

Pray for Kenya

April 2016

Dear Brethren: I would like to devote most of this letter to the urgent situation in Pokot North. This week the 3 leaders were invited to come to Nairobi for discussion on the situation, especially with the schools, and what follows is the result of that as Pastor Murungi talked at length with them, and as I had the opportunity to talk on skype with them.

POKOT NORTH

(1) Background. We officially started ministry in Pokot North in 2000. There are now a few hundred baptized believers in 12 churches. 3 men have gone through the training programme in Nairobi many years ago, and there are 4 who are now in various stages of the training. A very important component of the ministry has been the starting of ECDs (Early Childhood Development, i.e. Nursery) in each place where there is a church, then a primary school. We have even been able to start up 2 secondary schools. Typically in such areas, the Government does not start schools. It is left to the community together with well-wishers like churches and NGOs.

(2) Why schools? First there is the need that we can all appreciate that children need to learn to read and write. If we do not do it, then some other church/group will eventually do it. Because we start the school together with the community it gives us a good way in, and we become the sponsor. The government recognizes our role of helping the school to get off the ground and gives us privileges to bring the word of God to the children at various times.

(3) Results of our inability to continue funding for teachers. We have been supporting more than 40 teachers in these schools. Obviously if they no longer teach then it will have a drastic effect on education in the area where we think about three-quarters of children attend Trinity sponsored schools. 2 or 3 schools will have to close. A larger number will have to cut the number of classes, so that many children will have no school to go to as there are no alternative schools. A few schools would be able to carry on as they are. If this scenario unfolds then it will not be good for the children, nor for the reputation of the church.

(4) How you could consider helping. If you think you are able to help, you could commit to supporting the needs of one teacher, or the needs of one whole school. You could let us know whether you are able to commit for a year (2016), or for longer, or indefinitely. The needs for each school are at the end of this letter, starting January 2016 (because the teachers have not yet been paid).

TBC NAIROBI

Thank you for your prayers in relation to the sad departure from this world of our brother Peter Kivati. God gave much grace to Pastor Murungi to minister at the Memorial Service in Nairobi, and at the burial upcountry. He had to quickly return from ministering at the Reformation Conference 2016 in Mumias (I hope to give you a full report on this later). You can listen to what our brother had to bring from the word of God at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gFws31aPJpo>. Obviously his wife Abby has many, many questions, and even participating in the church is not easy. We are coming to hear that Peter did have some questions about the church, being the passionate man that he was. Please pray for the elders as they seek to guide Abby and the whole church at this time. We will also have to ask ourselves the lessons God has designed to teach us through this.

P.T.C.

From 11th. to 18th. May the students will gather in Nairobi to be taught courses on The Gospels & Acts (Stephen Turner), and Modern Church History (Geoffrey Thomas).

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

This month of May I have a few opportunities to minister the word and to represent the work in Kenya.

- (1) Liverpool Bible Convention (3/5) – 6 churches in Liverpool form an organization called Listen Liverpool for open air ministry and an annual convention. I suppose there were 50-70 each of the 4 evenings. You can listen at <http://www.listenliverpool.co.uk/convention2016>.
- (2) Aberystwyth (15/5) – Morning and evening services.
- (3) Hull (18/5) & Leeds (25/5) – Midweek meeting to present the ministry in Kenya, www.kingstonevangelicalchurch.co.uk and <http://www.tinshillfreechurch.org.uk>.

In Christ's service, for the coming of His kingdom, and the glory of His name.

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KWIRIR – The ECD will have to close and there will be no education in this village. Cost monthly for 1 teacher is £20/\$30. The total for the school each month is £20/\$30, the total for 2016 is £240/\$360.



APUR & KAPYOMOT – Only the ECD will continue with a government teacher. The 4 classes of the primary school will have to close, that are presently taught by just 2 teachers at £25/\$35 monthly each. Total for school each month £50/\$70, for 2016 £600/\$840.



TARAKIT – This has 4 classes of the primary school, with 1 government teacher, and 5 supported by Trinity. It would have to shrink to ECD and only class 1. The total for the school each month is £115/\$165, the total for 2016 is £1,380/\$1,980.





WASAT – This has 6 classes of the primary school, with 1 government teacher, and 4 supported by Trinity. It would have to shrink to ECD and only class 1. The total for the school each month is £80/\$120, and for 2016 is £960/\$1,440.

KAPKAGHUN – This is a full primary school with 8 classes, only 2 government teachers, and 4 supported by Trinity. We also support a cook. We will have only the ECD and first 2 classes. The total for the school each month is £100/\$140, and for 2016 is £1,200/\$1,680.



KAPKEWA – This is a full primary school with 8 classes, 3 government teachers, and 4 supported by Trinity. We would have to have only the ECD and the first 3 classes. The total for the school each month is £85/\$120, and for 2016 is £1,020/\$1,440.



KAPTEREMA – This is a full primary school with 8 classes, 4 government teachers, and 3 supported by Trinity. We would have only the ECD and the first 4 classes. The total for the school each month is £70/\$105, and for 2016 is £840/\$1,260.



KASEPA – This is a full primary school with 8 classes, 3 government teachers, and 3 supported by Trinity. We would have only the ECD and the first 3 classes. The total for the school each month is £80/\$120, and for 2016 is £960/\$1,440.

CHEPKINAGH – This is a full primary school with enough government teachers to keep the school ticking over. We have been supporting 5 teachers and a matron at £150/\$215 each month, and for 2016 it would be £1,800/\$2,580.



KAMKETO – This is a full primary school with enough government teachers to keep the school ticking over. We have been supporting 3 teachers and a matron at £90/\$130 each month, and for 2016 it would be £1,080/\$1,560.



KASEI – This is also a full primary school with enough government teachers to keep the school functioning. We have been supporting 2 teachers and a matron at £80/\$120 each month, and for 2016 it would be £960/\$1,440.





KASEI SECONDARY – This is a full secondary school, forms 1-4, and has enough government teachers to continue. We have been supporting 2 teachers as a church at a total of £150/\$220 each month.



KAMKETO SECONDARY – This is a new school with only the first 2 forms, with only 1 government teacher, and 2 supported by Trinity. We must continue to support at least 1 for the school to survive, at £75/\$110 each month.

If 40 people or churches supported just one teacher at £30/\$45 each month, starting January 2016, then this work can continue uninterrupted. If you would like more information, have questions, or would like to give, please either contact:

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