

2022 Thanksgiving Report

Trinity Baptist Church Nairobi, Kenya

1. Increase in Membership

We thank God for using the gospel of his Son to draw his elect to us and increasing our ranks. While Murungi has been doing an exposition of Romans on Sunday mornings and Micah in the afternoons, Eric has just concluded the Sermon on the Mount, Dominic is preaching through 1 John and 2 Samuel. Kevin has been doing 2 Peter with men fellowship.

All the sermons are live-streamed on our [You-Tube](#) channel & [Facebook](#) page. Major evangelistic events this year were the 10-month [Meaty Forum](#) and two [Dine & Listen](#) (evangelistic dinner) events.

We praise God for his kindness to us this year; From January to December, we admitted about 43 into our membership. This is the highest number ever since the church began in 1978, about half were baptized. We thank God for this is indeed the work of his grace. We have also seen a few members move to different parts of the world.

It was also a year of many children, almost 20 babies were born since last year, bringing much joy to different families in the church. Sadly, this year, we did not have any wedding done by any TBC member! 2023 is looking very bright with wedding bells beginning to ring for the first wedding on the 28th January when Martin Omondi (one of our deacons) is getting married to a longstanding member, Peris Kavita. There were many events meant to encourage building up of families in Christian ways. We had Parenting Seminar, Workshop, Couples' Dinner, etc.

2. Increase in the Eldership

For a long time, we have had a desire to have more men in the Eldership. There were three men, Murungi (from 2010), Eric Abwao (2014) and Dominic Kabaria (from 2019). This year the Lord has added Kevin Nyagaka Oruru and Paul Gachungi Ruhiu. Kevin is married to Maria and the Lord has blessed them with baby Ed who is just over a year. Paul is married to Joyce and have a year old daughter, Erine Gathoni.



TBCN Elders- Dominic, Murungi, Paul, Kevin & Eric

3. Trinity Pastors' College

We thank God that He graciously supplied us with brethren who taught all the classes. Mark Hatfield and Nate Davidson taught Hermeneutics in January. Keith Underhill and Murungi Igweta taught Preaching and General Letters in March. Ben Carlson taught Old Testament History and Theology in May. Ryan Devine of Sacramento taught the Doctrine of Christ in July. John Miller of Carlisle PA taught Doctrine of the Holy Spirit and Keith taught the last part of General Letters in September and Oliver Allmand-Smith of Manchester (UK) taught Ethics in November. We had about 8 students.



Ryan Devine, Pst. Eric, Pst. Paul & TPC Students

We hope to add seven more men to the course in 2023.

4. Sending out of men for gospel work

The Lord has also granted us the privilege of sending out men to labour for his sake. **Ebenezer and Michelle Kimathi** went to Muthara (Meru County). They have been thinking of ministry in Isiolo Town.

Nick and Martha Teka are still labouring hard in Kitale and are in the process of planting Providence Baptist Church of Kitale. **Tito Sitati**, another young man who is a TBC member was sent to strengthen their hand after he completed his studies at the university. He is due to return in Nairobi after 6 months to begin his theological training and pastoral internship early January.

We are also saddling **James Mwirigi** to be at the church in Miathene with a view of settling him down there to strengthen the hand of Joseph Mucheru. The church is not doing very well there, but we hope that the Lord will build up the work by the power of the gospel.

Eric & Martha Kahure and Manases & Gloria Bor are also doing well at the new church, Trinity Reformed Baptist Church in Meru. They were set apart as pastors of the church in March. The Lord has multiplied their numbers so that they now have a membership of 21, after being constituted as 11 members on the 12th of December last year. Manases are grieving after losing their youngest son, at the beginning of December, please remember them in your prayers for us.



Trinity Reformed Baptist Church Meru welcoming new members

5. Replication through Church planting

Grace Reformed Baptist Church. We are thankful to God for answering our prayers regarding our new church plant in Ruiru. This new work began with 16 of Trinity Baptist Church Nairobi members who live around the town of Ruiru. They drove or commuted 40 minutes north of Nairobi to join us for worship. The transport system in Nairobi is chaotic. So, from July to September this year Murungi led afternoon worship services. From the 11th of September, they covenanted as a church with 15 members at a service that was led by Murungi. Ever since, the TBC Elders have been alternating monthly to fill their pulpit, along with some of the gifted brethren in their midst. We are praying that the Lord, the Chief Shepherd of his church, will raise up an under shepherd soon.

Thankfully one of the members agreed to rent us the property, with a big room. We renovated the restrooms and bought seats and a podium. We bought a marquee tent which can seat about 80 people. We had not really budgeted for this development from the beginning of the year and so we have just been trusting the Lord at any given point to provide, thankfully the Lord has been kind to provide for his work.



Grace Reformed Baptist Church Ruiru

6. More things to pray about

- 1) Thanksgiving that we were able to pave our **parking lot** at TBC Donholm. We ended up with a financial shortfall of \$6,000 which we hope to cover soonest.
- 2) Praise the Lord for the progress of the gospel throughout the country and the many men we are training at the **Trinity Pastors' College**. About \$5,000 is needed to train a man in three years, including providing books for them. We trust the Lord to enable us to complete the building so that we can have room for a library and more lecture rooms and offices. We also trust the Lord to provide a man to be the principal of the college. This way, in the next 5 years we may be able to raise a local faculty.
- 3) More than anything else, we pray that the Lord will make us an edification church, where the saints are made stronger servants of the King of kings and the sinners are brought to the knowledge of truth that accords to godliness. May we see a greater interest in evangelism among the members and more conversions.

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