

# TRAIN(Kenya)

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## Trustees Visiting Pokot

As I sit down to write this newsletter on Monday March 2<sup>nd</sup>, two of our trustees, Keith Underhill and Alan Wigley, are making their way from the UK to Pokot North. Very soon they will be experiencing views like the one just below, and then almost certainly seeing lots of goats like these! Hopefully, they will have some human interaction too!



The purpose of the trip is threefold: (1) To bring encouragement and exhortation to the brethren in all the challenges and needs that they face; (2) To review how the funds we have sent over the past year have been used, and to ensure that processes of accountability are in place; (3) To discuss further needs and consider how the resources we send can be best used for the furtherance of the gospel and the glory of Christ.

Please pray that the Lord will strengthen Keith and Alan as they travel many miles through rough terrain. Sadly brother Elly Achok has been unable to go with them on this occasion as he recovers from ill-health, which means that our brothers will need to cover the driving themselves, which can be challenging! Sometimes the road can disappear altogether, and on other occasions invisible humps can catch you out at speed. Pray for them!

## Encouragement & Training

Of the three purposes listed, the first is of the highest importance. The leaders especially face great challenges and many discouragements, yet they are called to set an example to the flock and to persevere in their labours. Pray for Keith and Alan as they seek to edify and strengthen our brethren.

The equipping, training and provision of future leaders is vital in this regard. The Bible Light College was established just over a year ago, and the first full year of studies have just been completed by several men. Please pray that as the trustees visit the college, there will be much blessing and encouragement in this vital work. We have been able to send funds for building work, materials and most recently teacher support.

## Mombasa & Milton Sairote

Barnabas Olare (pictured to the right in the patterned shirt with his brother Elly) was trained at the Pastors College in Nairobi more than 15 years ago, and has been labouring faithfully as a gospel minister in Mombasa. He is committed to the work of training men for the ministry in his own context through the Wisdom Training Centres (WTCs) set up with his brother. We have been supporting one of those men, called Milton Sairote (pictured below). Barnabas has written the following message to TRAIN(Kenya) about Milton (this is part of his letter to us):



*Milton has just started his second year of studies at the Trinity Pastors College in Nairobi, and is doing well. He is up to date with his assignments, and his growth as a Christian is steady.*

*We are very encouraged by the progress he is making, and we continue to have every expectation that he will be a useful addition to the gospel ministry team here. Besides his studies, brother Milton is serving as deacon in our Church, along with another dear brother. He is also participating in the ministry of the word, and is clearly a gifted handler of the word of God. Even more importantly, he is an exemplary brother, very biblical and godly.*

*Like any young man his age, Milton is thinking about the next steps in his life and ministry development. He hopes to rent a house of his own (currently, he stays at church where he also serves as caretaker), and start preparing for when the Lord might bring someone in his life. His long-term plan is to eventually go back to his native County of Migori to plant a church, but in the immediate and medium term, we plan to have him serve with us even after he completes his studies next year.*



*Please pray, (1) That the Lord will grant him more boldness, he struggles with anxiety and stage fright sometimes. This may be due to his past experience with stammering, which the Lord has largely helped him out of-it is hardly noticeable, but I think it still lingers in his mind. (2) That he will cope well with the pressure of work at school. They are required to submit certain amounts of work every week, and sometimes he feels overwhelmed. (3) That the Lord will give him wisdom as he thinks about the future, and that as his responsibilities expand and needs increase the Lord will provide for him.*

## Ibrahim Katana

Brother Barnabas goes on to speak of another brother, Ibrahim Katana, also trained at the TPC, now ministering in Mombasa and involved in teaching himself at the WTC there. In the picture to the right you can see him engaged in a class teaching on “The wrath of God.” He has been labouring hard for many years, facing a number of challenges and setbacks. It is our privilege to be able to help in the support of such men. Barnabas writes:



*May I mention that brother Ibrahim Katana is also doing well and the Church he leads continues to grow steadily. Ibrahim is a very diligent brother, and his wife Eunice is such a great encouragement and support for him. Eunice has had long standing health issues, high blood pressure and other things, and of late she has been very sickly. Please pray for grace of her behalf.*

## Tonny Karwa in Kisumu

Finally, please pray for the work of our brother Tonny Karwa in Kisumu. As a charity, we have been privileged to assist in different ways. He writes in a recent newsletter:



*I had an opportunity to speak at last year's Youth Conference organised by the Baptist Convention of Kenya (under Southern Baptist Convention). Over 800 young people camped for a week to hear and marvel at these great truths of our faith. I had been asked to speak on the Gifts of the Spirit. There was good engagement on the truths I sought to lay bare.*

*Please plead that these teachings yield abundant results. Please pray for the true church in Kenya to be especially faithful to the Lord at this time.*

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