

Prayer Letter from the Underhills

2024/5, 15th. August

Dear Brethren,

I bring before you various things for thanksgiving and prayer.

POKOT

Kasei Bible School (see 4/2024)

The building for the students is yet to be completed. The one year syllabus of systematic theology is being borrowed from the Wisdom Training Centre in Mumias (see 4/2024). We are seeking to equip the school with the needed study materials and furniture both for study and accommodation. One further project is to produce a Pokot hymn book which was prepared many years ago.

Weekend Challenges (see 4/2024)

These were held simultaneously in the three secondary schools sponsored by the church, Kasei Boys, Kamketo Girls, and Chelopoy Boys. The following is by Thomas Lokerisa, Pastor at Kamketo.



‘It was helpful for our weekend challenge when the three pastors plus the other assistants met on 12th June before the day of presentation. We were able to interact and share the views contributed from each of us concerning the context of the texts. We managed also to simplify the whole work for the fact that it may be easily understood by the students.

Come 14th June at 10 a.m. the school was ready to welcome us, and we found the entire school were much glad for they were providentially having enough water in the school, and they requested us to assembled with them to give thanks to God, since this is the 10th year for their starvation without water. We planned to have four presentations, two on the first day, and two on the second day. The first lesson was about the Person of Christ, His work on the cross and the resurrection. Then later, Geoffrey taught about how to be a Christian – by grace alone, in Jesus Christ alone, and not by works of the law. In addition, the total number of students together with their four teachers who sat under these lectures were one hundred plus.

On 15th, Geoffrey started to lecture, where he was to conclude the way to salvation, that it is by true repentance and putting faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Then still in that morning, I did the summary of the whole lectures. Gladly, even after when we had done with teachings, we realized that they had collected a number helpful questions. After lunch we met to interact with them in answering them. Imperatively, we left them as we have hope that there may be seen many of them coming to true repentance, just because of their activeness and the interest of salvation through their questions. We also gave them the copies of those materials that we used to teach them.'

Men's Retreat

We received the following reports. "God has graciously blessed us though the turn up was small. There were around 40 people and what they say about those who did not come was financial difficulties. Many went to mine gold down beyond those hills towards Turkana." (Andrew)



"We were so much encouraged for the retreat, the team were above 40 men who attended, we 3 of us managed to teach/facilitate. Theme - Christian discipleship"

1. Cost of discipleship and it's marks
2. Aims of discipleship and
3. Benefits of discipleship .

Let God use the word to save His people." (Thomas)

Marriage Counselling

Joshua Sitet recently had three consecutive daily sessions on marriage at the main centres of Kasei, Kamketo and Chepkinagh. He used a book by Sala, *God's Family Plan*. A total of 50 young couples attended, a few being polygamous, such an endemic problem among the Pokot. In God's providence this spells out hope for the future of the church and its leadership. This is part of Joshua's report.

Andrew opened it with the message from Rm. 3:19--31 on Salvation in Christ alone. Then I took them through a brief on God's Family Blueprint being in illustrated by a house. A biblical family/house has what it takes for a real house to exist:

1. Foundation = Faith in Christ.
2. Four walls = Commitment, Communication, Love and Forgiveness
3. Roof = The Grace of God.

Three units were successfully covered, i.e.

1. Family Devotion
2. Family Finance (10 Rules of staying out of Debt)
3. Marriage and Sex.

All really appreciated and proposed for the remaining units to be covered next year God willing. The final comment was, "It was really fun. Making them sit as couples per desk was not easy"!!



For Prayer

Ladies Camp at Kasei 21-23 August, and 200 are expected.

Baptisms will take place at Kapkoghun in September, Lord willing.

The completion of the church building in Chepkinagh – plastering, painting and window glasses.

OTHER

Africa Pastors Conferences. There have been two sets of Conferences in Kenya this year. You can read about the APCs at <https://trinitygracechurch.net/african-pastors-conference>. You will learn about the history and purpose of these Conferences.

Educational fees. The charity TRAIN(Kenya) continues to seek to help needy children with their school fees, both secondary and tertiary. We give priority to children of church leaders, not wanting them to fail to be educated because their father cannot afford it. We also consider children of widows. The great needs continue as witnessed by the recent demonstrations against the rising cost of living in Kenya.

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Our health. By God's grace we have continued to be upheld. Priscilla had her cataract surgery which has proved very helpful. The second eye is scheduled to be done on 6th. September. I have been able to preach with no problem and even my ability to sing is returning!

Preaching. You can see that this is quite a full schedule. On 1/9, 22/9 and 3/11 a weekend away from Liverpool is required as the churches are in the London area.

August 4 North Preston Evangelical [<https://npec.org.uk>]

August 11 Belvidere Road. In the morning I completed 3 sermons on Christ as the Mediator of the New Covenant. In the evening it was the third of a series of the Doctrines of Grace (the Five Points of Calvinism). I am also doing this series of 5 on Zoom monthly with brethren of Bethzatha Baptist Church in Nairobi

[August 18-24 Holiday with daughter Deborah and grandson Tomas]

August 25 Aughton Park (morning) [<https://aughtonparkbaptistchurch.org>], Belvidere Road (evening)

September 1 Cowley Hill, Borehamwood [<https://cowleyhill.org.uk>]

September 8 Charlesworth (morning, afternoon), Belvidere Road (evening) finishing on the Doctrines of Grace

September 15 Bebington (morning) [<https://www.facebook.com/Grangeurc>], Belvidere Road (evening)

September 22 Pains Hill Chapel [<https://www.painshillchapel.org.uk>]

September 29 Belvidere Road (evening only). I am possibly preaching more in Belvidere during October, depending how the pastor is feeling.

October 20 Stanley Park, Liverpool

November 3 Kingston Evangelical, Hull [<https://www.kingstonevangelicalchurch.co.uk>]

There is quite a lot of preaching at the home church in Liverpool, Belvidere Road, as the pastor has been out of action for months, but is slowly returning. Some of the other churches are small, with no pastor, depending upon outside preachers. Sometimes I go because the pastor is away often on holiday.

In Christ's service,

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