

## 'PRAY FOR KENYA' - DECEMBER 2020

**25 Friday** George Mwanjisi continues to preach in **Boyani** (Kilifi County) near Mombasa. The church has continued to increase in numbers and needs an additional pastor. They are trusting the Lord to provide them with a church building for meeting on the land that has been acquired.

**26 Saturday** The churches in **South Nyanza** have their joint service tomorrow and so Nick Okongo and Ebenezer Kimathi are travelling to preach. The event will be held in Thimlich, bringing together, Thimlich, Wath Orango, Nyakwaka and Osani churches.

**27 Sunday** **Ministry** today: EA concludes his SS classes on *The God whose Name is Jealous*. MI will take both the morning and the afternoon services. In the afternoon he will begin a series on the doctrine of Christ, dealing with Christ's Eternal Sonship. (2) KU is preaching 3 times today! In the morning he is preaching in Charlesworth and at the same time a pre-recorded service will be put on YouTube for his home church, Belvidere Road, Liverpool. In the evening he is preaching again for Dovecot Evangelical by Zoom.

**28 Monday** **Western Kenya:** (1) The work in Funyula led by Simon Ochieng has been growing steadily as a few more people have recently joined them. (2) The church in Bukhalalire needs to raise up young men to be trained for ministry as their only pastor, Calisto Odongo, is an aged man and he can use more help. (3) Martin Mukoyan in Bungoma town has also recorded an increase in attendance and a few others have joined the church.

**29 Tuesday** The church in **Katilu**, Turkana, north-west Kenya, has an average of 40 people attending every Sunday. Isaac Erot has enjoyed the help of his sons, Meshack and Kevin, while they have been away from college. He desperately needs a man to serve with him.

**30 Wednesday** (1) TRAIN(Kenya) trustees have worked so hard to make sure that the needs of TBC ministries are met. May the Lord bless their efforts. (2) Many churches and brethren in America have generously contributed to meet our financial needs in order that the cause of Christ can progress. We thank God for all our supporters.

**31 Thursday** (1) **EA** is preaching at an end of year service tonight. (2) The brethren in **Pokot** are meeting at Kasei for their 2021 AGM until tomorrow, when they will work out the calendar.

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

You can get more information by visiting <http://www.trinitybaptistkenya.org>

**1 Tuesday** (1) **EA** had his leave last month and has now resumed work both as an Elder at TBC and the TPC Administrator. We pray that his new role will enable the training of men for ministry to be more fruitful. (2) **DK** will be going on his leave from the 7<sup>th</sup> of December up to the end of the month. May he be refreshed.

**2 Wednesday** Today the three TBC Elders are spending the whole day with the five Pastoral Interns to brainstorm on **church planting**. This is especially important for the two men, Teka & Kahure, who are relocating to different towns next month, God willing. Please pray that this will be a fruitful day.

**3 Thursday** **TPC** report: The classes were successfully conducted by Oliver on Evangelism and the Old Testament Poets. All but one student participated. Two men, Eric Kahure and Nick Teka, completed their lectures and remain with written work to complete. Four men were interviewed for 2021 admission.

**4 Friday** At the TBC congregational meeting on the 21<sup>st</sup> the members agreed to send Nick Teka to **Kitale** Town to plant a church. MI took the couple to Kitale and met a few people with whom they established good contact. Nick is in touch with them and we trust that through them a gathering for Bible Study can be established early next month when they relocate there.

**5 Saturday** **Nick Teka** is getting married to **Martha Nasimiyu** today! This is one more step towards preparation for establishing the work in Kitale. We pray that the Lord will bless them with a godly marriage. EA will be officiating.

**6 Sunday** **Ministry** today: EA begins Adult Sunday School classes on *The God whose Name is Jealous*. DK preaches in the morning from 1 John 2:3-6 while MI takes the afternoon service from Joshua 23. Two prospective members will be interviewed in the afternoon.

**7 Monday** MI met with the **Pokot** pastors at Kitale last month. Out of the meeting Andrew Chemolok and Samuel Waswa, both from Chepkinagh, were reconciled. Also, the plans to plant a church in Kapenguria were further solidified (see 14<sup>th</sup> below). May the Lord bless the labours of these men especially the desire to establish the Bible Light College in Kasei.

**8 Tuesday** **AO** made a visit to the S0mal1 region of Ethiopia and neighbouring S0mal1land last month to encourage the few believers. Go to the following link to know what such converts face - <https://www.meconcern.org/2020/11/13/>. Continue to pray for his radio ministry to his S0mal1 people.

**9 Wednesday** (1) Please pray for **Andrew Chemolok** of Chepkinagh as he shepherds the church alone now and caters for the various school needs. He also co-ordinates a number of churches in the area that do not have pastors. He is finding the burden of his 9 children and their fees for education a great burden. (2) **KU** is giving an update of the ministry in Kenya to this small church at Pershore (by Zoom).

**10 Thursday** Give thanks for the new lease of life that the church in **Siaya** has received with Roy Omondi settling in. Last month two men were baptized and added to the church membership. We also thank the Lord for providing funds for the renovation of their church building which has begun in earnest. Please pray for the financial support of Roy as he serves God's people here.

**11 Friday** Jonathan **Kioko**, the oldest member of TBCN, is officially remarrying today, to Patricia. We pray that the couple will be used greatly of the Lord even with our brother's age. MI is officiating and preaching and may the Lord use it for good.

**12 Saturday** (1) The **Elders** and the six **Deacons** are meeting today the whole day to review the progress of the church this year and plan for next year. Please pray that the 'retreat' will be fruitful not only in planning but also in cementing bonds of love among the men. (2) **KU** is preaching for a small fellowship of God's people in Leicester (by Zoom) for their Christmas service.

**13 Sunday** **Ministry** today: (1) Nairobi. EA takes the SS on *The God whose Name is Jealous* and preaches in the morning on Matthew 5:9, while MI preaches his final sermon in the afternoon in Joshua. We celebrate the Lord's Supper today. (2) KU is preaching at Dovecot Evangelical Church in person in the morning, and by Zoom in the evening.

**14 Monday** The church in Kamketo met on 16<sup>th</sup> November and agreed to release one of their Elders, **Patricko Odhiambo** and his family, to establish a church in Kapenguria. This desire has been there for over three years but they lacked a man to send. We thank God for this new development since our brother's wife, Monica, needs to be closer to a good health facility.

**15 Tuesday** **Isaiah Juma** has been in Kasei serving alongside Joshua Sitet for 10 years. He plans to relocate back to his home area and establish a church in Chwele next year. This December he is spending the 'holiday' in Bungoma and has been attending the church in Bungoma with Martin Mukoyan. May the Lord prosper these plans.

**16 Wednesday** Huston Malande, one of the men who preach, has taken over the preaching of the **Kiswahili service** today from MI. He has been dealing with the Marks of a Healthy Church using Mark Dever's book. May we keep praying for more biblical and healthy churches in Kenya and beyond.

**17 Thursday** TBC Nairobi also made the decision to send Eric Kahure to Miathene with an objective of eventually having him plant a church in **Meru** Town (about 20 miles away). MI took Kahure and Martha there (24<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> November) and had fruitful meeting with the three Elders, who welcomed them well.

**18 Friday** Ebenezer Kimathi, a member of TBCN, a 1<sup>st</sup> year TPC student, and an intern, has had a strong desire to take the gospel to the Somalis and other Cushitic groups which are mostly Islamic. He desires to establish a church in **Isiolo** Town which is the largest town to the north of the country. MI took him there on 27<sup>th</sup> November, introduced him to a family and met a local Anglican pastor. We pray that this desire will be realized by the grace of God.

**19 Saturday** We thank God that Community Baptist Church in **Mauritius** has a new pastor (see <http://www.communitybaptistchurch.mu/>) Benjamin Van Rensburg, after their pastor collapsed and died in the pulpit while preaching last year! This is where Josiah and Edith (formerly of TBCN) have become members. Josiah has been requested to serve as a deacon and genuinely feels his insufficiency.

**20 Sunday** **Ministry** today: (1) Nairobi. EA is teaching the SS on *The God whose Name is Jealous*, MI is preaching in the morning and EA is taking the afternoon service on Amos 9. (2) KU is again preaching at Dovecot Evangelical Church in the morning.

**21 Monday** Stanley Musyoki and his family are relocating from Korr to **Kima** since this is a more needy place and he speaks the language. Thankfully, Korr is well provided now there are other brethren who can preach apart from Joseph Ogom.

**22 Tuesday** **The Mercy ministry** in TBC has expanded this year due to the effects of the Covid-19 Pandemic. A number of brethren have been providing food packs which have been distributed to both members and non-members. This program comes to an end this month and we pray that gospel opportunities will be created from this demonstration of love. Meanwhile we continue to navigate through the new measures the Government has instituted.

**23 Wednesday** We trust the Lord to raise up faithful gospel preachers and churches in **Central Kenya**. Two churches and a few brethren have shown interest to reform and we aim to offer them all the help we can possibly give. This is the most populous part of the country.

**24 Thursday** The Lord has very generously provided for his servants through this second half of the year for which we praise the Lord. We were able to **support** over 35 pastors every month to help them cope with the effects of Government restrictions.

