

# Pray for Kenya

## August-September 2017

Dear Brethren:

The past few months have been full of activities in Kenya amongst churches in fellowship with Trinity Baptist Church, Nairobi. We thank the Lord for the word that has been preached to very many and pray it will bear much fruit according to His promises.

### The PAST

(1) Africa Pastors' Conferences (APC). Four were successfully held late June and early July in Eldoret, Nakuru, Nairobi and Mombasa. The theme was, The Biblical Pastor, and the aim to invite church leaders and to influence them for the truth. You can go to the website to learn more (<http://africanpastorsconferences.org>), and below is part of the report presented by John Divito, one of the speakers, and a Director of APC.

"There are too many stories from my time there to capture in this update, but I have rarely seen such hunger for the ministry of the Word of God! Pastors traveling from great distances to attend, delegates desperately desiring copies of my notes, pastors buying books to help them rightly handle Scripture, attendees asking good questions about biblical and practical matters, and I could go on and on. Brothers and sisters, the desire to grow in the knowledge of God's Word is strong, and they so rarely have the opportunity to hear faithful Bible teaching and preaching or to build a library of theologically sound books. I was reminded of how vital our ministry is in Africa, and I am grateful for all that we were able to accomplish."

"Most of the pastors coming to our conferences have received no theological training, and many of them are charismatic preachers whose main exposure to biblical teaching has come from the false prosperity gospel. The local organizer for our conference in Mombasa is a former believer in the false word of faith theology who has come to believe in the Reformed faith. I loved getting to know him and his family, but I was also impressed with how many pastors he was able to bring to our conference. His church building was packed, and they were eager to learn! As I was finishing my message on "The pastor as theologian," one man who was there even interrupted me. When I asked my Swahili translator what he had said, the translator told me that he was so overwhelmed with what I had said about dangerous theologians that he decided to speak in tongues against those present who he felt were modern day false teachers like Hymenaeus and Philetus (see 2 Timothy 2:14-19 for my text). It was like I could see light bulbs turning on above people's heads as they were understanding certain biblical truths for the first time!"

[For the full report go to <http://mailchi.mp/c11725acbc70/time-in-kenya?e=d68bce49c0>]

(2) Trinity Pastors' College (TPC). Two brethren from The Reformed Baptist Church of Riverside, California, came to teach the course on Old Testament History and Theology in July. We are thankful to God for their commitment to the TPC and the 10 students who were present were much appreciative. Please pray for the students to be able to discipline themselves and get the written work done. This is where so many of them struggle and even fail.

(3) Vote. Pastor Murungi took one of the brethren from Riverside to experience life and ministry outside the city of Nairobi. Here is part of what he wrote.

"The church building has been demolished by strong winds of Kitui three times! This has been a source of discouragement for the church. Vicious termites attack the wood holding the structure together and this gives opportunity for the wind to bring down the weakened structure. For this reason, they have now decided to put concrete pillars. They have constructed six of the 10 pillars for the whole building. As we spent time together opening up the Bible and spending time in prayer, the one single

item of prayer that was repeated many times was the church building. We thank God that He has been kind to hear their prayers and substantial amount of money has been raised to meet this need. The next need now is to find someone from TBC Nairobi who can supervise the construction and deliver a church building for this community to gather and worship the Lord."

For the full report go to <http://trinitybaptistkenya.org/vote/>.

(4) Elections. The August 8<sup>th</sup>. elections passed off peacefully. However the losers contested the results at the Supreme Court and have successfully managed to get the elections declared as null and void. A repeat election is to be held on 17<sup>th</sup>. October. What is important is that God's people shun tribalistic attitudes and demonstrate the unity we Christians have in Christ.

(5) Gospel Missions Agency (GMA), Mombasa. Barnabas Olare, the Pastor of the Church has had a busy couple of months, with the first APC to be held in Mombasa (referred to above), and a just concluded annual Reformation Conference.



His brother, Elly Achok wrote: FEELING HUMBLED AND THANKFUL. We have earlier this evening closed Reformation Conference 2017 teachings here in Mombasa Kenya. Our hosts led by pastor [Barnabas Kuogo Olare](#) have put together a fantastic meeting!!!. 7 or 8 years ago when the Reformation conferences began, we scarcely had any idea how far-reaching this gracious outreach of God would be. Growing in leaps and bounds, both in numbers attending, quality of teaching and material distributed; It

has been overwhelming; Surely we have fallen upon goodly times I have over the last few days reflected upon the kindness and faithfulness of God. I have been exceedingly encouraged, how significant is it that we can reach many (hundreds over the years) in Pentecostal and Charismatic backgrounds with the message of God's saving grace in the Gospel? How grateful i feel that at a time such as this, I witness the challenging probity of the Gospel go out in ever expanding magnitude and tangible effect. We may yet be hopeful that the days of God's outpouring are not yet over there is yet hope for spiritual rain - we know He must be sought to do these things

LORD BRING GLORY TO YOUR NAME ONCE AGAIN IN OUR DAY! !!



They also run a 9 month course known as Wisdom Training Centre. They take the opportunity to teach Pastors who were with them in their Word of Faith days. May they be changed as Barnabas was and preach the truth as it is in Christ.

Wisdom Training Centre class of 2017 graduating in Mombasa Kenya at the close of this year's Reformation Conference. God is exceedingly gracious.

(6) Vacation Bible School (VBS) & Sunday School Teacher Training.

(From Dominic Kabaria) We have much to thank God for over last month's VBS. It was a VBS that was held in the same month as an election which is normally a tough time for parents to release their children. It was however an encouragement to see many children coming for the five-day event from within and outside of our area. We had a total average of **31** children attending, with an average of **18** children in the *Lower Primary class* and **13** in the *Upper Primary class*. This was a very good attendance considering the circumstances.

The teaching staff was also adequate with five members who volunteered to help. They worked faithfully by teaching the students as well as in helping with the games. We also had no issue of teachers coming late for classes, which was very encouraging.

The lesson for this VBS was a study of the life of Joseph by studying portions of Genesis 37-50. The children were taught on the Sovereignty of God in suffering, God's plan to preserve Abraham's descendants as well as showing Christ to be the great Saviour who will preserve his people from Judgement.



As the number of children attending the Sunday school classes and VBS has increased over the past few years, the number of teachers has sadly not increased at the same rate. As the SS Coordinator, I have invited members to join in this work with little success with many giving excuses of their inadequacy to teach children. The Teachers Training was therefore an opportunity to not only encourage and dispel the fears of those who have cold feet, but it would also serve to further equip our serving teachers. To aid in this endeavour, I prepared a *Training Guide* which would help in equipping interested persons. The Guide examines five key areas that are important for teachers to be equipped in i.e. *Our purpose, Teachers qualification, Teachers challenge, Our materials and Evaluation of our work*. For the full report you may go to <http://trinitybaptistkenya.org/reports/>.



## **The FUTURE**

(1) Forthcoming trip to Kenya. God willing, I shall be in Kenya from 12<sup>th</sup>. September. A young man will be accompanying me who has his heart set on missionary work in the future. He will be spending 3 months in Kenya in to get a good exposure. The proposed programme is:

- Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup>. to Friday 15<sup>th</sup>. teaching in the Trinity Pastors College (TPC) on Pastoral Theology. I am especially concerned that they grasp the seriousness of such ministry.
- Sunday 17<sup>th</sup>. ministry in Trinity Baptist Church Nairobi.
- Monday 18<sup>th</sup>. to Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup>. completing teaching in the TPC.

- Thursday 21<sup>st</sup>. to the Reformed Baptist Association of Kenya (RBAK) at Bumala, a whole day's drive to near the Uganda border. I shall have Friday morning with them and speak on an aspect of The Reformation.
- Friday 22<sup>nd</sup>. afternoon through Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup>. ministry in Pokot North (MI will be spending a couple of days encouraging the RBAK member Churches in South Nyanza).
- Thursday 28<sup>th</sup>. to Nairobi (a long all day drive!).
- Friday 29<sup>th</sup>. evening to Liverpool, arrival Saturday 30<sup>th</sup>. morning.

(2) Plans for Rendille. We have been praying for labourers to work among the Rendille people. In preparation, one of our Deacons is to spend some of September in Korr to help complete the church building, so that there are also rooms available for those we send. In October we are sending two men there with a view to their permanent labouring based in Korr from January 2018. First we need to be sure that these are men the Lord is sending, and then we will need the resources.

By God's grace we are doing well in Liverpool. Priscilla continues to feel better little by little, for which we thank the Lord for His mercy. There have been a number of opportunities to minister the Word both in the church in Liverpool and in various other churches in the country, as well as to make the work in Kenya known. Such are included in the monthly prayer diary.

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