

TRAIN(Kenya)

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Trustees Visit to Pokot

When our fellow trustee Oliver Allmand-Smith wrote the previous newsletter, two of the trustees, Keith Underhill and myself were en-route for Kenya for a planned visit to see the work in Pokot, and visit various contacts in Kenya.

We were joined on our visit by Peter Njenga who studied alongside some of the brothers from Pokot and currently ministers in Maasailand, and shared some of the ministry with Keith as we visited the various schools and churches.

Many of you will be familiar with the three brothers who Pastor the core churches that we support in Pokot:

1(left to right) Joshua Sitet (Kasei), Andrew Chemolok (Chepkinagh) & Thomas Lokerisa (Kamketo)



2 River crossing at Kamketo

We met with the brothers in Kamketo to discuss the progress of the work in Pokot, with the intention of travelling on to Kasei to visit the church and Bible Light College there, but were providentially hindered as the rains started early and the river we needed to cross was in full flood. The rains also knocked out the power for the duration of our time in Kamketo, so evening meetings were conducted by torchlight.

Kasepa: The rains were causing problems across Kenya at this time, with flash flooding in Nairobi, and during a visit to the nearby settlement of Kasepa, they had experienced the total collapse of their church building as the rains washed away the foundations and reduced it to ruin. There was opportunity to minister to the schoolchildren, teachers and parents in Kasepa



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Adult Literacy: Most of us can barely comprehend not having a physical bible, let alone not being able to read it, yet for many of the adults in Pokot this is their reality – their bible knowledge comes from what they hear when the church gathers, and they are unable to follow the word of God themselves as it is preached. After discussions with the brothers, it was possible to secure some adult literacy materials in one of the nearer towns, and the church in Wasat has commenced adult literacy classes, with other groups intending to commence in other locations. God-willing this will create a need for the provision of bibles and other edifying reading materials in the Pokot language in due course. Many believers that can read are also reliant on reading the bible on their phones and don't possess physical bible.



Bible Light College: As mentioned previously, we were unable to reach Kasei and visit the college, but the first years intake of students will soon be completing their studies, and plans are being drawn-up for a graduation ceremony. There are 15 students at present, 9 of which should finish this year and this creates new challenges as some of these men wish to use what they have learned to take the gospel into other areas of Pokot – during our visit we had the pleasure of meeting a number of these men and hearing from them in person including:



David (Chemolok): lives in Chepkinagh and presently commutes to Nakorete each Sunday (apx 45 mins by motorcycle) and desires to serve the Lord full time in Nakorete.

William: lives in Wasat, has been seeking to evangelise in Kwirir, the church building here has also collapsed.



Both of these brothers have a heart to serve the Lord in these places and are already actively engaged, but would need to move themselves and their families to be able to serve more effectively. Their sending churches are in the process of drawing together request for assistance to be able to send them.



Wasat: The last couple of days in Pokot were spent in Wasat, where the arrangements were a little more impromptu and we slept in the (as yet unfinished) church building and enjoyed fellowship with the church.

There is a need to complete the floor and the rear veranda of the building, but we were able to make use of the ablutions block for which assistance has previously been provided.



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The gospel in Pokot: One of the highlights of the visit, was hearing the testimonies of those whose lives have been changed by the Lord through the proclamation of the gospel. One example would be a brother from the church in Wasat – as a teenager he (as did many others of his generation) became a raider, who carry out armed sorties against neighbouring tribes and did so for many years. He lived in fear of his life as the life expectancy of these men was short – they carried guns, and went with the expectation of kill or be killed in the process of stealing animals. If they returned home having killed, they would be kept away from the people for 7 days, then have to go through rituals of sacrifice and atonement for their evil – these rituals in themselves dark and unpleasant. If they did not return home and were killed, their bodies would likely have been simply thrown away like animals. For such a man, the once for all sacrifice of Christ for sin, and the lifting of the burden of the punishment rightly due is revelatory – no longer having to indulge in violence, ritual & ancestor worship, but simply believing on the Lord Jesus Christ and being saved. An eloquent and expressive man, he was baptised in 2010 and is a member of the church.



Matters for Prayer: Please pray for the work of the gospel in Pokot – the region is remote, there is poverty and the associated challenges, but the Lord has his people there. Please specifically pray for:

- Faithfulness and holiness in those who labour
- The provision of labourers for the gospel
- Wisdom for the trustees of TRAIN (Kenya) as we seek to provide assistance



3 Believers from Tarakit

Current specific needs:

- Rebuilding of the Kasepa & Kwirir church buildings
- Bibles & literature in Pokot
- Support for BLC students desiring to be sent to other areas
- Completion of the Wasat church building

Donations & getting involved: One of the realities of visiting an area like the Pokot is the real and visible need of provision for the churches, pastors and schools/teachers that we work alongside. Please be assured that all donations to TRAIN (Kenya) go directly to support the work of the charity, and trustee visits are funded personally. If your church would like to know more about what we do, then please contact the Trustees and we will seek to arrange a visit to your church.

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