

# Prayer Letter from the Underhills

## 2024/3, 6<sup>th</sup>. April

Dear Brethren,

Please receive this letter of reporting for prayer.

### Kenya – Pokot

Subsequent to the visit in January (2024/2 PL) TRAIN(Kenya) has had a closer involvement in the ministry of the brethren in Pokot North. The increased support to enable them to function fulltime seems to have helped them to give themselves afresh to the work. Three infrastructure projects have been supported:

- Plastering of the walls of the Chepkinagh church building.
- Repair of the roof of the dormitory for the Kamketo school that was damaged by a strong gust of wind, something common here.
- Construction of rooms for the Bible School for the region in Kasei (see below).



[Kamketo school dormitory before and after]

We believe that such projects ultimately help to advance the gospel by showing the communities that the churches are there to stay, by showing that sponsorship is taken seriously, and by expressing fellowship in the needs of these relatively poor churches. It is up to the preachers to grab hold of the opportunities. Please pray for them. There are reports of baptisms upon profession of faith in Christ. There are the following special opportunities:

1. The annual Youth Retreat for the churches at Kasei, 19-20/4/24.
2. The Challenge Weekend in the 3 secondary schools in June, an opportunity we have because of church sponsorship of the schools (see below).
3. The development of the Bible School in Kasei, which has long been needed.

In addition:

4. Please also pray for the two men doing the TPC studies in Nairobi every 2 months, William Siwanyang' and Geoffrey Muketi. May they be much used of the Lord amongst these churches!
5. Pray against the influence of polygamy even in the churches, as the following report references a member who has had to be disciplined for taking another wife.
6. The pastors hope to attend the Reformation Conference in Mumias at the end of April, where we pray they will be encouraged and challenged. Remember that Elly Achok visited Pokot with us in January. {Elly Achok Olare's Facebook page for 5<sup>th</sup>. February}

Greetings in Christ our Lord and Saviour. We are doing well by His grace hope you are all well too. The month has been very busy and full of favours after the 24/2/24 Great Day in our church calendar of events.

The Book 'PLANTED BY THE GRACE OF GOD' by my teacher Keith is a timely gift in establishing my approach to church planting work. (A privilege of standing on the shoulders of a giant!)

The following are a few Items for PRAYER AND THANKSGIVING:

1. Glory to God for the special donation towards the **Kasei Bible College**. Pray for God to enable us complete the now started construction work of this long awaited Bible School. Materials for construction of the 4 rooms of the Bible School are on the way. It is our prayer that we will be able to complete the work up to the ring beam soon amid this rainy season. Pray for serious students and a workable syllabus.
2. **TRINITY SCHOOLS WEEKEND CHALLENGE 2024**. During our meeting with Thomas and Andrew Wednesday 20/3 we agreed to take the message of the book of Ecclesiastes using a modified flow from a booklet by Peter Masters. We want to provide the 200 students with copies. We also want to involve William, Peter and Muketi to take part in the teaching so that the activity is done one weekend in all our 3 secondary schools simultaneously. We also welcome your suggestions because in all this there is cost to be incurred to make all these events successful.
3. Praise God for the new people joining our Sunday services in **Kasei**. 4 are requesting for membership and 2 joined our membership on 17/3/24. Now our membership is 45. Though sadly one of our members is to undergo church discipline after adding a second wife. The Gospel of Luke, which I am preaching through and now on Lk. 10:1-24, is marching well with The URGENCY OF THE GOSPEL. No business is as sweet as being part of the Church Militant. As to the progress of the use of the funds raised on 24/2 we have done some purchases last week and now we have a printer, a laptop and PA system in the church. We are mounting the two speakers on the walls to discourage movement of the equipment outside the church hall.
4. Praise God for the renewed spirit of fellowship at the **Kapterema** church. Those four who joined membership last month are becoming of much encouragement to the church. Sadly the leader is most of the Sundays away and Dominic Ripis, a teacher at the school, is left struggling. Two youths from this church have requested for membership and interviews will be done this holiday when they will be at home.
5. For God to grant us the **registration** of the church with the Government and to provide for more elders and supportive members who put 1<sup>st</sup>. things 1<sup>st</sup>. amid the busyness of life.
6. In all these may the Lord's will be done and may all our activities bring glory to God.

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[edited report from Joshua Sitet, Pastor of Kasei Trinity Baptist Church, received 1/4/24]



Plastering of the newly constructed Chepkinagh church building

### Personal

I had a Thyroidectomy (complete removal of the thyroid) on 18<sup>th</sup>. March. There were two concerning growths, one 8 cm., with the possibility of cancer. I yet have to receive that report. I was in hospital just for one night, and there were some good opportunities for witness to staff and patients. I almost wished I could stay a bit longer! For a few days after the operation I felt lethargic but with little of the expected voice croaking. That came a couple of days ago while at a wedding and trying to chat above all the surrounding conversations. I found that I could not speak. This is obviously of concern as I am down to preach on 14<sup>th</sup>. April and similarly to project my voice. May the Lord be pleased to enable.

### Ministry

There is quite a lot of ministry planned for the next three months. Sadly there are no more Sunday meetings in Warrington. Despite a number of people saying clearly that this is the type of church they have been praying for such came only intermittently at best. Without real commitment it was impossible to continue despite the great need in this town.

14/4 & 16/6 Stanley Park Church, Liverpool, where I am preaching in the mornings, God willing.

We had a great blessing at Stanley Park Church Liverpool at the weekend, to God be the glory. We had visitors from Iran, Poland, Prague, the Philippines and even as far afield as Ireland and Wales. The Gospel of Grace was preached, Sin Righteousness and Judgement were declared, Christ was lifted up and exalted, and there was a real sense of the presence of God at the meetings. Please pray that they Lord will do a work in the hearts of those unsaved who attended, for His glory and praise. [Eddie Roberts, Pastor]



15-18/4 I plan to attend the Banner of Truth Ministers' Conference.

19/4 There is a board meeting of the Ethiopian Bible School of Theology which is linked with the Addis Baptist Church, of which Abdi and his family are a part.

21/4 Belvidere Road Church, Liverpool, morning on 1 Timothy 4 and evening on the Psalms.

22/4 TRAIN(Kenya) trustees' zoom meeting.

3-5/5 I have been invited by 3 churches in Poland to speak 5 times on the subject of 'The Planting and Growth of a Biblical Church', and then to preach on the Sunday.

18-19/5 Lordshill Baptist Church, Snailbeach, near Shrewsbury. On the Saturday they are seeking to arrange a meeting in the village hall and to invite residents of the village to hear me talk about Kenya in an evangelistic way. [<https://www.lordshillbaptist.org/>]

2/6 Alfred Place Baptist Church, Aberystwyth, both morning and evening. This is the church that sent us to Kenya in 1975.

19/6 Aughton Park Baptist Church, north of Liverpool, midweek meeting for update on the ministry in Kenya. [<https://aughtonparkbaptistchurch.org/>]

23/6 Ashton Baptist Church, Preston, morning service. [<https://www.ashtonbaptist.uk/>]

30/6 Trinity Baptist Church, Charlesworth, morning and afternoon. [<https://www.trinitybaptistcharlesworth.co.uk/>]

Thank you for your fellowship in the gospel, some of you over many, many years.

In Christ's service,

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