

Pray for Kenya February/March 2017

Dear Brethren:

It has been a couple of months since writing such an email to you. I will do this less now that I have started a monthly prayer letter for each day of the month, with links if you would like to find out more information. We hope that you are finding the daily requests useful as you seek to participate with us in the ministry in Kenya. I would like to hear from you about it. In this letter I would like to bring a number of things to your attention for both praise and prayer.

1. Nairobi Trinity Baptist Church (TBC)

You are aware that the church has undergone great trials in the past 12 months, involving the death of an intern, the resignation of a pastor and a deacon, together with attacks on another pastor. Now that in the mercy of God it is largely over we see that in that same 12 months the Lord has added 26 new members to the church family!



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On February 12th. 6 brethren were welcomed into membership after the Lord's Supper upon profession of faith in Christ and baptism. It is not often that we have an existing family joining, so we thank God for the Agwandas. Sheila joins her husband who is already a member. With all the single young adults we have in the church we are expecting a full hand of weddings this coming

2. Trinity Pastors' College (TPC)

The new year began with six new students for the TPC. We are especially thankful to the Lord that three are members of TBC Nairobi.

(1) *Ronald Bargebo* (standing 3rd. from right) – He is an intern, and works in the church office together with his TPC studies.

(2) *Tonny Karwa* (seated far right) – With his wife Olivia, and young son, he has relocated nearer the church premises. He is also an intern, supported, and helps with TPC administration, as he does the studies.

(3) *Manases Bor* (standing 4th. from right) – He is particularly interested in the less reached peoples, such as those in north Kenya.



Other new students are:

(4) *Nicholas Okoth* (standing 4th. from left) – He serves as a Deacon in Osani, where we held the RBAK annual meeting in September 2016.

(5) *Stephen Omenda* (sitting far left) – He serves the Lord in RBAK member church, Oyani, near the Tanzanian border in south-west Kenya.

(6) *Stanley Musyoki* (seated 2nd. left) – He has served the Lord in South Sudan and for this month of February is up in Korr, Rendille with the brethren.

They were taught by Ronald Kalifungwa (2nd. from right standing), Pastor in Lusaka Baptist Church, Zambia. He taught on Eschatology and Cults. If you would like to read a short report from him, please go to <http://trinitybaptistkenya.org/2017-2/>.

It will be my turn to teach them in March, Lord willing. I have arranged to be in Nairobi from 9th. to 23rd. March. My courses will be New Testament General Letters, and Church History Missions focussing on Africa and Kenya.

3. Needs in Pokot North & Rendille

The President of Kenya has recently pronounced the present drought a national disaster. <http://www.ipsnews.net/2017/02/ravaging-drought-deepens-in-kenya/>. It is the worst in the north-central part of Kenya where, amongst others, the Rendille live. They risk losing so many of their livestock. At the same time we are struggling to keep the ministries in Rendille and Pokot North going financially. We still do not have enough to keep all the schools going in Pokot North for 2017. Nor will we be able to keep supporting workers in Rendille. We commend this to your prayers and possible financial help.



The following is what Andrew Chemolok of Chepkinagh, Pokot North told me on the phone (14th. February). “I am in Kapenguria for treatment (over 100 kms. from home) having suffered from malaria for a week, worsened with typhoid. The drought is bad and almost all the animals have been taken west into Uganda. This means that the men, and sometimes the whole family, are not present, and both churches and schools are

affected. The church building in Kamketo has had part of its roof torn off by high wind, and it was being used as a dormitory by some of the girls of the High School.”

4. Miathene TBC

On 29th. January, Joseph Mucheru was set apart as a Pastor of this RBAK member church, now making an Eldership of three. He is the only full-time Pastor in the Miathene Church. Please go to <http://trinitybaptistkenya.org/reports/> for a full report from Pastor Murungi. I have had very close ties with this place as it is where I first went in Kenya to teach way back in 1968! It

is the Methodist Church that first brought Christianity to the area, less than 100 years ago. The Church was greatly influenced by the East African Revival in the 1950s and I found its legacy on arrival there. The Methodist Church has grown but is not known for its gospel preaching. Charismatic and Prosperity preachers are everywhere. There is such a great need for serious preaching of the Scriptures. We trust that over the years Mucheru will prove to be such a man, by the power of the Spirit.

Please pray for Pastor Murungi who today (16th.) has driven to west Kenya for a week of ministry, basically encouraging the various churches there in which we are involved. He has gone with a new member (Teka), a TPC student (Mansases), and Nur (S0mal1 brother). It will also be a wonderful experience of ministry for these three.

Please keep praying. The Lord is at work by His grace.

In Christ's service,

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