

'PRAY FOR KENYA' - DECEMBER 2018

24 Monday The number of **children** in the church has greatly increased so that the nursery is overflowing. On Sunday 18th November, 15 children and their mothers had MI preach from Psalm 127:3-5 on the blessing of children. The need is to tap this opportunity with children, so that they may be well instructed in the sacred writings which are able to make them wise for salvation.

25 Tuesday EA will be preaching at the **Christmas service** on the 'Appearings of Christ - Past, Present & Future'. There are always those who make a special effort to be present on this day of the year!

26 Wednesday The desire to start a **theological training** in Pokot is great, where instructions can be given in the vernacular Kipokot language. Joshua Sitet is spearheading this and we trust that something can begin in 2019 at Kasei. They have done a lot of work on their church building in readiness for this.

27 Thursday The church in **Boyani** has been steadily growing and their pastor George Mwanjisi reports that they are no longer fitting in the room where they meet at his home. They are reluctantly considering having two services to accommodate everyone. We bought them a piece of land a few years ago. The need for church building is great. See <http://trinitybaptistkenya.org/reports>.

28 Friday Pray for **EA** who hopes to begin academic theological studies in January 2019. With his job, ministry and family, this seems like a daunting undertaking but our prayer is that the Lord may give the necessary grace and discipline.

29 Saturday Pray for the Elders **MI & EA** as they prayerfully plan for 2019, the areas of ministry focus and the preaching schedule for 1st half of the year. The need to build up the Eldership is at the forefront. We thank God for the unity and good spirit in the church, and as we begin the new year, and we trust upon the Saviour to lead like the great and good Shepherd that He is.

30 Sunday **Ministry** today: (1) In Nairobi - In the morning EA is preaching on the 7th commandment. In the afternoon Dominic Kabaria is preaching. (2) KU is preaching in Charlesworth in the morning, and then leading a Bible study after lunch. May the word be fitting for the year's end.

31 Monday TBC has been requested to help run the **APC conferences** in Tanzania especially because of the need to use the Kiswahili language. This is a huge responsibility, and we trust the Lord to give the wisdom to know how best to do this. We pray that the contacts here will embrace the doctrines of grace.

EA = Eric Abwao, MI = Murungi Igweta (Pastors of TBC Nairobi); KU = Keith Underhill (Liverpool, UK)
TBC = Trinity Baptist Church; TPC = Trinity Pastors' College
RBAK = Reformed Baptist Association of Kenya; APC = Africa Pastors' Conference
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1 Saturday MI will be officiating and preaching at the **wedding** of Innocent, a church member, to Noelle. Other than the church members, many relatives and friends are expected to attend. We pray that the life-giving Spirit may open their ears and hearts to hear, perceive and receive the gospel and respond by faith in Christ.

2 Sunday **Ministry** today: John Muketha is beginning a series on Promoting Healthy Relationships in Church at the adult Sunday School classes. EA has the morning preaching on the 10 Commandments (the 5th). In the afternoon, Manases Bor, one of the Interns, is preaching. Sunday mornings are packed while the afternoon services are not so well attended. May the Lord kindle a greater appetite for his word whenever it is taught whether in the morning or in the evening.

3 Monday (1) **MI** begins his annual leave for the whole month of December. Pray that this time will be useful for refreshing him to be more effective in the coming year, and especially that time with family will be profitable. He also hopes to work on his studies. (2) **KU** is taking a third Preachers' Class in Liverpool on the importance of Systematic Theology in preaching.

4 Tuesday **EA** was on leave for November. He is back and labouring hard with other brethren who are helping. The need for more men to serve in the eldership cannot be over-emphasized. The church is much in prayer regarding this matter, trusting the Lord of harvest to raise up more labourers for his church.

5 Wednesday Oliver Allmand-Smith taught the **TPC** students on Reformation History and Apologetics. 8 of the students attended and a few others audited. Two potential students were interviewed for 2019 admissions. Pray for the students as they seek to do the work assigned by the time they return in January 2019.

6 Thursday Today the **High School Camp** begins. Many young people aged 14-18 will be hosted in Nairobi up to Monday from sister churches in different parts of Kenya. The theme: Putting on Christ and Putting off Sin (Col. 3:10-15). This provides at time to teach them the gospel and to encourage fellowship among them.

7 Friday (1) The last **Meaty Forum** was on the subject of 'Understanding Death and Suicide'. The Forum was well attended and interactive, with so many first-time attenders. The venue also changed to a more comfortable place. This event has a lot of potential and more efforts are being made by brethren to revamp it. (2) **EA** is preaching at the medical school of the University of Nairobi.

8 Saturday (1) The **church** will be fasting and praying today regarding the need for more elders to shepherd the flock of God. (2) The **Christmas Cantata** is one of the events organized to help the church spend time in worship as we thank God for the incarnation of His Son. See the Facebook page for Trinity Baptist, Nairobi.

9 Sunday Ministry today: (1) In **Nairobi**. In the morning John Muketha continues in the Adult SS and preaching through the Gospel of John. In the afternoon Dominic Kabaria is preaching. Four new members will be received today during the Lord's Supper. (2) **KU** is in West Park, Wolverhampton, preaching morning and evening (<http://www.westparkchurch.co.uk>).

10 Monday Pray for **KU** as he travels today to Kisumu (Kenya) for the annual **Reformed Family Conference**, until Friday. He is the main speaker on the subject of 'The Church', together with Barnabas Olare from Mombasa. The Conference is organized by another grouping of Reformed Baptist Churches, and the stated aim for the invitation for me to minister is for a greater expression of unity.

11 Tuesday **KU** is scheduled to arrive in Kisumu at 07.20 and then has the first session on 'The Church'. Having preached Sunday, travelled all day Monday and overnight, you know what to pray for! Pray that those at the Conference will not only be taught Biblical truth clearly, but that the local churches represented will grow to be more Biblically mature.

12 Wednesday As the year comes to the close, the Elders need to make decision regarding the **pastoral interns** and their future. This is a daunting responsibility and much wisdom is needed. One of the great struggles is assessing their faithfulness in their studies accurately, as the basis for entrusting them with more.

13 Thursday **TBC premises** have not been seriously maintained for over twenty years. The Deacons are working on renovating the buildings as well as constructing the parking lot, because of growing numbers. We hope that brethren in the church who have the necessary expertise will be contracted to do this work. Thankfully, the Lord has graciously provided most of the funds for this work.

14 Friday Today is the last day of the **Family Conference**. The topics for today are Worship, Unity and the Future of the Church. Pray especially for Brother Olare as he preaches about Unity, that the Lord will give him great wisdom, so that we all may be convinced that unity is something to be actively pursued.

15 Saturday (1) There are about twenty-five Reformed Baptist congregations in **Western Kenya** as far as we know. Some of these churches are fledgling while others are progressing well. The need for qualified, that is, godly and well trained church leaders, is crucial for this work to flourish. (2) **KU** is spending the day in **Mumias** with Brother Elly Achok. There will be two sessions with the Wisdom Training Centre (WTC) students, perhaps 80 of them.

16 Sunday Ministry today: (1) In **Nairobi**. Dominic Kabaria is preaching in the morning; EA is preaching in the afternoon. The church continues to know much numerical growth. A few of the members have not been very faithful prompting the church to discipline them. (2) **KU** is preaching at Grace Baptist Church, Kisumu.

17 Monday **KU** is flying early to Nairobi to spend the day with the brethren there and then returning home to Liverpool on Tuesday.

18 Tuesday The evangelistic dinner, **Dine & Listen**, held on November 9th, was attended by more than 100 people. 26 were non-members. Good gospel conversations took place. Oliver preached from Ecclesiastes, on 'Futility, Foolishness or Fullness'. The sermon is available at TBC Facebook page.

19 Wednesday At <http://trinitybaptistkenya.org/kapenguria-church-planting> is the report about church planting in **Kapenguria**, West Pokot County. It concludes that there is a great opportunity with a number of people, originally from TBC Churches in Pokot North, ready to commit themselves. Pray for a suitable man to go there, and for the finances needed.

20 Thursday James and Cetric were medical students at Kenya Methodist University (in Meru) where they came to know of the doctrines of grace. They began a Bible study with fellow students. After graduation they came back to Nairobi and have been received into membership. They visited this group on the 24th November and found them continuing to meet. Joseph Mucheru of Miathene, about 20 miles away, is closely involved with them. Please pray that a church may soon be planted in this great town of Meru.

21 Friday There is an Elders/Deacons **Retreat** to praise the Lord for the past, plan for 2019, and pray for God's guidance and blessings. The whole day will be spent together to this end, where the two elders and eight deacons will be together.

22 Saturday **Chelopooy Boys Secondary**, Pokot North, took off at the beginning of the year but they still do not have a single classroom of their own! With the 2019 admissions, the need for two classrooms is dire. The community has donated the land, but still nothing has been constructed as we have not received any funding. Andrew Chemolok feels the pressure from the community because the government will not help unless there has been some effort by the church to begin the work.

23 Sunday **Ministry** today in Nairobi: In the morning EA is preaching on the 6th commandment. In the afternoon Eric Kahure, a TPC student, is again preaching. It is easy in a church used to preaching to take it for granted. May the Lord Himself speak through the word.