

## GBC-KISUMU NOVEMBER PRAYER LETTER 2024

Dear Brethren. I trust that this prayer letter finds you well. Please do remember me in your prayers. I am scheduled for a series of medical tests owing to my health struggles. Some of these tests were conducted last week. Kisumu is witnessing many blessings from God, something for which to be thankful. My wife recently lost her dear uncle and will, therefore, greatly appreciate your prayers for comfort and encouragement. The boys are doing well and have begun their long holiday. Here are the specific areas of prayer related to the work here; -

### 1] SHEPHERDING GOD'S FLOCK.



Preaching from Genesis 2:24 at our couples' dinner

As part of our desire for to witness the spiritual growth in Kisumu, Elder Ken and I have continued to camp around the subject of chastity and marital fidelity both in our public and private ministry of the word. The Lord has prodded us to roll up our sleeves to approach this matter from different angles. As I approach it from the angle of seminars and workshops, Elder Ken combats it through Bible Studies in the book of Proverbs. This, as you know, requires much grace from God. To borrow Pastor Conrad Mbewe's advice to ministers, *"Our teaching must be relevantly applied. And that's the advantage of a pastor who lives among his people. The visiting preacher is often the popular guy because he sort of comes in, gives his usual three sermons he has preached all over the place, psyches the people up and he's gone. But for you, you know your people's darling sins. You know them. And so, as you are opening up the Scriptures, and you come to that section that's addressing their darling sins, you park your car there, you switch off engine, you throw away the*

*keys, and they know they've got a faithful minister among them."*

- *Please pray for the restoration of those presently under discipline. We administer discipline with trepidation, aware of our own insufficiency and weaknesses. Yet we are convinced that Christ's reputation is preeminent and the purity of His bride His great concern.*
- *Please pray for growth in chastity of our young people and fidelity of couples in our church.*

### 2] DECEMBER FAMILY CONFERENCE.

REFORMATION CARRIED FORWARD BY KENYANS PRESENTS

— KENYAN —  
REFORMED FAMILY  
Conference  
14TH EDITION

9th - 12th  
DEC  
2024

THEME:  
**GETTING THE  
GOSPEL RIGHT.**

SPEAKER  
PST. NAPHTALLY  
OGALLO  
GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH - ELDORET

SPEAKER  
PST. ELLY  
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GOSPEL MISSIONS AGENCY  
CHURCH - MUMIAS

KEYNOTE SPEAKER  
PST. TONNY  
KARWA  
GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH - KISUMU

ADULTS	2500/-
COLLEGE STUDENTS	2000/-
CHILDREN (5 yrs to High School)	1500/-

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#### Upcoming Reformed Family Conference

Our Association has bestowed great trust upon our congregation to steward the Reformed Annual Family Conference, something for which we are grateful. Through such trust, God, by His grace has tremendously blessed the conference for the past 14 years with much fruit. A considerable number of brethren from our neighbouring countries—Uganda, Rwanda, and Burundi—have already registered. A delegation from Utah has also confirmed their coming! Praise the Lord for such blessings!

This year's theme is, "Getting the Gospel Right." Pastors Naphtally Ogallo (GBC-Eldoret) and Elly Achok (GMA-Mumias) are the plenary speakers. I have been greatly privileged to deliver an evangelistic keynote address. Pastors Sam Oluoch (GBC-Nairobi) and Michael Maura (BBC-Tasia) will focus on the Gospel and Church Planting/Missions in the Workshops.


Why this theme? We believe that the Lord is prayerfully guiding us in this direction for at least two reasons: (1) To re-evangelise and/or deeply root our respective congregations in the gospel. Out of the deep love and concern we have for them, we would love to echo the words of the writer of Hebrews to them, *“Take care, brothers, lest there be in any of you an evil, unbelieving heart, leading you to fall away from the living God.”* (2) To present the gospel simply and clearly to our delegates drawn from diverse backgrounds. Paul is clear that there is only one gospel to be preached (Gal. 1:6-7). In the mind of an average ‘professing Christian’ in Kenya, the gospel is what is espoused by the typical message of the Word of Faith Movement preacher, and becoming a Christian is equivalent to responding to an altar call in such a context, regardless of whether Christ is not proclaimed. But even where Christ is ‘mentioned’, it is merely ritualistic, so that the preacher is not later accused of not ‘mentioning’ Christ in his presentation. You do not need to randomly evangelise more than 3 people to come to this conclusion in Kenya. Our desire us for the delegates is to “Get the Gospel Right” in order to respond aright—faith and repentance—as the Spirit attends to these sessions. We believe that what the word of faith Movement propagates “is no gospel at all” (Gal. 1:7).

- *Please pray for a deeper understanding of the gospel by the delegates leading to repentance towards God and faith in Christ. We desire to hear confession of true salvation during the conference.*
- *Please pray for the speakers and facilitators of the various sessions for faithfulness and clarity.*
- *Please pray for financial provision to feed and accommodate the many delegates we are anticipating.*

**In Christ,**

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