

## 'PRAY FOR KENYA' - SEPTEMBER 2017

**23 Saturday** The **RBAK** is mostly made up of churches led by those who have been trained in the TPC and are in various parts of the country. This year its chairman is Eric Ngala and we pray that the presence of many delegates will be a great encouragement to his church as we fellowship with them and minister to them.

**24 Sunday Ministry:** (1) The RBAK delegates will ministering around Bumala. (2) In Nairobi John Muketha will be preaching in the morning, and Dominic Kabaria in the Evening. (3) KU will be in Pokot North preaching. May the word of the Lord speed on and be glorified!

**25 Monday** (1) Today is the **RBAK** Delegates' business meeting. We pray that brethren will rise up above the needs for support and buildings to take hold of the great work of preaching the gospel of Christ. (2) **KU** is in Pokot North seeking to encourage the gospel labours there.

**26 Tuesday** (1) **KU** is continuing in Pokot North. (2) **MI** is visiting Osani, Nyakwaka, Thimlich, Wath Orango and Nyamanga, churches in the RBAK south of Kisumu near the Tanzanian border, together with some of the RBAK delegates. In these two days he hopes to strengthen them in the Lord. Nyakwaka, Thimlich and Wath Orango need leaders and have church buildings to be completed.

**27 Wednesday** **KU** has the last day in **Pokot North**. We are very thankful to God for the stability and growth of the work of the gospel here, and for the Lord's provision of finances for the running of the various schools. Please pray for the 3 trained Pokot leaders, the 3 'missionaries', and the one man who is in training in the PTC (Peter Nalunyit).

**28 Thursday** (1) Today **KU** faces the long drive back from Pokot North to Nairobi, 12-14 hours. (2) **MI** is also driving back from S. Nyanza. One of the aims of the trip is to get the pastors from other churches to be interested in our sister churches in different locations for a closer communion and encouragement to be fostered.

**29 Friday** (1) It will be a busy last day for **KU** in Nairobi, getting ready to return home overnight. There will be shopping, administrative tasks, and people to fellowship with and counsel. (2) The great need for church planting in major towns cannot be overemphasized. Nakuru is such a town where we have a number of contacts but no known faithful church.

**30 Saturday** **KU** arrives back home in Liverpool in the morning, and will need to do a quick turn-around to prepare to preach in **Charlesworth** tomorrow. Please pray for the physical stamina and spiritual wisdom.

EA = Eric Abwao, KU = Keith Underhill, MI = Murungi Igweta (Pastors of TBC Nairobi)

TBC = Trinity Baptist Church; TPC = Trinity Pastors' College

RBAK = Reformed Baptist Association of Kenya

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**1 Friday** More young adults have continued to come to the monthly **Meaty Forum**. Many speak of how much they are profited by what they hear. Last month's Forum on Justice & Forgiveness was well attended and steamed live on <https://www.facebook.com/trinity.or.ke/videos/vb.141004539352615/1366190456834011/?type=2&theater>. May it translate into a Christian community that forgives as our Saviour has forgiven us. We will be discussing the question, "Who is Jesus?" The Person and Work of Christ at the forum today.

**2 Saturday** The brethren in Pokot have organized a regular assembly for worship every Sunday in **Kapenguria**. Now that Joshua Sitet has completed his studies in the town, there is a great need for a church planter to help in this work. We trust the Lord to provide a leader for this work, which has an attendance of between eight and fifteen every Sunday.

**3 Sunday** Pray for **MI** in Nairobi as he continues to minister the Word in the Adult Sunday School and Morning Service. At 16.00 **Tonny Karwa**, one of our interns and a first-year TPC student, will be preaching for the first time. We give a lot of help in such ministry. Also pray for Tonny and his family as they have to support their wider families, a struggle for many Kenyans who have few resources.

**4 Monday** The August 8 **elections** in Kenya passed off with few incidents. However, the losers have gone to the Supreme Court over claims of rigging. Once again the elections have shown how divided the country is along tribal lines. Pray that our brethren, and especially the leaders of churches, will rise above this and clearly proclaim the reconciling gospel of Jesus Christ.

**5 Tuesday** **Kevin Oruru** is a young member of the church who is a trained civil engineer but who desires to spend his life in the service of His Saviour. He believes that church construction may be a ministry that he could take up. There is a great need for others than the pastors to take this up to prevent distraction.

**6 Wednesday** We thank the Lord for the provision of **school fees** for children of church leaders especially those going to post-secondary courses. A number are starting University courses and Teacher Training. Pray they might stand firm in their faith and not go the way of the world.

**7 Thursday** **Elias Otieno**, one of our deacons, is spending much of this month in Korr (Rendille) to help complete the church building. We pray that this will be an encouragement to the ministry as people see clearly that we are active and serious about the gospel. There have been many years of sowing, but little fruit so far. God's word will not return to Him void, but will accomplish His purpose.

**8 Friday** Pray for our **Somal** brethren: (1) NH in Nairobi and his gospel ministry through the internet. It must be hard to spend in one's room throughout and to be a refugee. (2) AO in Ethiopia and his ministry through the radio, with the visitation of contacts far and wide. (3) MO in the USA who has been struggling finding that resettlement has its own set of problems!

**9 Saturday** **Missions** continue to be a big concern since many towns in Kenya remain without a known faithful church. Also, many communities in Kenya remain without a Biblical witness. We pray that the Lord may kindle a desire for men to aspire for ministry and not fear because of the poverty that is supposed to be closely associated with gospel ministry.

**10 Sunday** (1) In Nairobi **MI** has all the ministry today. Pray that as he gets back into more continuous ministry that it may be received with much blessing and the church may continue to stabilize. (2) **KU** is preaching in the morning at Aughton Park some miles north of Liverpool (<http://aughtonparkbaptistchurch.org>).

**11 Monday** (1) **Eric Abwao** has requested for 3 more months of sabbatical to get things in order in various facets of his life. (2) With MI alone in Nairobi this brings up again the need for more **Elders**. Much wisdom is needed as the vast majority of men in the church are in their 20s and early 30s.

**12 Tuesday** **KU** flies into Nairobi today, arriving late in the evening. Please do remember Priscilla in his absence – one of the children will stay with her each evening/night. A young man **Benedict Allmand-Smith**, who is interested in missions, will be with him to get 3 months experience in a mission situation in Kenya. May the Lord be pleased to make it very determinative in his life.

**13 Wednesday** The **TPC** begins this morning, on the subject of Pastoral Theology. We begin with the office, work and qualifications of the Pastor. These men need to be absolutely sure of the nature of the work to which they say they have been called, and to test themselves as to the qualifications. We do not assume that because they are in the TPC therefore they are fit to be Pastors. We need discernment as we interview new students for the 2018 intake.

**14 Thursday** (1) Continue to pray for **KU** as he teaches the **TPC** today. (2) A church member, **Robert Karissa**, has gone to Stockholm, Sweden to pursue further studies. We do not know of any Reformed Church there and pray that he will be kept spiritually vibrant.

**15 Friday** (1) It is the 3<sup>rd</sup>. day of the **TPC** today. In Pastoral Theology we also emphasize the personal devotional life of the Pastor which is so often neglected in the busyness of the ministry. (2) With many new, young **members** in the church there are demanding pastoral responsibilities upon MI. There are those who start off with great enthusiasm but lose the way after a time.

**16 Saturday** (1) TBC members and TPC students go out to **evangelize** in the neighbourhood of Donholm. We trust that the Lord will open up the hearts of those who hear. We pray that more and more members from the church will be interested in this worthy endeavour. (2) TBC **Kasei** in Pokot North has a church business meeting today, led by Joshua Sitet and Isaiah Juma. They have an important schools' ministry (both Primary & Secondary), and are looking forward to the completion of their building.

**17 Sunday** (1) The monthly Joint service in Pokot North is at **Chepkinagh** today. (2) In **Nairobi** **KU** will be preaching, glad to be back in his 'home church'! (3) In the afternoon Men's Fellowship let us pray for the men to realize the unique position God has given them, to be leaders both of their families and in the church. May the Lord raise many among them who would be appointed to be either deacons or elders and possibly others to be missionaries and church-planters in different areas.

**18 Monday** The **TPC** resumes on Pastoral Theology seeking to give very practical help about preaching, officiating the sacraments, weddings and funerals. Very clear guidelines are needed on the latter two as they are of such importance in society.

**19 Tuesday** (1) The **TPC** continues throughout the day. (2) We are proposing to send to **Korr** Stanley Musyoki and Roy Omondi for October to see how they get on with the possibility of sending them together in 2018. Please pray for the gospel to be preached among the Rendille with great spiritual success.

**20 Wednesday** This is the final day of the **TPC**. Two of the students will be completing the lecture requirements, and must now complete all the written work. We have quite a few new students interested in starting in 2018, in addition to those who will be entering their 2<sup>nd</sup>. year.

**21 Thursday** (1) **KU** travels to Bumala (near the Uganda border) to put in a brief appearance at the RBAK before going up to Pokot North. (2) **MI** travels to nearby Funyula and will chair a meeting to consider Simon Ochieng as the pastor of that church. He will be set apart on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> if the church approves. We pray that this will provide impetus for the church to grow and to continue to have gospel influence in other churches.

**22 Friday** The Annual General Assembly of the **RBAK** (Reformed Baptist Association of Kenya) takes place at Bumala AIC. Around 20 churches will be represented by their delegates. May the Lord bless this effort towards partnership in the gospel amongst churches that subscribe to the 1689 Baptist Confession of Faith.