

# Prayer Letter from the Underhills

## 2025/4, 31<sup>st</sup>. July

Dear Brethren,

The last few months have been very full, with much preaching ministry, and the completion of two projects.

### 1. Book on 'Grace'.

I recently sent the draft to the publisher. I got the idea from an old book by Abraham Booth, *The Reign of Grace*, first published 1768, which I read has never been out of print! Our esteemed professor John Murray regarded it as 'one of the most eloquent and moving expositions of the subject of divine grace in the English language.' I ask myself why then should I spend my time writing, but I have been encouraged to do so. As always I have the Kenya situation in mind, to teach the same truth with more accessible English. As for methodology I have sought to base everything on specific passages of Scripture where the word grace occurs (more than 100x in the NT). I am thinking of entitling it 'Grace in Everything'—election, calling, regeneration, justification, adoption, sanctification, glorification, the history of doctrine, practice, and even hymnody.

### 2. Personal website

Many years ago I set up a website for the Trinity Baptist Church, Nairobi, on which I sought to promote the ministry and include various resources to help people with the Scriptures. Although now resident in U.K. I thought I could set up a personal website with the same aims, both promoting the ministries that I continue to be closely in contact with, and expanding the resources that might be of help. The website address is [www.keithunderhill.com](http://www.keithunderhill.com). It is now up and running and would appreciate if you could look at it and especially let me know what you think of it. I am too aware of the danger of self-promotion, so I trust that does not come over. If so, please tell me. My only desire is to serve the kingdom of God in my very little way. On the subject of websites, our charity TRAIN(Kenya) now has its website up and running and I would direct you to it—[www.trainkenya.com](http://www.trainkenya.com).

### 3. Kenya

There has been, and continues to be, much activity amongst our Pokot brethren.

- The three leaders, Andrew, Joshua and Thomas, attended the Reformation Conference in Mumias at the end of April (see Newsletter 2025/4).
- July 9-13, about 40 men attended the annual Men's Conference. Most of them were on the 'young' side which the brethren found encouraging as they thought they were losing this group. This year the theme was: Living a Strategic Lifestyle (Joshua), The Power of Salvation (Andrew), and Role of the Local Church (Tom).
- July 16-17, the three brothers were back in Mumias for the Africa Pastors' Conference (APC). Thomas commented: "We thank the Lord for the opportunity we had. We had gifted speakers from outside. How to know God personally as a true Christian."



- July 21-25, the three took responsibility for the teaching of the 9 students of the Bible Light College (BLC). Joshua reported: "Glory to God now we are through with Anthropology (The Doctrine of Man and Sin). We are grateful to God that up to now we have marked and given out the results for the 1<sup>st</sup>. two units Scripture and Hermeneutics/ Homiletics, and all the students have been actively attending to lessons."

The following are up-coming, for our prayers.

- August 4-7, Joshua is conducting Workshops for Couples in the 4 centres of Wasat, Chepkinagh, Kamketo and Kasei. "May God increase their desire of knowing the worth and impact of a faithful Christian couple in their church and the community, especially in these days of growing turn to worldliness." Joshua testifies that the various trainings are beginning to bear fruit.
- August 9-10. The brothers are making a two day visit to Namalera over the border in Uganda around Mt. Kadam. There are many Pokot living there, some of whom are relatives and have been church attenders. They want gospel work amongst them.
- August 20-23. The annual Women's Conference, at which they expect 200 in attendance.
- Joint monthly services of the local churches are organized as there are only three fully trained leaders for the 14 churches. This is to make sure that they get good teaching on a regular basis, as well as experience a wider fellowship. In May it was up the mountain in Tarakit (pictures below). In July it was at Kasepa.



"At Kasepa we were much encouraged by the attendance from ten (10) local churches and one congregation/outreach. We were all as leaders: Joshua, Andrew, Peter and I (Tom). Joshua took the Bible study (Acts 9:26-31), the early life of Paul with Barnabas, to be a God-fearing team gives boldness. Andrew was the main speaker (1 Pet. 1:1-5 ), "Born Again To A Living Hope." The 10 churches were as follows: Wasat, Apur, Kapkoghun, Tarakit, Kapyomot and Chepkinagh plus it's outreach Nakorete-Kiwawa (Chepkinagh Branch); Kasepa & Kamketo (Kamketo branch); Kapkewa, Kapterema and Kasei (Kasei branch). The total attendance was above 300."

#### 4. UK ministry

(1) Belvidere Road Church, Liverpool (home church). August is peak holiday time in the UK and I often have many preaching engagements because the church leaders are also on holiday. I have the mornings of August 3 & 17, where I plan to preach on Assurance, something I have been asked about by a few people. Then on October 12, while most in the church are at a weekend church conference, I shall preach to those who have not gone, maybe 12-15. Recently we have had an emphasis on unreached peoples. I spoke about it with the Young Adults, showing a video of the Nuba Mountains (Sudan), and of Rendille. We had midweek visits from a representative of the Slavic Gospel Mission and the Pamirs of eastern Tajikistan, and then of New Tribes Mission in Papua New Guinea.

(2) Aughton Park Baptist Church, Ormskirk, north of Liverpool. I am preaching the two evenings of August 3 & 24. This church has just one Elder/Pastor, a retired man, and like so many churches are earnestly praying for the Lord to provide a full-time minister.

(3) Trinity Baptist Church, Charlesworth, south-east of Manchester. We shall be here August 10 and October 26 for the morning and early afternoon services. It is a small church with 10-12 in attendance, and Benedict Allmand-Smith leads it.

(4) West Park Church, Wolverhampton, about two hours south of Liverpool. This for the morning and evening on September 7. I have only preached here once before, in 2018, but last year had to call off the engagement because of my thyroid operation. I am so thankful that I am largely back to normal.

(5) Stanley Park Baptist Church, Liverpool. I shall be preaching again on October 19, morning and evening. It has a large, imposing, old building, and up to 40 present in the morning. The attendance grew during covid as they remained open for worship when most others were closed.

Please pray for Priscilla and myself as we seek to serve the Lord in all we do. This came strikingly in a sermon on Colossians 3:22-4:1 about bondservants; they are “serving the Lord Christ.” We pray to serve usefully in the family, the church, the community and on the social media.

In Christ's service

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