School, and there are Secondary Schools in the 3 main centres. Please look up the 4 previous reports for many more details.

Ourselves

We have settled into Liverpool as our home. We appreciate the ministry in the Belvidere Road Church. Keith has many opportunities for ministry, most of which are presented in the monthly Prayer Diary. Priscilla is doing well by God's grace but still finds travelling away from home stressful. So we go together around the U.K. but she is not ready to think of anything further afield.



Family in Liverpool from right to left – Priscilla, Deborah with Tomas (9) & Carys (15), Matthew & Emily. Deborah works part time and comes to church regularly with the children. Matthew has a new job setting up networking that takes him all over the world. As I write this he is in Chile.



Family in Elyria, Ohio from right to left – Jonathan, Zoe (14), Noah (16), Selah (12), Heather. Jonathan does appraisals. The children are home-schooled. They are fully involved in the Grace Church of North Olmstead, Ohio.

In Christ's service,

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