

# Prayer Letter from the Underhills

## 2025/2, 14<sup>th</sup>. April

Dear Brethren,

Greetings in the Lord Jesus Christ. With a further visit to Kenya just around the corner it is the opportunity to write another newsletter, especially for your prayers.

### Visit to Kenya (22 April – 2 May)

(1) I am flying with Ethiopian through Addis Ababa, where I will 'pick up' Abdi and we will spend the whole time together in Kenya. After arriving in Nairobi we will later fly to Kisumu and then be driven about an hour north to Mumias. There we will be with Elly Achok, pastor of Gospel Missions Agency church. From Wednesday through Friday there will be the annual Reformation Conference with 11 sessions on the theme, 'This is our Faith, a summary of our Christian faith from a soteriological perspective.' I am sharing most of the ministry with Barnabas Kuogo, pastor of the GMA church in Mombasa. Hundreds are expected, many of them having been through the Wisdom Training Centres that GMA has organized. See: <https://www.schoolofministry.africa> for the Wisdom Training Centre. <https://www.facebook.com/tulipxtian> for the Gospel Missions Agency Church, Mumias. <https://wisdommediaoutreach.com> is for the broadcasting arm of the ministry. <https://trinitybaptistkenya.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/08/Elly-Achok-Testimony.pdf> for brother Elly's testimony.



This was the  
Reformation  
Conference,  
2024

On Saturday is the graduation ceremony for those who have completed the WTC. I am to exhort the students to be faithful to the deposit they have received. I am further to preach Sunday morning on 'Spiritual Blessings' from Ephesians 1:1-14.

On Monday and Tuesday I plan to make visits in the area to brethren I have known.

(2) Tuesday evening Abdi and I fly to Nairobi. On Wednesday morning there is planned a meeting with the Trinity Baptist Elders, for which I ask you to earnestly pray. Some of you will know, and others of you will have realized, that for more than 2 years now there has been a very strained relationship between us, starting with disagreements about the

ministry in Pokot. The purpose of the meeting is, God willing, to reestablish full reconciliation.

We depart Nairobi Friday evening and what we do in the few days in Nairobi will depend on what happens on Wednesday. But I do hope to fellowship with as many brethren as possible as Nairobi is where I spent 37 years of my life.

### **Visit to Ethiopia (2-5 May)**

On the way back I am to spend a long weekend with Abdi and family in Addis Ababa. I have recently completed 11 lectures on The Doctrine of the Church to 7 students of the Ethiopian Bible School of Theology (EBST) over the internet. EBST is a ministry of Addis Baptist Church, with Gedion Asgew, the pastor. I am hoping to meet some of the students in the flesh!

My last visit to Addis  
Baptist in November 2022  
They meet on the top floor  
(13<sup>th</sup>.) of a shopping mall



Abdi seeks to bring the gospel to his Somali people over the radio, and together with Zemen they have a centre for training Muslim background believers that we shall visit on Saturday. Sunday will be at the Addis Baptist Church where I will be preaching.

In God's providence Yared from South Africa will be visiting 'home' at this time. We sheltered him in the church building in Nairobi in the mid-90s before he went to SA for resettlement. He was a very young man then, but became a Christian, and the Lord has kept him all these years.

### **Ministry in England**

As we visit many churches we see the struggles that are common. Most are smallish with under 50 gathering for worship, and tend to have older retired people. So there is a question mark as to how long the church will be in existence. The little growth that is seen is often with the immigrant population. Added to this there is a problem of getting pastors for churches. Few are in training, many do not want to give themselves to ministry, and walking in the 'old paths' is rare. However, at the recent Banner of Truth Youth and Ministers' Conferences there was capacity attendance at 300 each! The Lord is at work.

13/4 Belvidere Road, evening service on John 14:22-26, as we go through this chapter leading up to Easter.

17/4 Young Adults is a bi-weekly meeting that I lead. We have been going through aspects of church history. We are starting a theological training programme, initially with just one of the young men. It is basically an intensive reading course such as I developed in Kenya.

5-9/5 Creation meetings in a number of like-minded churches.

18/5 Charlesworth, Trinity Baptist, morning and afternoon ministry.

25/5 Belvidere Road, morning service.

1/6 North Preston Evangelical, morning and evening services.

8/6 Aberystwyth, Alfred Place Baptist, morning and evening services. As this is the church that I have known since 1965, and that sent us to Kenya in 1975, we will stay a few days to fellowship with brethren.

22/6 Ashton Baptist, morning service.

## **TRAIN(Kenya)**

I have visited a number of churches as a trustee of the charity to tell them about the January visit to Pokot. There is a TRAIN(Kenya) website which will soon be revamped. I invite you to look at it. We have also started a bimonthly newsletter which we can email on request.

With one octogenarian, and two of us almost up there, we are thankful that a younger trustee has been added, and we are hoping for one or two others. The charity helps support church leaders, including for transport (motorbikes) school fees and medical needs, training of church leaders, infrastructure, and support for extra teachers on schools church sponsors.

## **Us**

Priscilla is doing well and is making good use of her new sewing room. She accompanies me everywhere in the country where I go to minister. For the last week Deborah has had the opportunity to return to Kenya, the land of her birth, for a wedding of a lady with whom she grew up (Mary). I have continued with my book on Grace. The more difficult part has been seeking to demonstrate that church history has been full of big disputes about grace. We hope that the one 'Becoming a Christian' will be published in this country before the end of the year. 'Planted by the Providence of God' about the work in Kenya is also being worked on to be published in Kenya so that it is cheaper there.

Thank you for your fellowship in the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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<https://trinitygracechurch.net>