

'PRAY FOR KENYA' - MAY 2017

24 Wednesday Some of the young adults in Nairobi TBC are very concerned about ministering in **High Schools** where the predominant influence has been the charismatic movement for a long time. They now have the necessary permission from the Ministry of Education to begin this ministry. May the Lord use them to bring the true message of salvation to these young people.

25 Thursday **KU** is travelling today to Nairobi for two weeks. The main purpose is to visit the brethren working amongst the **Rendille** in north Kenya. They need our personal encouragement, and we need to know the way ahead for future ministry with such brothers as Stanley and Manases (currently both students in the TPC). Please pray for Priscilla as she remains behind in Liverpool.

26 Friday One of the churches in Nairobi which is part of us is **Faith Reformed Baptist** and Joshua Karani their pastor. They meet under a tent in a junior school compound the other side of Nairobi from us (west). There is slow growth and they need wisdom concerning a more permanent meeting place.

27 Saturday **KU** and **MI** are driving up to Korr, Rendille today. They leave before 6 a.m. in order to beat the awful rush-hour traffic jams, head north around Mt. Kenya, and expect to arrive late afternoon. All but the final 60 kms. after Laisamis is now tarmac. There has been a terrible drought and we hope that in God's mercy there might be at least one shower of rain.

28 Sunday (1) Pray for the ministry of **KU** and **MI** in **Korr** today, with 3 opportunities to preach, 'Sunday School', morning and afternoon services. They meet under an old corrugated iron 'shade', although there is an incomplete permanent structure. (2) **Tonny Karwa** is preaching for the first time in the afternoon service in Nairobi.

29 Monday There is an established TBC Church in **Korr** with 12 members. The 3 evangelists lead the Church, but we would like to send a reliable trained man there to help.

30 Tuesday Much preaching has been done in the Korr area but little fruit has been seen in terms of **conversions** amongst the predominantly traditional people. This is also the experience of the few other churches. They are a very stubborn people in being attached to their careful traditions that totally rule their daily lives. We are firmly convinced that much seed has been sown as our brethren evangelize widely.

31 Wednesday The majority of Rendille live around **Korr** within a radius of about 10 kms. We hope to have the opportunity to visit a number of them to preach the men hanging around in the lugga (dry river bed), and the women in the village. We are always received politely but only the Lord can bring conviction of sin.

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

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

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1 Monday (1) We are thankful that there is now a greater understanding between the **Elders and Deacons** in TBC Nairobi; pray that this may grow in the coming months. (2) **MI** is spending his final day with the brethren in **Ramsbottom** (<http://trinitygracechurch.net>). One of their Pastors, Oliver Allmand-Smith, is a trustee of our charity TRAIN (Kenya) and teaches in the TPC in Nairobi annually.

2 Tuesday **MI** travels south to **Hayes**, west of London near Heathrow airport (<http://hayestownchapel.blogspot.co.uk>). This is a church that has supported the work in Kenya over the last 4 decades, so MI's visit to speak in the mid-week meeting will be of great joy. They are looking for a pastor, now that Gwynne Evans has retired.

3 Wednesday **MI** is in Welwyn Garden City about 30 miles north of Hayes in the morning (<http://www.campuschurch.org.uk>), and then south again for the mid-week meeting in **Borehamwood** (<http://www.cowleyhill.org.uk>). They are a small church, led by 2 Elders, and have given very generously for the work in Kenya over the years. This is typical of many churches in the UK, small and without a full-time pastor. May God graciously pour out His Spirit and build up such churches!

4 Thursday **MI** speaks in **Painshill** which is just south of London, another small church (<http://www.painshillchapel.org.uk>). The leader of this Church is John Pascoe, who is a trustee of TRAIN (Kenya). As well as reporting on what God is doing among us in Nairobi and Kenya, we pray that his visit will be an encouragement that the gospel is still the power of God to salvation.

5 Friday The **Meaty Forum** this month is on the subject of Fasting. This practice is so emphasized by some that to fast is made the guarantee of getting whatever one wants. The brethren who present the topic will need much wisdom to be balanced by reiterating basic Biblical principles about prayer and Christian living.

6 Saturday Today is the **wedding** of Mark Mujivane and Lydia Kavita. They earnestly desire that their wedding will be for the glory of God. Because **MI** is in UK, it is being conducted by Joshua Karani, Pastor of Faith Reformed Baptist, a Church we are in fellowship with the other side of Nairobi. Hundreds of people are always expected and it is a great opportunity to preach the gospel.

7 Sunday (1) **MI** is preaching in **Maidenbower** further south of London, near Gatwick airport (<http://www.mabach.org>). It is yet another church that has been closely involved with the gospel in Kenya through TBC Nairobi. (2) **KU** is again in Charlesworth. (3) In Nairobi, Pastor Eric Abwao is preaching in the morning, and brother Deacon, John Muketha, in the afternoon. Please do not tire to pray with us that God will own His word to the blessing of many.

8 Monday (1) **MI** goes by train from London, and is picked up by KU in **Pershore** to visit the Pastor of a supportive church there (www.pechurch.org.uk). We drive through mid-Wales to Aberystwyth. (2) With so many unmarried young adults in TBC Nairobi the pastors need much wisdom in steering them into **marriage**. It is difficult for ladies who see others being courted but no interest is shown in them. There are some relationships that break even in engagement which, although the best thing to happen, can be traumatic. Then there are questions about involvement in traditional aspects leading up to the wedding.

9 Tuesday **MI** and KU spend the whole day in **Aberystwyth** visiting members, and **MI** speaks at the mid-week meeting (<http://www.alfredplacechurch.org.uk>). This is the church that sent KU and family to labour in the gospel in Kenya from 1975 to 2015! Geoffrey Thomas was the Pastor all that time, and now it is his grandson Rhodri Brady.

10 Wednesday (1) The third **TPC** week of lectures for 2017 begins on the Doctrine of the Church. This is a very vital and practical subject. Geoffrey Thomas, and William Emberley (from Nova Scotia, Canada), will be the teachers. (2) We drive from Aberystwyth to **Liverpool**, where **MI** will speak in the mid-week meeting (<https://belvidere.org.uk>). This is the church of which KU and family are a part. Another trustee of TRAIN (Kenya), Cliff Barton, is a member here

11 Thursday **MI** is in Liverpool staying with KU and Mama as well as visiting the Pastor and some of the members. It will be a great privilege for us that he sees first-hand where we are now residing.

12 Friday **MI** is returning to Nairobi, departing Manchester at 1 p.m. and arriving Nairobi early tomorrow morning, Lord willing. Please pray that he will return encouraged, ready to engage in the work the Lord has given him. May God use him more and more in the multitude of opportunities that He has opened up.

13 Saturday Each time the TPC students come for lectures (bi-monthly) there is an afternoon of **evangelism**, both open-air, and one on one. This is both part of their training and, together with some brethren of TBC, part of the outreach of the church. We pray they will be bold and effective ministers of the gospel.

14 Sunday (1) Geoffrey Thomas and William Emberley are **preaching** today. (2) There were two **new members** received in March, for which we thank the Lord. Please continue to pray for the Lord to save.

15 Monday The **TPC** is resuming today until Wednesday to complete the course on the Doctrine of the Church. There are many very important and practical aspects to cover – worship, the Sabbath, spiritual gifts, offerings, church discipline, amongst others. Pray for wisdom for the teachers, and a settlement of conviction concerning these issues for the students.

16 Tuesday The **Passion for Missions** Conference that was held last month was very encouraging. The aim was to bring the challenge of the Great Commission especially to the young adults. At least 40 of the church members attended, and we pray that in time to come we shall have the privilege of sending some with the gospel to needy places in Kenya and even beyond.

17 Wednesday Simon Ochieng' went with his family to **Funyula** in the far west of Kenya some years back. He has seen some fruit and we have been able to purchase a plot of land for the church structure, as well as his semi-permanent house. We sought to set him up with a chicken project so that he could be self-supporting, but it did not succeed. Like many pastors in Kenya he continues to struggle with financial needs, especially school fees for the children. In the midst of such needs may he be faithful in preaching the gospel, and living it out day by day.

18 Thursday There is another **Reformed Pastors Association** meeting today, and we thank God that there are an increasing number of churches that are seeking to go in a Reformed direction. There are 2 other churches in Nairobi associated with TBC Nairobi, and also the Kahawa West Baptist where **MI** had a week of meetings last month.

19 Friday Please be praying for the country of **South Sudan** that has been in such turmoil. We are now in contact with James Lual in Juba, a Pastor with the Trinity Baptist Church of South Sudan. In God's providence, one of our members, David Nderitu, is presently working in Juba. Another member, Francis Kalawa, also visits for his work. Contacts have been made with some University students. We hope to be of great encouragement to Pastor James.

20 Saturday There is a regular **Congregational meeting** this afternoon. After the problems of the past year we pray for an increasing sense of unity, with the problems behind us. Pray for the Pastors EA & MI that they will be given grace to lead the church wisely.

21 Sunday (1) Brethren continue to go to preach in **Olgumi** the third Sunday of each month. In April more were present, so we trust this is helping to restore the church. (2) John Muketha is **preaching** in Nairobi in the morning, and brother Dominic Kabaria, who works among the children and young people, in the afternoon service.

22 Monday Pray for **AO** as he continues to minister among his S0mal1 people by radio and visiting. There is Ahmed in the S region of Ethiopia and Omar in northern S0mal1a. There is even a local believer being sent to the latter place. AO himself is visiting there to give help to needy Christians in this time of famine.

23 Tuesday Pray for our leaders in **Pokot North** as they face the dual temptations of getting caught up in politics in this election period, and of spending all their time in the administration of the schools that we sponsor.