

Pray for Kenya

May - August 2019

Dear Brethren,

It has been a few months since I have written a prayer letter. I think I have mentioned it before that I am finding it more difficult to do so not being physically present in Kenya. Yet, I wish to promote the continuing work of Trinity Baptist Nairobi for the prayers of God's people.

In this letter I want to bring before you the ministry specifically among the **Rendille** people of north-central Kenya. They are semi-nomadic herders who roam the large area between Lake Turkana to the west and Marsabit mountain to the east. It is a little more than 20 years since we made the first visit there. This was because some Rendille people working in Nairobi as watchmen had started attending TBC. A missionary amongst the Rendille had described them as 90% unreached with the gospel and so we were encouraged to start the work. You could visit www.joshuaproject.net for general information on the Rendille people.

20 years ago the only churches working amongst them were the Catholics and the Africa Inland Church and with a very small presence. There are now a few other churches and a number of development projects have been started, especially schools. In 2004 we started work in the central town of Korr, and later sent our Rendille church members there to take the gospel to their people. We have experienced leadership difficulties but the three men we designated as Evangelists have been faithful. However, the difficulties led to a decline in the work. Earlier this year we were able to send a mature man, Stanley Musyoki, and his family, to live and minister there, and we wish to give thanks to the Lord for hearing our prayers in this.

For fuller reports, please go to the following on the website:

- (1) Brother Stanley and Joseph Ogom, one of the Evangelists, wrote us a report for May 2019, and you can find it at <http://trinitybaptistkenya.org/korr-may-2019>.
- (2) A report about the famine relief distribution, and the needs in the Primary Schools at Lekuchula and Losidan is at <http://trinitybaptistkenya.org/rendille-famine-relief-may-2019>.
- (3) Pastor Murungi's report of his recent visit to Rendille (and Meru) with a small team of interested brethren can be read at <http://trinitybaptistkenya.org/2312-2>.
- (4) In order for this work to develop there is a financial proposal, including both preachers and infrastructure, at <http://trinitybaptistkenya.org/proposal-for-rendille-ministry>. It seems the Lord is giving us labourers, but we are not able to support them.

Korr

It is estimated that more than half of the approximately 60,000 Rendille people live in 'goobs' (circular villages) around Korr. There is a TBC local church led by Brother Stanley together with the 3 Evangelists. There are about 15 members with others in attendance. The permanent church building still needs completion. It could be the result of the distribution of famine relief but for many years the goobs within kilometres of Korr have been visited with gospel preaching. The brethren also report what the Lord is doing among older men ('wazee') hardly any of whom have been converted. We believe that conversion for such means a

turning from their traditions to Christ in repentance (see our leaflet at <http://trinitybaptistkenya.org/repentance>). But to so turn means to be a social outcast by being rejected from the circle of huts in the goob. To encourage the brethren there we would like to increase the support we give them, complete the church building and install a water tank.



(Sunday morning congregation at Korr, 28th. July 2019)

Lekuchula

There are a number of goobs in this area 25-30 kms. south of Korr. We have been visiting here to preach for the last 20 years and have been able to sponsor a primary school. A number of people show interest in the gospel but we have never been able to have a gospel worker settled here. We pray this may now be changing as we consider sending a young man from Nairobi TBC and one of the Evangelists from Korr to live and minister here.



(Always under the shade!)



(Food distribution, preaching, Primary School behind)

Losidan

This is a remote area of at least 8 goobs still further south across the normally dry Malgis River. The people here are known as Ariaal Rendille as they have been influenced by the Samburu people to the south and generally speak their language. We have also sponsored a primary school here but have been unable to do much because of no one to send. There is a young man living here seeking to learn the language and bring the gospel to people but wants

us to start the church. The community are encouraging us and have shown us where to put up a meeting place. Encouragingly, there is a young family from TBC Nairobi interested in church planting. As regards others, about 10 kms. away in Lontolio there is a Baptist Church led by a man who used to be in fellowship with us and we believe still preaches the gospel.



(School children at Losidan)

[Please also pray for the following ministries]

Funyula

This is a church plant led by Brother Simon Ochieng', and is located near Uganda just north of Lake Victoria. After a number of years of work and the establishment of a small church we have been able to put up a permanent building for him. The report of the building construction is at <http://trinitybaptistkenya.org/funyula-construction-june-2019> and will give you the details of how we do this. We have a professionally capable brother in Nairobi who is able to oversee such work to make sure money is spent properly and a good job is done.

South Sudan

It was in Egypt in 2000 that David Awan Malek heard of Trinity Baptist Church. In 2003 James Lual Piot somehow came from Malakal all the way to Nairobi looking for the Trinity Baptist Church that they had found on the internet. We were quite sceptical and it took 7 years before Keith Underhill visited Malakal and the work of Trinity Baptist Church of South Sudan (TBCSS) in 2010 and then again in 2012. They have consistently said that their great need is not money but training. After 2012 it has been difficult to visit again because of renewed civil war because the president and the former deputy president could not agree. We trust that the Lord will intervene for the sake of the elect in SS. But now Pastor Murungi will be travelling to Juba on the 14th August (today!). He hopes to spend the first two days between meetings with the two main leaders, David Awan from Malakal in the north of the country, and James Lual from Juba. Friday and Saturday will be taken up by a small pastors' conference

to plan the way forward for the wider work. The brethren here have been yearning for some training of pastors so that they will be more effective in their respective work of the ministry. On the way back, on the 19th he will spend a day in Addis Ababa to fellowship and encourage AO and his family in his work of radio broadcasts. God willing he will be back in Nairobi on the 20th August.

Africa Pastors' Conferences (APC) Tanzania

The APC team in South Africa requested Trinity Baptist Church to lead the APCs in Tanzania this year. Therefore, Murungi will be travelling to Arusha on the 2nd September. Elly Achok from Mumias will be main speaker along with him. The first conference will be held in Arusha on the 3rd and 4th. On the 5th they will travel to Dar es Salaam for the conference at the International Baptist Church on the 6th and 7th. On the 8th they will be Dar es Salaam for worship. Then they will hit the road to Morogoro on the 9th. The conference will be at the TAG church on the 10th and 11th. The next conference will be held in Dodoma, being organized by brother Simon Patilo who is church planting there, having been sent by Lusaka Baptist Church in Zambia. He is our main contact in Tanzania. The last conference will be held in Mwanza on the southern shore of Lake Victoria the 17th & 18th. These brethren are going because they are Kiswahili speakers and that is the language everyone speaks. Please pray that by God's grace there will be much reformation in this country.

In Christ's service,

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