

'PRAY FOR KENYA' - AUGUST 2022

25 Thursday The churches in the **coastal** part of Kenya are TBC Boyani (George Mwanjisi); and 3 in Mombasa, Gospel Missions Agency (Barnabas Olare), Christ Bible Church (Mustafa Abubakar) and Utakaso Bible Church (Ibrahim Katana, a TPC student). It is an area of Kenya where Islam is strong, although with an underlying folk religion.

26 Friday Nickson Teka continues to work hard with the help of his wife Martha and brother Tito Sitati in planting a reformed congregation in **Kitale**. People have been coming and going but they have had consistent ministry every Sunday. The Lord has also opened up doors for them in a street children rehabilitation centre, a police station and among college students.

27 Saturday From the beginning of the year, we have received more than 30 **new members!** We continue to receive many first-time visitors every Sunday. Some have gladly stayed and sadly others have not. We pray that the new additions will continue to motivate us to plant more new churches across the city.

28 Sunday Ministry today: (1) John Muketha concludes his series on Habbakkuk for the SS classes. MI continues with the 10 Distinctive Doctrines. Later he preaches from Romans 8 and then EA takes the afternoon service from Matthew 7. MI will still be at GRBC Ruiru in the afternoon. (2) KU has been invited to preach in Christ's Church Deeside in the evening (<https://christchurchdeeside.org>).

29 Monday The work in **Western Kenya**, Bukhalalire (Kalisto Odongo), Bungoma Town (Martin Mukoyan), Mumias Town (Elly Achok), and Chwele (Isaiah Juma) continues to expand. Please pray for these dear brothers as they face various gospel challenges that they will remain faithful to our Master.

30 Tuesday The plans and preparations for the **RBAK** meetings on 3rd to 6th October are going on in Miathene led by Joseph Mucheru. Murray Brett from Georgia USA will speak during the event. We also trust the Lord for the RBAK to be registered by the government in the near future.

31 Wednesday With 14 churches/plants there is a great need for trained men to lead in **West Pokot**. There are now 4 pastors, with one in training, and one or two more hoping to start to TPC in 2023. The plan to start a vernacular Bible School in Kasei for those who cannot study in English remains in place.

EA = Eric Abwao, MI = Murungi Igweta, DK = Dominic Kabaria (Pastors of TBC Nairobi);

KU = Keith Underhill (former pastor TBCN, now in Liverpool, UK)

TBC = Trinity Baptist Church; TBCN = TBC Nairobi; TPC = Trinity Pastors' College

RBAK = Reformed Baptist Association of Kenya

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1 Monday We thank God for the **TPC** classes that took place in July. Brother Ryan Devine taught 7 continuing and 5 auditing students, the Doctrine of Christ. 6 new applicants were interviewed for the 2023 admissions. Next year's class is promising to be large.

2 Tuesday The **TPC Board** meets today. Pray for these brothers that they will be used by the Lord to wisely steward the work of training men for the ministry. Ryan Devine is stepping down from the Board and we desire to have a replacement. We have big strategic adjustments to make in the coming days.

3 Wednesday The first meeting of the new church plant took place on the 31st July. The name of the church is Grace Reformed Baptist (GRBC), **Ruiru**. Over 20 TBC members who live in this general area are committed to form the church. We hope that by the end of August we shall be able to see clearly the way forward.

4 Thursday APCs took place as planned without any hiccups. The conference attendance was as follows: Machakos had 30, Mombasa 65+, Meru 55+ and Nairobi 30+ delegates. The appetite for both the teachings on *Rightly Dividing the Word of Truth* (the doctrine of Scripture) and the books was impressive. We thank God for the grace given to the team to tirelessly complete the run.

5 Friday We had the congregational meeting scheduled for 30th July in which we considered the addition of Paul Gachungi Ruhiu and Kevin Nyagaka Oruru into the TBC **Eldership**. Before the next church meeting, we shall pray and fast and trust the Lord for unanimous vote on the two brothers.

6 Saturday (1) A **Ladies' Breakfast** is taking place this morning. May the Lord uphold them in their pursuit of Christ's likeness. (2) The **Youth Hangout** last month had an impressive attendance of over 70 to fellowship, to be edified and to enjoy each other's company. We thank God for the good spirit He has given us as a church.

7 Sunday Ministry today: (1) John Muketha begins studies through Habakkuk and MI picks up on the Distinctive Doctrines with the new members for SS. Then MI preaches from Romans 8 in the morning, while DK preaches in the afternoon. More than 4 will be presented to the church for membership interviews. (2) MI later preaches at the new venue, GRBC in Ruiru. (3) EA is preaching at Thika Road Baptist Church PM service. (4) In Liverpool KU preaches in the morning service. May God's word not return to Him empty wherever it is declared.

8 Monday Tomorrow is the **General Election** day in Kenya when the nation shall vote in new political leaders. The current president is retiring after serving his two terms. We pray that the Lord will bless the country with good leaders, and that peace will prevail during this period so that the cause of the gospel is not hindered.

9 Tuesday MI and family have travelled to Miathene to their village. He also hopes to strengthen the work in **Meru** involving the three churches of Miathene, Muthara and Meru Town. A meeting with the church leaders in the area with the plan of establishing a pastors' fraternal is scheduled for tomorrow.

10 Wednesday Prayers, thoughts and plans for the work in Isiolo Town led by Ebenezer **Kimathi** are encouraged. Please pray for them as they encountered a serious trial with a miscarriage of their baby last month. Their work in Muthara is still very slow. Please that the Lord may uphold them in their labours for Christ.

11 Thursday We shall be gathering tonight for the mid-week **prayer meeting**. We have found this time of prayer very refreshing as we pour our ardent pleas to the Lord. Since it is done over Zoom, the attendance has been increasing. We pray specifically for at least three members each time, along with other churches.

12 Friday We thank God that Stephen Silamo dropped out the political race last month and recommitted himself to the work of gospel ministry. May the Lord encourage the church in **Korr** as they redouble their efforts in evangelism. We also pray the Lord to open a door for a church to be planted in Lekuchula. Let us also pray for Boniface Kililo labouring in Sakadala near Laisamis Town and for Stephen Leseitalo in Lontolio.

13 Saturday We look forward to some **weddings** next year, as a few relationships in the church take shape. Please pray for these couples courting that the Lord will keep them in purity, and for others to find godly spouses whom they can marry.

14 Sunday **Ministry** today: (1) John Muketha continues with his SS classes on Habakkuk, MI is preaching from Romans 8, while DK takes the Lord's Supper and preaches in the afternoon. (2) MI continues at GRBC, Ruiru in the afternoon, and EA at Thika Road Baptist church PM service. (3) KU preaches in the morning at his home church in Liverpool, and in the evening returns to Grace Baptist, Southport.

15 Monday The Lord has been kind to provide a shepherd for the very first TBC church plant back in the early 1980s, the one in **Thimlich**, in the person of Elisha Ouma. He was a student of the Trinity Pastors' College many years ago. We hope to have the pastor's house completed within the church compound before the end of the month.

16 Tuesday The work in **Katilu**, Turkana County continues under the leadership of Isaac Erot. He continues to yearn for biblically qualified men to work with him, the construction of their church building, and especially the conversion of sinners, as he labours for the cause of the gospel. Please pray for him.

17 Wednesday We thank God for the labours in the gospel of Christ in **Kericho** Town (David Ngetich) and trust the Lord to enable them to be constituted soon. Please remember our brothers at Grace Baptist Church, **Eldoret** (Naphtally Ogallo) and **Kisumu** (Tonny Karwa). May the Lord use them to make Christ known far and wide for the glory of His name.

18 Thursday Simon Ochieng in **Funyula** is thankful he has a few brothers alongside him such as Patrick Odhiambo (a mason), and Moses Lwande, who hopes to join the TPC in January 2023. The church is praying that the Lord will open a door for them to plant a new congregation in the border town of Busia.

19 Friday **The Meaty Forum** takes place this afternoon, having been postponed due to the elections. Please pray that as we deal with the various disappointments, defeat, loss and discouragement in Christian living, we shall straighten up the doctrine of suffering and guide the saints to be more open to thanksgiving when frowning providences come our way.

20 Saturday (1) The church in **Kima** needs to complete the pastor's house so that Maurice can move his family there. The Lord continues to increase the children every Sunday and they lack a meeting place. (2) Benson Nyamai labours on in **Vote** and has been influencing a few congregations with the gospel in Mtito Andei and nearby centres. He also desperately needs co-workers.

21 Sunday **Ministry** today: Muketha takes the SS, EA preaches in the morning from Matthew 7 and DK takes the afternoon service. There will be Men and Women's fellowships between the services. Meanwhile MI is away at GRBC Ruiru where he has been doing a series on Planting the Banner of Christ in Ruiru, the Vision and Rationale for a new church.

22 Monday There are finally funds to begin the construction of a church building in **Chepkinagh**, West Pokot. All through they have been using a school classroom, or meeting outside, lacking their own facility. The pastor there, Andrew Chemolok, has been very patient, and please pray that this will greatly encourage him.

23 Tuesday **Grace & Truth** Issue No. 136 on *Divine Covenants* has sadly had many unnecessary delays but we thank God that it is now in print. We are immediately beginning to work towards issue 137 to be published before the end of the year.

24 Wednesday MI is speaking 5 times at this year's **Reformation Conference** in Mombasa alongside Elly Achok. The conference begins on the 24th through 26th with the same theme as the previous Mumias Conference regarding the power of the gospel. We pray that God will be glorified in the gospel of His Son through these meetings.