

## 'PRAY FOR KENYA' - JANUARY 2018

**25 Thursday** There is the weekly Elders' Meeting with KU joining MI and EA on Skype. Please pray that the Lord may raise more men to join the **Eldership** and strengthen the spiritual leadership of the church. We have spoken with a potential brother who has accepted this consideration. He has been raised in the church. If the Lord is willing we would like the process to be completed before the end of the year with this dear brother being recognized by the Church.

**26 Friday** This past year we have had 2 young men who have spent months with us in Nairobi: **Connor** and his new wife from Canada, and **Benedict** from UK. Such exposure for them is life changing, both coming to a 3<sup>rd</sup>.world country, and being part of a vibrant church. Both have a desire to return to 'the mission field'.

**27 Saturday** Our **Pokot North** brethren have had to work hard to establish the needed schools in their area. It is now time to put more effort into preaching the gospel to these more than a thousand young people (and staff). We are seeking to encourage them in this direction and pray that they will be responsive.

**28 Sunday** Ministry in **Nairobi** today: MI is preaching in the morning, and our intern Manases Bor in the afternoon. There are separate meetings for the unmarried and the married at 3 p.m. Please pray for the Holy Spirit to accompany the word with divine power for lasting spiritual good.

**29 Monday** Pray for the 3 Evangelists in Korr, **Rendille**, that the Lord might use them as they preach the word far and wide. We have made a motorbike available for them. It is our earnest desire that in 2018 we shall be able to send up 2 trained and mature men to help them, and develop the work.

**30 Tuesday** **Charles Awelo** spent a month with Daniel Ngollo at Osani and was involved in preaching, visitation and strengthening the churches at Osani, Nyakwaka, Thimlich and Wath Orango. He has been requested by the brethren to return more permanently and has shown his desire to settle there with his family to hold the fort in Osani while he works hard to stabilize Nyakwaka and Thimlich. We trust that the Lord will make the necessary resources available for this work which has stalled for some time.

**31 Wednesday** There are a number Reformed and Baptist Churches developing in **Nairobi**, two of which are in close fellowship with TBC, Grace Reformed and Kasarani TBC. Pray for Joshua Karani and John Mutangilii who lead them respectively. They need patience faithfully to sow the seed of the true gospel.

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

You can get more information by visiting <http://www.trinitybaptistkenya.org>

**1 Monday** **Youth Camps:** In Nairobi there were 47 teenagers attending. They were taught about God, urged to know Him as sovereign, trust Him as the Saviour, obey Him as holy, serve Him as the Master and hope in Him as the soon coming King of kings. In Miathene camp 18 teenagers attended. It was facilitated by brethren from Nairobi (there are photos at [www.trinitybaptistkenya.org/reports](http://www.trinitybaptistkenya.org/reports)).

**2 Tuesday** There is a great need for **labourers** and we have many able brethren in the church. MI is not able to visit all around the country to the various churches in fellowship with us, nor to do the many administrative tasks involved with this. We have wondered if an Administrative Assistant is needed (see also 10<sup>th</sup>).

**3 Wednesday** We seek to help **educate** children of church leaders, and of very poor Christian parents. We would not like any such children to be tempted to be bitter because their father was a 'poor pastor'. A typical student at Secondary School may pay £300 annually, and of course more in tertiary education. Above all pray that such children will become true Christians; they all attend the camp..

**4 Thursday** After a needed December on leave, **MI** resumes his ministerial responsibilities this month. He has been refreshed. Please pray for the necessary focus in the ministry as there are so many demands. May he and his fellow elder (EA) work well together and see the church grow in every way.

**5 Friday** We thank God that a permanent church building for **Vote** was completed. Kevin Oruru supervised this work which was of great encouragement to the church and especially the pastor. We pray that the Lord may use this facility for faithful preaching of the gospel and edification of the saints (photos at [www.trinitybaptistkenya.org/vote-church-building](http://www.trinitybaptistkenya.org/vote-church-building)).

**6 Saturday** Our **interns**, Manases Bor and Tonny Karwa, continue with their studies and internship. We look forward to commissioning some of our young men into church planting in other parts of the country and other ministries.

**7 Sunday** (1) **Ministry** in Nairobi – MI is preaching his third sermon from Hebrews in the morning. EA is preaching from Nehemiah in the afternoon. (2) KU is in **Charlesworth**. At the Carol Service on 17th. December there were some visitors from the community. Pray that there might be fruit from these contacts.

**8 Monday** The Lord has been gracious in providing the needs for the 6 men working in the churches of **Pokot North**, and for the 40 or so teachers helped in the 13 schools we sponsor. The finances for the support of the 3 evangelists in **Rendille**, needy Christians, and teachers in the 2 schools we sponsor has been more difficult. And we are looking to send more men up there in 2018 to strengthen the work. Please pray for the Lord's continuing provision.

**9 Tuesday** Gospel Missions Agency (**GMA**) Church in Mombasa, which was planted by Barnabas Olare, continues to reform. On 10<sup>th</sup> December, Jeff Myers was set apart. It was a delight for the church and we trust that it will be better served by these two men (photo at [www.trinitybaptistkenya.org](http://www.trinitybaptistkenya.org)).

**10 Wednesday** Please pray for **labourers** for: (1) The Pokot North Schools we sponsor so as to take full opportunity to bring the gospel to these boys and girls. (2) Someone to go to Korr with Stanley Musyoki and his family. (3) A capable man to help Daniel Ngollo in the churches in South Nyanza. (4) A pastor for the 3 churches in the Olgumi area. Remember Matthew 9:37-38.

**11 Thursday** The **TRAIN(Kenya)** charity has 6 trustees who are committed to seeing the work in Kenya continue, and especially those aspects that need financial support. The Reformed Baptist Church of **Riverside**, near Los Angeles, USA, has a strong relationship with TBC and channel funds from North America. Pray they may be instrumental in seeing this goal realized.

**12 Friday** David Awan Malek of Malakal **South Sudan** has kept in touch with us and reports the growing need for a conference to bring together all those men who work with the Trinity Baptist Churches of SS and have invited MI after Easter. We pray the Lord may make this possible by providing the needed peace, and for much spiritual good to be accomplished in the lives of these brothers.

**13 Saturday** David Ng'etich continues his efforts to church plant in the town of **Kericho**. There are two long-standing pastors who want to join him, and many other contacts. 'If I was living in Kericho people would come to our house for meetings but people don't want the meeting to be in their homes. To rent a room or a field is expensive.'

**14 Sunday** In **Nairobi** MI is preaching in the morning and taking the SS while Tonny Karwa, is preaching in the afternoon. Nick Okong'o will be baptized and received into the church after the afternoon celebration of the Lord's Supper. May the Lord be pleased to add to His fold through the preaching of the gospel.

**15 Monday** The church nominated a good number of men to be considered for the **diaconate** in November and three men have been identified by the Elders from the nominees: Eric Aluvisia, Ken Mbuthia and Mike Owit. We pray that they will give much impetus to the diaconal work so the pastors may be more efficient in the preaching of the Word.

**16 Tuesday** The **Pokot North** youth camp had between 180-200 attending (photo at [www.trinitybaptistkenya.org/pokot](http://www.trinitybaptistkenya.org/pokot)). They were taught about salvation, relationships and involvement with their church, and their responsibilities and roles in their families. Pray for the continuing witness to such youth in the schools we sponsor, and for the new High School at Chepkinagh (Chelopoy Boys).

**17 Wednesday** The **TPC** for 2018 starts today. **Richard Barcellos** from the USA is teaching Unit J on Hermeneutics. It is his first time in Kenya, so pray he will adjust well, and may quickly get a handle on the level of the students, so that he might be an effective teacher.

**18 Thursday** We have invited 8 new **TPC** students for the next 3 years, in addition to the 4 who are returning. This includes another 3 from TBC (Eric Kahure, Nickson Teka and Nick Okong'o), to add to the 2 already studying. We thank the Lord that He is raising up men in TBC who believe they are called of God for the work of preaching the gospel.

**19 Friday** Two **TPC** students, Peter Nalunyit and Samuel Waswa basically completed their attendance requirements last year, and they now must complete all their assignments. Both work in the churches of Pokot North where there is such a pressing need for trained men. It has been our experience that when men stop coming for lectures in Nairobi they also stop studying!

**20 Saturday** With some church members, the TPC students go out for **evangelism** in the neighbouring communities. They are able to speak to individuals and to groups of people who are hanging around. The weather is almost always conducive to people being outside especially in the slum area of Kamola where they have had many fruitful times.

**21 Sunday** Ministry in **Nairobi**: Richard Barcellos is preaching in both morning and afternoon services. Sunday is always a full day, beginning with Sunday School for all ages. Everyone is invited for lunch, then before the afternoon service there are separate meetings for the Men and the Ladies. Sometimes after the young people like to meet in someone's home for the 'tea plot' – refreshments and discussion about the messages, or a pre-arranged topic.

**22 Monday** The **TPC** resumes today after the weekend break. At 5 p.m. on the Monday there is always a debate on an area where there are legitimate grounds for difference. (e.g. 'All TPC students should have ipads'! We want to encourage these preachers to seek to present the truth in a persuasive way. It is not enough to know *what* to preach; they must also consider *how* to preach.

**23 Tuesday** The **TPC** continues. Please also continue to pray for our **S0mal1** brethren as they witness to their fellows, most of whom who are so set against the gospel. The radio and internet 'chat rooms' are reaching many. We thank the Lord that NH in Nairobi has found a Christian S0mal1 lady to marry.

**24 Wednesday** Pray for the **TPC** students as some return home this evening and others tomorrow morning. We can't take road safety for granted in Kenya. The greatest need is for the students to complete the assignments by the time they return in March, for which they will need much personal discipline.