

TRAIN(Kenya)

Newsletter 11—June 2026

In this Newsletter we want to inform you how we have used funds you have entrusted to us and what are some of the ongoing needs. The focus will be on Pokot as much is going on there and it is where we have put most of our resources to date. If you want something of a background. Either go to the book, 'Planted by the Providence of God' (Broken Wharfe, 2025), or to the website www.keithunderhill.com under Rural Churches.

1. Church planting in Kapenguria/Makutano town.

The transport artery for Kenya is in the south of the country, from Mombasa in the south-east to Kisumu and beyond in the south west. The further north one goes the more 'remote' with everything looking south. So it is in West Pokot County. The further north you go the further



from the main town of Kapenguria. The area of the North Pokot Sub-County where the work we seek to encourage is found, is up to 100 kms. away. This is where the brethren have the bank they must come to. This is where there are more study and employment opportunities. Kapenguria is the administrative centre; Makutano is the nearby business centre. Many people from North Pokot come to work and reside here, or come for some days to do business. There is a great need to plant a church here and Sunday meetings have just began once again with a view. The 3 brothers have committed themselves to taking it in turns to go there to preach.

2. Plans for outreach. We have mentioned about the gold rush in an area about 30 kms. north of Kasei. Joshua Sitet writes: 'I visited the place called Romos or Morita (just before the plains) last Friday and spent one night there for the first time. This has all people from East Africa and is about 30 kms. from Kasei on your way to Katilu. Our members are also here from all our Local churches. They have been given a piece of land for which they paid 5000/= (£30) by the local Elders. We need to put up a structure as other groups are already there like the Full Gospel, Lutherans, Africa Inland Church and Baptist Convention. Muslims have rented a shop at the heart of the busy Morita street.'

'During our Thursday prayer meetings in Kasei, **mission work** has been our main Item this year. We are praying for Amudat, Kapenguria, this Romos/Morita area, Konyao and Kacheliba. Unless we target major centres we will be peripheral and of little Impact and Influence to the society that is beginning to turn to worldliness. Development has come with all sorts of bad inroads. Now construction of Konyao-Kasei tarmac road has started and like the electricity connections will add also its side effects. Though good people will benefit from civilization, the wicked misuses. Pray that the Church will be stronger than before.'

3. Registration. To operate properly in Kenya churches must have registration cover from a recognized body. At the present for the Pokot Churches they are under Trinity Baptist Nairobi. There is a mutual desire to be independent, reflecting our Biblical beliefs. In June the three brothers went to Nairobi to get a recommendation letter from TBC and to apply for certificates of good conduct from the authorities. They tell us that the remaining part application can be done online.

4. Infrastructure. There are three building projects that are due to be completed.

41. Bible Light College (BLC), Block B, for students accommodation. They hope it will be ready for the students when they come on July.

42. Nakorettee, the construction of a toilet block for the church and school. This is a legal requirement.

43. Wasat. Most of the building was funded locally and we have perhaps put in the final quarter. This is one of the most encouraging churches in the area, coming out of paganism less than 20 years ago. Many have been converted, remain enthusiastic, and there is a big group pursuing literacy, finally!



Bible Light College Block B



Wasat Church Building

5. Leadership.

We are encouraged by the initiative the 3 leaders are manifesting. But as they take up the work more and more they must lean on the Lord and not on us, as much as we are committed to being in fellowship with them. Perhaps the greatest need is for the Lord to raise up more leaders. Peter Nalunyit is the pastor at Wasat and he is to resume his TPC studies in Nairobi to completion, Lord willing. There are the 15 students at the BLC who we pray will effectively lead the many local churches, with some going to plant new churches (as mentioned above).

6. Teachers. It can be many years after official training that teachers get employed by the Government. Many of the 30 or so teachers we support are so trained. We have agreed that when any of them are finally given a government salary then that support will be transferred to supporting other staff in schools, a chaplain, a matron (where boarding).

7. Future things for which we are contributing.

(1) Ladies meeting in Mumias early July. "We are to accompany the 5 ladies on Friday so that we can attend Leaders/Wisdom Teachers Symposium on Saturday of 4th July, attend church there for the first time and Monday 6th the ladies attend The Ladies Convention and then we all travel back on 7th Tuesday."

(2) PPI training August. "2 Days worship for all our Chaplains and PPI Teachers, preferably 1st week of August." PPI = Programme for Pastoral Instruction. In schools the church sponsors there is one lesson each week where a church representative can teach what their church believes.

(3) Ladies Camp August 12-15. 250 are expected to be in attendance at Chepkinagh, with those who went to Mumias taking a leading part.

In Christ's service,
Keith Underhill
[for the trustees of TRAIN(Kenya)]

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