

Dear Brethren. Your support and prayers for us have greatly served to encourage our labours here in Kisumu. A few homes in Kisumu have been affected by the raging floods across the country. We still desire to know Christ and make Him known in the region. In your prayers for us this month, please highlight the following areas: -

1] GOSPEL THROUGH THE APC CONFERENCE.



A section of the APC Conference delegates.

This year, the African Pastors' Conference (APC) in Kisumu attracted about 65 delegates, many of whom were drawn from the charismatic denominations. The theme was, "The Gospel According to Romans." Our inaugural conference last year attracted 54 delegates. One of the most difficult tasks in hosting the APCs is delegates mobilisation. The charismatics, for instance, must receive invitation letters personally addressed to them. They also insist on being addressed by their correct titles in the letters. And just when you think that is all, one of the generalised criticisms or tags against the Baptists by many of our Pentecostal counterparts in Kenya is that that we are mere Bible commentators, not preachers. In fact, they easily switch off when the preacher isn't dynamic or spirited in his delivery. In most cases, they never come back afterwards. Therefore, the targeted points of application by Pastor Joshua Bolaji (South Africa) coupled with his zestfulness were greatly appreciated by most of them. It was especially encouraging to see them line up to purchase sound and solid theological books and commentaries. One of the

major reasons we started hosting the APCs in Kisumu is to reach out to the hundreds of the charismatic leaders in the region. Our desire for them is that they may not only be truly saved but also preach Christ and Him crucified.

- *Please pray that they would read these materials and that God would use these materials to convict them of the truth.*
- *Please pray that the sessions would be used by God to bring the delegates to the knowledge of Christ and of His saving work and power.*
- *Please thank God for the two speakers, Gary Brady & Joshua Bolaji, who were willing to be spent for this course.*
- *Please thank God for the brethren who generously give their resources from across the world to support these conferences.*

2] GOSPEL TO THE CHILDREN.

Christ says, "Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them..." (Mat. 19:14). Oftentimes, we hinder them from coming to Christ by withholding the gospel of Christ from them. Do we justify ourselves by arguing that they are too young to comprehend the gospel? Or do we make them believe that Sunday school is a meeting where common choruses are sung, and a few (if any) Bible verses sprinkled on top to garnish the singing? Sadly, not many children in Kenya would associate Sunday school with Christ. This April, about 60 teenagers gathered for three days to specifically consider the implications of Christ's Death.



Teenagers listening to the implications of Christ's death.

Last year, about 40 attended. Their numbers are significantly growing amongst us, and we are running out of space. In our fellowship with Elder Ken, he tells me, "Pastor Conrad would term it a good problem." Our

Sunday service attendance has also rapidly grown, and we are already concerned about our limited space. We have had to borrow seats every Sunday to try to accommodate them.

Despite her persistent health struggles, my wife continues to instruct the youngest group of children in the knowledge of Christ.



My wife, Olivia, telling the little children about the sufferings of Christ.

She tells me that she delights in serving her Saviour and Master even when her health fails. Her love for the Lord challenges and inspires me. Her greatest desire is to see the children come to Christ.

- *Please pray for the salvation of these many young souls in our midst.*
- *Please pray for the Lord to provide us with a meeting place that will accommodate our growing numbers.*
- *Please pray for my wife who continues to struggle with persistent health issues.*

In Christ,

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