

TRAIN(Kenya)

Newsletter 4 – April 2025

Dear Brethren,

Greetings in the Lord Jesus Christ from the trustees of TRAIN(Kenya).

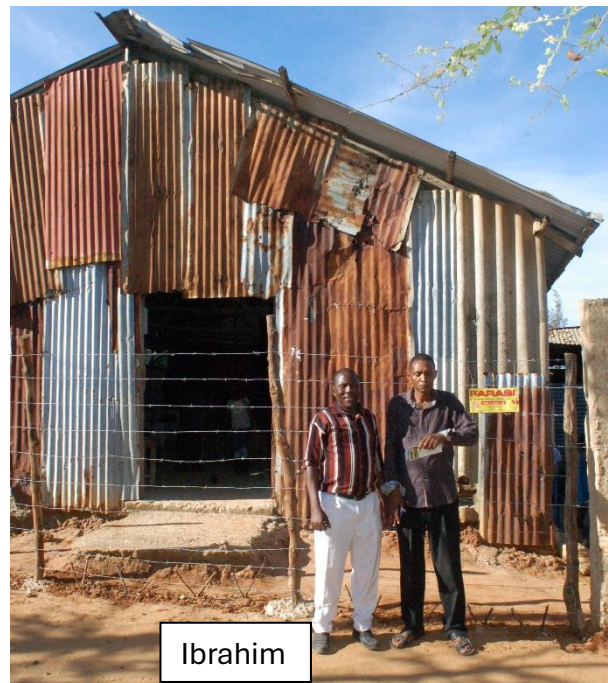
'Train' is a rather poor acronym meaning 'Truth Reaching Africa In Need'. If you simply type in 'TRAIN(Kenya)' online you will get all the information you need about trains in Kenya! As a charity, TRAIN(Kenya) sees the maturing of the churches with the training of men for ministry in the churches as the great goal. Everything we do has that as an aim, even if a distant one.

1. Church Leaders – We support the following church leaders:

(1) Pokot. The three brethren who have been leaders for 20+ years are regularly supported, and occasionally one other who is more recent. We have provided them with motorbikes for more efficient visiting. We are open to helping with school fees for their children, and serious medical needs, not wanting any child of such a leader to regret their fathers were 'poor' pastors. We are helping with transport to the Reformation Conference in Mumias this month.

(2) Tonny Karwa. He is the pastor of Grace Baptist Church in Kisumu, and we helped him with the final amount needed to purchase a car.

(3) Ibrahim Katana. He is planting Utakaso (= sanctification) Bible Church in a suburb of Mombasa. He and his ministry were totally transformed by attending the Wisdom Training Centre in Mombasa under Barnabas Olare, pastor at the Gospel Missions Agency Church. This is what he wrote at the end of February. *"Our process of interviews happened on date 12 and 13 of February. Pastor Barnabas and brother Ben did the interviews and 18 people including myself were interviewed. 15 people including myself out of the 18 had credible testimonies. The remaining three also had credible testimonies but some how were not stable. As a result, Pastor Barnabas decided to re-interview them to affirm their stand. After that, then he will continue with the process of baptizing and final constitute the church. Therefore, my desire and prayer to God is to continue helping us in the process and give us a genuine biblical church. In the same way I kindly and humble request you to unceasingly be praying for us in this process and the church projects, as we seek to start building/constructing God willing."*



2. Pastoral Training – We have helped with running costs and infrastructure project for the Bible Light College in Kasei (Pokot). They had their second teaching session in March and it was reported that all the students had completed their work on time. The studies are based upon the syllabus in the Wisdom Training Centres in Mumias and Mombasa (WTC). We are also contributing towards expenses for two students of the Trinity Pastors’ College in Nairobi (TPC) – Geoffrey Muketi from Pokot who is in his third year, and Milton Nyaritho from Mombasa who has just commenced studies. This is part of the March report Muketi wrote. *“Thanksgiving for our March classes which went successfully. Pray that I would put more effort and be faithful in the assigned work. And that I would grow in the knowledge of God through these studies. Thanksgiving for the evangelistic opportunity that West-Pokot’s pastors have arranged. Pray that the Lord will bring many of the teens and children to that rally, and that the Lord’s saving power will graciously save our young ones. Pray also for me, that the elders will release me and that I will be of great support to my home church pastors.”*



3. Infrastructure and church ministries – We have largely helped with the building of a permanent church structure in Chepkinagh, and done smaller things towards buildings in Kasei and Wasat. Kamketo needs a larger building, a good problem. At least one trustee aims to visit annually to evaluate and encourage. We help towards the cost of their annual Conferences with men, women and youth (this month).

4. Schools and teachers – We are supporting more than 30 teachers in the primary schools that the churches sponsor. Why are we so heavily involved? We have pioneered education in the area and the commitment to sponsorship means the churches have a responsibility to make sure the schools run well. The Government does not provide sufficient teachers so both we and the community supplement. We believe it is through the learning in such schools, and the spiritual input that the brethren can have, that together with the churches, some young people will be converted, and some of them called to church leadership.

We are now 7 trustees, with one an octogenarian, and two almost 80. We thank the Lord for a new much younger trustee and pray for the Lord to provide one or two more.

The revamped TRAIN(Kenya) website will very shortly be up and running.

In Christ’s service,

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(for the Trustees)