

PRAY FOR KEITH & PRISCILLA UNDERHILL
TRINITY BAPTIST CHURCH, NAIROBI, KENYA

“Pray for us, that the word of the Lord may speed ahead and be honoured” (2 Thess. 3:1, ESV)

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Dear Brethren

Greetings in the Lord from Liverpool, where we arrived well on 17th December. **Priscilla** had a good flight from Philadelphia to Manchester. She is coping well with the change from America to Britain and her health is stable although she feels ‘fragile’. She does not feel strong enough to return to Kenya at the present time so will stay up to a few months here with Deborah & Matthew. We have decided that I will return to Kenya on 8th January for a while, Lord willing, so that I can teach in the PTC beginning on 14th and resume some pastoral work to around the end of February. Thank you for your prayers. We are thankful to God for the church at Belvidere who are so supportive and who will be caring for Priscilla spiritually in my absence.

The Eldership



Brother **Eric Omondi Abwao** was duly recognized as an Elder/Pastor of Trinity Baptist Church on December 21st in the morning service. We had two other churches represented, Joshua Karani of Faith Reformed Baptist in Nairobi, and David Awan Malek of the Trinity Baptist Churches of South Sudan. The other brother was John Muketha the chairman of our Deacons. Pastor Murungi led the service and I was told he “conducted it

very soberly, even gravely.” The brother were are next considering for the Eldership later in 2015 wrote, “I enjoyed seeing it, though with some trepidation as I pondered the oaths that Eric took for the sake of God’s people, and thought of the probability of taking them as well. The men who prayed did so very earnestly. I was particularly moved by Karani’s prayer.” We know you are praying with us for a strong, united Eldership that will lead the church forward in the ways of the Lord in the years to come.

Pokot North

It has been quite a while since I visited, 21st – 30th October. The main event was a wedding on the Saturday of two members of the church in Kasei. We tried to make it as simple as possible, but outside influences inevitably get in, especially the PA system and its accompaniments. It had to be performed in a building set aside for worship and the church in Kasei could only hold a tiny fraction of the crowd. For the reception we moved to the recently completed science laboratory in the High School which still could not accommodate the vast crowds. Gifts were given outside, each one being accompanied by singing and dancing Pokot style. Nicholas is a radiologist in a faraway Mission Hospital to where he has taken his new bride Claudina. This invariable happens in rural areas where there are few jobs for educated people.



There are **many encouragements** in this work in Pokot North:

✧ *Kapterema* – the church is finally growing. With a new leader David, where we have only been able to gather a few women, there are now 8 families, some of whom having been recently saved. This is the most populated part of Pokot North up in the hills.

✧ *Wasat & Kwirir* – Peter Nalunyit is the leader and he is going to rejoin the PTC this month. We are building a house for him at Wasat, but he gets no support from us (something we must wisely rectify). The people in these newer centres are not relying on us for everything, as is so often the case. At both places we gave money for corrugated iron roofed buildings and the people are doing the rest – poles, roof trusses, mudding of walls.



This is the new building at **Kwirir** which will serve for a meeting place on Sundays, and for teaching the ECD children weekdays. The walls and floor are of mud, and the roof of corrugated iron. Note the logs that presently serve as seating arrangements.

✧ *Apur* – A community of about 25 households surrounded by hills on 3 sides.



Inside the mud building the congregation are sitting on log benches. It is the custom that after a meeting a circle of attendees is slowly formed by everyone greeting those who have already exited, to the accompaniment of their distinctive singing.

✳ *Kamketo* – The Girls’ High School classroom is now almost complete, and we are still hoping that the first class of around 30 girls will start by February. This is another great opportunity for us to minister, this time to the girls of the area. We have a well-established church here under the leadership of Thomas Lokerisa. With the Primary Boarding School, now the High School (also boarding) as well as the church at Kasepa which is under their care, there is need for another labourer here and a good means of transport.



✳ *Schools* – After many years of developing Primary Schools, so that 6 of them have all the classes from Early Childhood Development (ECD) to Class 8, there are now some Head-Teachers and other teachers who are very cooperative with the church. For example, the Principal at Kasei Boys would welcome us twice termly for ‘weekends’, where we could preach to the boys for 3 successive days.



Edwin from Nairobi accompanied me on the safari. There is such a wonderful view descending from Kasei with the peak of Kapchok standing out. Much of our ministry is done out of doors under the shade of suitable trees.



As we give thanks to the Lord for these things, there are the following **needs to pray for**:

(1) The 4 trained men need to be formally set aside as church leaders. There has been a reluctance until at least two men can be set aside in each church, but we do not have such qualified men, except in Kasei.

(2) There is a great need for labourers, immediately for men to come and labour from outside, then for men from the area to be trained. With the High School in Kamketo, Thomas Lokerisa needs help in order to take full advantage of the opportunity to minister in the schools. Sadly the man whom we had sent there to help left abruptly last year. Andrew Chemolok in Chepkinagh needs help as he has a large primary boarding school and 7 churches to care for.

(3) Completion of the new church building in Kasei, needed because of the students from both Primary and High School are in attendance.

(4) Salary increases for faithful workers and teachers, and salaries for at least 2 teachers at the Kamketo Girls' School. Presently we must find £1,200/\$1,900 monthly for their support.

If you would like to watch videos from Pokot (and Rendille), please enter TrainKenya in YouTube, and you will find 55 videos!

With immediate effect my main email is kunderhill@digitalsavannah.co.uk although the 'rocketmail' account will still be active. Please remember that my 'maf' account is now closed. Please write and let us know you are still prayerfully interested in the work the Lord has given us in Kenya and beyond. We look forward to hearing from you.

In Christ's service,

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