

'PRAY FOR KENYA' – MAY 2020

24 Sunday Ministry today: (1) EA takes the morning and DK takes the afternoon services. Once again we pray that the Lord will enable His people to make good use of the Lord's Day especially now that they are not together physically. (2) There was planned Apur joint service in Pokot North but this may not be feasible now.

25 Monday Simon Ochieng of **Funyula TBC**, together with Patrick Odhiambo who serves with him, has been encouraging the members by sending them summarized sermon notes via text message. Once every week they visit at least two to three families to encourage them and pray with them. Pray for some families that are in desperate need of food and others whose houses have been affected by the heavy downpours.

26 Tuesday KU's books: Pray for the usefulness of the book on the Biblical doctrine of Conversion which has been completed and is due to be printed in Kenya next month. With the opportunity of the lockdown he is working hard on the next book about the history and principles of Trinity Baptist Church in Kenya.

27 Wednesday The situation in **Kenya** is like what was the case in Egypt or in Amos' day. There was a severe famine in 2019, and what the famine left was destroyed by locusts, and then came coronavirus and now there are severe floods! How we pray that the Lord may open up people's eyes to see that this is none other than the Finger of God, so that they may wake up from sinfulness to Christ for salvation and godliness.

28 Thursday Pray for **Christian families**. May the Lord use this time of isolation at home for building up godly families. May husbands and wives learn to love and submit to each other. May parents be more intentional in instructing their children from the Scriptures and model holiness. May children be obedient to their parents. And may they all be faithful stewardship of the time the Lord has given them together at home.

29 Friday There is a general concern among many people around the country about their **daily bread**. Very few Kenyans can work on-line since such jobs are very few and can only be done by those who have such skills. However the younger folks can take them up if they are available.

30 Saturday The **TBC Elders** need much wisdom and strength in serving the church. Pray for unity of purpose, clarity of vision, endurance in service, with or without pay in such challenging economic times.

31 Sunday Ministry today: MI is preaching in both services, we pray that the Lord may use him to comfort his flock so that the weak may be strengthened, the sick healed, the injured bound up, the strayed brought back, the lost sought and the Lord glorified.

EA = Eric Abwao, MI = Murungi Igweta, DK = Dominic Kabaria (Pastors of TBC Nairobi)

KU = Keith Underhill (Liverpool, UK)

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

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

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1 Friday April has been a very unique month for all of us – the world has been turned into a global village not just by the ease of communication with the internet but by coronavirus. As a church we have had to adapt quickly to this by offering live-streaming to our members and dealing with the pandemic head on through a morning panel discussion. Many more people across the world have tuned to our YouTube channel and Facebook page to link up with us live. Please pray for this ministry to be fruitful.

2 Saturday Children have been away from school from mid-March to the end of April. May parents spend the time well instilling godly discipline in their children and especially teach them the word of God through this period and build lasting parent-child bonds.

3 Sunday Ministry today: MI begins Hebrews 13 encouraging brotherly love to continue. EA takes up Amos in the afternoon. As we acknowledge that live-streaming is not an alternative to physical gathering, we continue to implore the Lord to deliver us from this global pandemic, and yet to use it for our good. We pray that the Lord may be glorified through the available means of edifying the saints.

4 Monday For **Chepkinagh TBC** pray for Andrew Chemolok's wife, Eunice, who has been ill with pneumonia and typhoid. She was admitted for medical treatment at Kapenguria. The family has medical bills to foot and the travelling expenses have doubled because roads are flooded in the West Pokot region due to the heavy rains.

5 Tuesday TPC Classes will be conducted 6th-13th. online this time for the first time ever. Conrad Mbewe is teaching the Doctrine of the Church to nine men and we ask for energy and grace. Internet connection may be smooth in Nairobi, but not so much in the rural Kenya where Aloice, Edgar and Justus are, but we trust the Lord to make it possible. Cancelling the classes would mean postponing them for three years.

6 Wednesday Justus Olang'o is a third year student and pastors GMA, Chulaimbo, near Kisumu. Aloice Oginga pastors another GMA church close by and they will be together with Justus for the week for the **TPC studies** as they use Justus' laptop. Please pray.

7 Thursday Some **midweek fellowships** at TBCN are still happening online. We thank God for giving the members the resources necessary for holding the book clubs and Bible studies. Pray for the members be deliberate in participation in any of the means of grace when they are well able to.

8 Friday Like everyone else, **KU's ministry** plans have all been cancelled. There were visits to many churches both to preach, and to speak about Kenya. The planned visit to Kenya in late June, specifically to encourage the work amongst the Rendille, also appears to be doubtful.

9 Saturday Pray for the safety and usefulness of the **non-resident members** of TBCN in this time of pandemic. Allan & Keziah in Dubai where he works; Josiah & Edith who are in Mauritius where he teaches; Nelson & Brenda in Germany where he has gone to study; Lucy in Switzerland; and Robert and Christine who work in Japan. Pray that they may find peace and comfort in God our Father and for their well-being and provision in foreign lands.

10 Sunday **Ministry** today: MI is preaching in the morning, while DK is preaching in the afternoon from Colossians 4. DK will soon complete this prison letter and our prayer is that the Lord will accomplish his full purpose in the lives of his people by His word. He will also be looking to begin a new series.

11 Monday **TPC classes** continue on-line. We pray for more strength and grace for Conrad. How we pray that the understanding of God's Word on this vital doctrine of the church will be straightened so that more biblical, sound and strong churches may be planted and others built up across the country and this vast continent.

12 Tuesday The church in **Korr** has not been meeting on Sundays, but the brethren have been going to the villages visiting people with the gospel. Social distancing is being more strictly implemented in prohibiting meetings than visitation. Diba and Ogom have also been going to Lekuchula on Sundays and have preached to small groups.

13 Wednesday The Lord has been kind to TBCN to provide for **financial needs**. While financially things have been very tight for many members, yet the Lord has had diverse ways of meeting our needs. Please pray we shall be resilient, the ministry will be undisrupted, and that we shall double our efforts at witnessing and evangelism.

14 Thursday In **Katilu TBC**, it has become very difficult for Isaac Erot to communicate with most of the members of the church. The majority of them do not even own cell-phones! Thankfully he can move around with the motorbike we got him earlier in the year and so evangelistic efforts in Kakorilem have continued. Economic hardships in some of the members have been a source of constant concern for Isaac.

15 Friday Joseph Mucheru of **Miathene TBC** says, "We thank God for none of us has been infected by the virus. I have been doing visitations to members of the church and their families, holding fellowship with them. We are keen to observe that we do not exceed ten people in a compound and strictly observe government's directives. We hold up to four such meetings on Sundays. We are affected economically, to a point of missing a meal per day. We thank God however, that we are doing well both spiritually and physically. Pray for the church in Muthara where no visitation has been done."

16 Saturday The Elders may have to work out how the scheduled **Congregational Meeting** will be conducted, virtually if at all. Either way, there is a necessity to evaluate how the church will progress in the prevailing circumstances. Much wisdom is needed.

17 Sunday **Ministry** today: DK is preaching in the morning and MI in the afternoon. Our prayer is that the preaching of God's word, which is not chained or quarantined, will go forth powerfully and be honoured. We pray that our young children would hear the voice of Christ clearly and follow Him for their salvation.

18 Monday Benson Nyamai, with the help of Boniface Mwoka, has been leading the **Vote TBC**. The church is much afflicted by the pandemic like all the others. With the members not having grown much in the faith, the hindrance to physical meeting has translated to very little interaction with each other. Benson does visit the members during weekdays and continues to meet with Boniface every Saturday for prayers and Bible studying. Pray also for provision for pastor Benson's needs with his family.

19 Tuesday Martin Mukoyan of **Bungoma Town TBC** says, "We are thankful to God for His grace during these tough times. Please pray with us that we may be able to raise our church rent. Pray also for the unity among the church members even at a time when the church cannot congregate together. Pray for provision for the members' basic needs like food. Due to the heavy rains, my house construction project will stop until I am able to acquire the needed materials."

20 Wednesday The church at **Kasarani** continues to meet every Sunday, because the church is in a Children's Home. The kids at the centre meet with 3 other brethren who join them for a 30 minutes session of prayer and reading of scriptures. When they can, they participate in the live stream from the TBCN worship service, observing the regulations set by the government. The church has a WhatsApp group through which they have continued to study and discuss scriptural books together. Pray for some of the members who had travelled out of Nairobi, and have now been forced to stay where they are, away from their families.

21 Thursday Charles Abwok of **Siaya TBC** says, "The pandemic has paralyzed us. I keep contacting and encouraging my members on the phone, most of whom have very little or nothing to eat. Please pray with us on the above, and for members' spiritual strengthening."

22 Friday George Mwanjisi of **Boyani TBC** says, "We thank God we are all alive. It is raining heavily here. The church has not been meeting since the government gave directives to suspend churches but we pray and commune by phone. Please pray for us. We have a food crisis as it has become too expensive."

23 Saturday There has been heavy rains in South Nyanza (near Lake Victoria) destroying some of the farms. Daniel Ngollo of **Osani TBC** says: "As a community, there is a serious lack of good hygiene and government support. We lack food as a family and in all our churches in South Nyanza. An overflow from Lake Victoria had displaced some of our people. Pray for us." Some financial relief has been sent to them.