

'PRAY FOR KENYA' - APRIL 2020

24 Friday **Yohana Mugo** is a further new Pastoral Intern. He is also desirous of both marriage (he is courting a Tanzanian lady) and gospel ministry. Please pray for him to be a faithful student as he prepares for the work of ministry. He has been working on translating the 1689 Baptist Confession of Faith into Kiswahili.

25 Saturday **Andrew Chemolok** requests us to pray for Chepkinagh members for their commitment in spiritual activities, e.g. prayers; and fruit in evangelism at Nakuyen. He has been working so hard to make sure that various 'foundation stones' such as a bank account, a Board of Management, etc. are in place for the developing Chelopoy Boys Secondary School.

26 Sunday **Ministry** today: MI is preaching both in the morning and afternoon services. The Adult SS class is a panel discussion through various subjects as people grapple with the pandemic and its effects. It is necessary to help people cope with all the changes in a biblical way.

27 Monday Joseph Mucheru of **Miathene** pleads for us to pray that "(1) the church may continue in unity during this hard period; (2) they may faithfully evangelize; and (3) the Bible study groups at Muthara and KEMU will be preserved while they are not able to meet."

28 Tuesday The brethren in **Korr** are lamenting that the basic foods have become scarce and very expensive. Being a pastoral community, they depend on transported food, such as fruits and vegetables, which has become harder and harder with the lock-down and the difficulties in transportation.

29 Wednesday Isaac Erot of **Katilu, Turkana** requests "for evangelism in Kakorilem, and Kalomwae; prayer for the whole church and members due to fear of the disease; leadership to be committed to spiritual duties; for members to know God fully and be faithful to him."

30 Thursday TBC **Mercy Ministry** has been strained through the demands from different quarters. But we thank the Lord who has provided. We thank God for those who have heeded our pleas for help and pray that the Lord may multiply what is given to meet many needs. We praise the Lord who answers our prayers.

DK = Dominic Kabaria, 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 Wednesday Challenges due to **Covid-19** Global Pandemic: Since 22nd March, we have not been able to assemble physically on Sundays for worship. The Kenyan gov't just like many others imposed a lock-down to contain the spread of the virus, with 31 people who have tested positive and 1 dead by the 26th March. As a result, TBC members are not meeting physically, something that has never happened since its inception 42 years ago! We have been live-streaming on YouTube at, www.youtube.com/channel/UCQ5vXB9s5ejQxN9G7QOnaKg and on Facebook at www.facebook.com/tbcnairobi/

2 Thursday KU was hindered by the pandemic from travelling to Kenya to teach at **TPC in March**. Therefore MI took it up and taught Church History in Africa, and General Letters, Hebrews, James and 1 Peter, what he would have taught in September. 9 of the 10 students came and the participation was very impressive. Thank God for his grace upon him to take this ministry on a very short notice.

3 Friday **Manases Bor** has been filling the pulpit at Community Baptist Church, Kima. He is yet to be called by the church. He needs much prayer as he considers what lies ahead of him in terms of ministry and as he works to complete his TPC studies. Please pray for him and his wife Gloria.

4 Saturday **Wath Orango**, south-west Kenya, has recently acquired a piece of land. They need help to put up their church building. Most importantly pray for Nelson Okaka as he leads the church to be faithful minister despite poor education and basic training.

5 Sunday **Ministry** today: MI takes morning, while EA preaches in the afternoon via live-streaming video link. The TBC Media Team, composed of 9 brothers, have risen to the occasion and improved the quality of our videos. Thankfully there has been high viewership with the first service recording more than 400 views!

6 Monday With no ministry or meetings, **KU** is busy completing his book on Conversion, and researching his archives for the next book on the history and principles of TBCN. Other brethren who have been closely involved with KU and TBC are also being involved for their contributions.

7 Tuesday The **Elders** need much wisdom and grace as they serve the congregation at this hour of need. Please pray for them to faithfully shepherd the flock of God, by constantly calling them and offering sound pastoral counsel. The Lord has given them good spirit of working together for which we praise the Lord.

8 Wednesday (1) **Diba Isakh** has been faithfully helping both in the church in Korr as well as the new work in Lekuchula. We need much wisdom as we seek to encourage this young man in the work of the gospel. (2) We thank God for enabling us to help his mother, **Wato Isakh**, to have an eye operation in March. A further surgery could not happen due to a transport problem.

9 Thursday Please pray for the church leaders of the different churches in **Pokot** to lead faithfully. We pray that they would not be distracted by the school demands but remain steadfast in proclaiming Christ, and especially now that the schools have been closed.

10 Friday **Nickson Teka** is in his third year at the TPC. He has been seriously thinking about marriage to Martha Nasimiyu, a TBC member, and the possibility of church planting at his home town of Kitale. Please pray for him and for us as we prayerfully approach this matter and trust the Lord to provide financially.

11 Saturday The **Passion for Mission Conference** would have taken place today were it not for the pandemic. The theme which will have to be discussed next year is *'Bearing the Flaming Torch – Missions where you are.'* This is a very relevant subject in light of those who are employed in different places as they seek to be faithful witnesses of Christ.

12 Sunday **Ministry** today: MI preaches in the morning, and DK takes the afternoon. We thank God for providing a professional livestreaming camera and computer through one of the members of TBC. One other blessing that has come with the live-streaming is that the TBC brethren are able to gather with their family members, some of whom were not going to church or were attending other churches where God's word is not faithfully handled.

13 Monday Martin Maina in **Losidan, Rendille** last month reported the conversion of a traditional man, Almond Lepakiyo. On 25th March he wrote to MI, "We have just concluded our today's Chronological Bible study session with Mzee Almond. He has confirmed his profession of faith in Christ Jesus. He has also expressed his plan and desire to introduce his nuclear family to Christ. Pray for us as we walk together through this journey. Salvation for men in this community means a lot because as priests (!) in their families they are able to lead their entire families/community to Christ." (Martin works under the auspices of Trinity Fellowship, and has been very patient in bringing the gospel to Losidan)

14 Tuesday The **Deacons** continue to play a critical role in the life of the church, ensuring that the material needs of the church are met and relieving the pastors of such responsibilities. We thank God for each of the six men – John, Tom, Mike, Charles, Ken and Eric. Nelson has relocated to Germany with his family for further studies, though he is still very much involved.

15 Wednesday **Eric Kahure** is another Pastoral Intern in his third year of studies. He is a well gifted man, who desires to plant a church in Meru town. Please pray for him and his wife **Martha** as they prayerfully consider this serious prospect.

16 Thursday **Daniel Ngollo** of *Osani*, requests prayer for (1) containment of the outbreak of Covid-19, (2) unity of South Nyanza TBCs during these hard economic times, and (3) thanksgiving for they have been able to complete the construction of the church's toilet block.

17 Friday The **Western Kenya** trip was cancelled because of the Government's directive of lock-down. We still need to think seriously about the church in Siaya (see 16/3). We pray that the Lord may provide a man to labour in the gospel there.

18 Saturday **Jonathan Kioko** is the oldest member of the church at 78. His wife passed on 10 years ago and he is remarrying. His wedding with Patricia is happening today, with a few witnesses in light of the lock-down. May the Lord refresh him in the sunset years.

19 Sunday **Ministry** today: EA is taking the morning and MI the afternoon. Through this time of live-streaming and lock-down, the 3 Elders have been taking the corporate prayer together. It is surely a time to redouble our efforts at prayer.

20 Monday **Paul Ruhii** is a new Pastoral Intern in his second year of study at TPC. He intends to get married to Joyce (a TBC member) in July. He is also seriously considering church planting in one of the major towns in Kenya.

21 Tuesday Martin Mukoyan, who leads the church-plant in **Bungoma**, requests that we pray for (1) the church unity during these hard times; (2) that members may be committed to prayer and reading the word. His personal prayer is that God will provide for them as a family through these tough times.

22 Wednesday **Ebenezer Kimathi** is also a new Pastoral Intern who desires to preach the gospel in one of the least reached communities in Kenya. He has faced a lot of opposition from his father, who is a pastor in an Assemblies of God church, and prays to remain steadfast in his desire to study and pursue gospel ministry.

23 Thursday Simon Ochieng, who leads the church in **Funyula**, asks for prayer for (1) those who were to be baptized on 29/03/20, that they may remain faithful to the Lord; (2) those who have been scared by the Corona Pandemic, that they may be strong despite the quick spread of the disease! and (3) the commitment of the saints as they stay indoors. May they be students of the Word even as they continue in prayer. Lastly, Simon and family are facing hard times as they are locked indoors! "Since all public places are restricted, we have no means of survival as we remain at home. May the Lord provide the means."