

Prayer Letter from the Underhills

2024/4, 24th. May

Dear Brethren,

I bring before you various things for thanksgiving and prayer.

POKOT

Bible Light School Kasei



The church has begun building rooms for the Bible School. [The church building is in the background.] The leaders went to Reformation Conference in Mumias in April to talk about using their Wisdom Training Centre (WTC) materials in the School. We are looking forward to the establishment of this school so that men who are not so proficient in English can prepare for church

Kamketo Church



‘We had great Sunday (May 5th.), though it was outside the church building because we had 165 in number attending and the building became small. Muketi Geoffrey was the preacher (his text was Col.1:21-23). Let us leave the results to God.’ [Thomas Lokerisa, pastor] It is encouraging to see the way the brethren are working hard to make the word of God known.

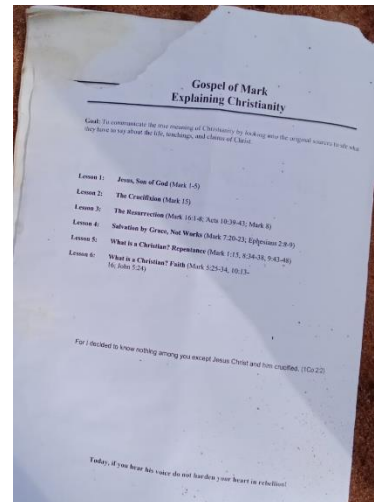
Youth Retreat Report

The camp was well attended and by the evening of Friday there were 85 participants, and the total got to 103 on Saturday. A few churches were not represented, that is Wasat, Apur, Kapkewa, Kapyomot and Tarakit.

Thomas taught from Romans 12 on ‘Fighting against Pride’ and took them through parts of Proverbs and from 2 Peter 1:5-11 on ‘The Sinfulness of Sloth/Laziness’. John Longoris of Kasepa and Geoffrey Ngolee also encouraged the youths to stand firm and to obey their parents. May God be pleased to bless his work.

Weekend Challenges

Recent severe nation-wide flooding delayed the opening of schools after the Easter break. In each of the three secondary schools sponsored by the church a 'weekend challenge' is planned. Friday through Sunday ministry of the word by the Pokot brethren will take place. They intend to use the 6 lessons on the Gospel of Mark to explain what Christianity is. They want all the students, who number more than 200 to get a copy of the papers. This is a wonderful opportunity to make the gospel known (I am sorry I cannot give you the exact weekend).



FLOODING - Rendille

You may have heard of the serious flooding that has taken many lives in Kenya recently. Even up in dry Rendille there have been raging torrents. The photo on the left actually shows me in the dry river bed in Sokotei – I have never seen a drop of water in it or even signs of wetness. But on the right it is a totally different picture.



Approximately 210 villagers urgently need assistance in Sokotei, located in Lontoilo Location, Ndikir Sub Location area within the Laisamis constituency, Marsabit county. The village faced significant damage as the nearby river overflowed during the night, breaching its banks and flooding the area.



MUMIAS – Reformation Conference 2024



This annual conference is hosted by the Gospel Missions Agency Church of Mumias with the aim of bringing participants to the Biblical Reformation doctrines. This year the theme was 'God's Plan in Suffering' (Philippians 1:29). Elly Achok, the pastor, wrote: "God blessed our time in spades, the attendance was phenomenal, the preaching was as one described it 'ferocious'". They have never had this new building so full! Day 2 reveals the false teaching with which they were doing battle – A biblical critique of the Word of Faith movement. [Elly was part of this for 17 years.] "This is a scourge among our people, a virulent virus promising heaven and delivering Hell. In times like these we cannot produce an uncertain sound."

MY HEALTH

I had my thyroidectomy on March 18th. and everything went well by the Lord's mercy. A recent review at the GP shows that my body is functioning normally. However, two weeks after the operation I began to have difficulty speaking. An ENT investigation showed the right side of my voice box (larynx) is not functioning. I had to cancel a few preaching engagements, but was able to go to Poland. I had to use amplification but it seemed that my voice got stronger as the days went by. That has continued and in normal conversation I do not notice any problem. As far as I know there is nothing that can be done for me except to wait in the hope it will gradually improve, and to have speech therapy.

POLAND



I made my first ever visit to Poland from 1-6 May, to Poznan and then to a Conference centre about 120 kms. north-east towards Torun, near Bydgoszcz (try pronouncing that!). I was struck by how flat the land is here in west Poland, and I don't remember seeing any animals in the fields at all. The Conference was organized by three small Reformed Baptist churches and, as you can see, there were about 50 people in attendance. The theme was on the Planting and Growth of Local Churches. This is a very great need, and yet there are difficulties of division in the few that there are. It is an overwhelmingly Catholic country. I sought to encourage them to centre their labours in preaching to the lost and in preaching to their Christians as God's great means. I exhorted them to expect problems from the analysis of New Testament churches, and to persevere in the work.

MINISTRY IN UK

18-19/5 Lordshill Baptist Church, Snailbeach, near Shrewsbury. On the Saturday they arranged a meeting in the village hall. Just one resident came to hear me talk about Kenya in an evangelistic way as I explained what 'missionaries' do. He was interested as he had been in Kenya in 1961 as a journalist! I took the morning and afternoon service. [<https://www.lordshillbaptist.org/>]

2/6 Alfred Place Baptist Church, Aberystwyth, 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/>]

7/7, 21/7, 28/7 Belvidere Road Church, Liverpool

10/7 Pershore Evangelical Church

14/7 Kingston Evangelical Church, Hull

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