

2024 December Report

Dear brethren,

Greetings in the Lord. I am doing well and pressing on with the fight of faith. It is my hope that God's grace has been sufficient for you throughout the year.

This December Report, will give us a precise account of my time spent in West Pokot, just after staying in TBCN (Trinity Baptist Church Nairobi) for the first two Sundays of December.

A request! would you bear with me the fact that there will appear not even a single photo across all of the events below. I lost my phone; so, I couldn't able to take some photos.

Sigor Youth Camp

Sigor is a name of a small town located in South Pokot Sub-County, which is quite far from home (North Pokot Sub-County).

The youth camp was organized by the church called Baptist. This is not a reformed Baptist, but a charismatic church, though after I read their constitution, I found that they are not so far from the truth and that they are 'reforming' in a way.

It was my friend Mark, who after telling him that I was coming home for December holiday, requested that I may sacrifice my time to be there with him. This is a young man of my age, who professed faith when we were in School, in fact he was my classmate (this is in High School).

The leaders of this church were very organized, and according to their program I was given a one session in three days. So, I presented the gospel in Ephesians 2:1-10, whereby I labored a lot in total depravity and I finished with the word of faith by grace alone. During one of the days, I distributed to all of them (the youths), at least one Christian booklet and the gospel tract, which I carried from TBCN. These young people were around 400 in number, and some of them (those in colleges) got more than one booklet.

3rd Sunday of December

Our youth camp ended on Saturday evening, and we were required to leave the place (Sigor) on Sunday morning. But I was glad that the only road back to home, was the one which comes back to Kapenguria, so that we may proceed to Kasei.

We reached in Kapenguria town almost 11 am, and everyone was to take a break, roaming in town for at least three hours (remember this is Sunday, the Lord's Day). But this became my first opportunity to visit the only reformed church that is in Kapenguria town. They are Presbyterian brethren. It was brother Teka who had a friend while in Kitale, who's their sister church is the one in Kapenguria, so he highly recommended me to join them. The pastor in that church told me that they were sent to plant that church in 2021, but even though they are new to the place and with other challenges, they actually see some growth (both spiritually and in attendance).

4th Sunday of December

In the course of the week before this Sunday, pastor Thomas Lokerisa requested me that I may not stay in Kasepa TBC but instead prepare to preach in Kamketo TBC, since he was away in that week (he went to Mumias with his fellow elders), but he was to arrive Kamketo towards the end of the week.

I made a move to the Church that early morning to meet children and teach them during their Sunday School class. In the form of question, I taught them who the Person of Christ is, (His divine nature, and the necessity of His human nature). These children, that day, were few in number compared to when I visited them some time back, but they were around thirties.

Then in the morning service, I presented God's Word in John 3:16. This single verse: I separated into three points, just according to its propositions: 1. *The divine love*, 2. *The divine gift*, 3. *The divine design*. This was the message that I preached some time back in Providence Baptist Church Kitale. It was also the one that brother Oliver had a discussion with me for some editing.

Monday 23rd. Kamketo AGM

This became the last meeting with my local Church in the year. The joined members of Kasepa and Kamketo came together, 50 members were present and 19 of them were absent.

They had number of agendas, including the transfer of my membership. Pastor Lokerisa as the chairperson led the meeting, he also gave a summary of their discussion with brother Elly Achok regarding my internship, and then the church voted for such transfer, and they all agreed for my one-year absence in their membership. Lokerisa with some signatories promised to write a letter to TBCN; regarding my internship request and the transfer from the membership. `

Wednesday 25th. Kiwawa TBC

This is one of our sister Church that I had appointment to visit. I was to meet them on 15th, the very Sunday that I was not expecting to visit the Glory Bible Church in Kapenguria (which is the presbyterian Church that I mentioned earlier). Brother David Chemolok is their representative pastor (he is the son to pastor Andrew Chemolok).

Yet this is not the Lord's Day, but that church planned to come together in this day to celebrate the Merry Christmas (this is our culture in the entire society in every 25th of December). So, despite my apologies regarding the previous failed appointment, brother Chemolok requested my visit on this day.

I made haste that morning to meet children (since the kids do have their separate class in the morning before the adults have come). I taught them twice: the first group were children of all ages; the second group were those of age 10-20. I taught the first group about God the creator, His severe wrath in hell upon all sinners, and also the way of escape which is through the Lord Jesus. Then the second group seemed to be of good age – able to understand better the gospel; so, I let them know the purpose which God created them which is to believe in Him and be His

followers, and to flee from sin because the second advent of the Lord is at hand (we read Mathew 7:21-23, 2nd Corinthians 6:2). After then, the church assembled and I preached the incarnation of Christ: His humanity (being truly man), and the purpose for His humiliation which includes Him as the only sacrifice that satisfies God's infinite anger. We considered this from, Isaiah 53:1-10 and some few supports from New Testament passages.

It was also sad, after I was called aside by Chemolok, to meet one man, a congregant who was faithful in attendance in the time past. Chemolok encouraged me to advise him because this man, some few months back, was led by sinful anger to walk on his mother's ribs – which eventually cause her death. I was so sorry to imagine the situation, and I was almost to be lost with words to speak, since the event was extremely severe, and again I saw that I was too young (without experience) to comfort him. But by God's grace, I gave him some examples, like of Saul of Tarsus, the persecutor of the Church; and encouraged him to take heart and look unto Christ for strength.

My transition to Nairobi

Then since I was quite busy with the preparations of the above activities, together with spending time visiting some relatives (since I was away from them for a year), I apologized to two of my friends (one of them was Mark) who I was planning to preach in their churches; so that I may travel to Nairobi, that I may have an ample time to work on my TPC assignment. So, I am currently in Nairobi working, as I am getting prepared for my next class which begins on 8th January 2025.

Thanksgivings For the Year 2024

I am grateful for the LORD almighty through His Son Jesus Christ by the Person of the Holy Spirit, not only that he preserved me throughout the year, by giving life, good health and strength to work, but imperatively for His grace and faithfulness in the continued standing on His promises; which is the gift of repentance and faith in the Lord Jesus.

I thank the Lord again for you and for your prayers. May He who is bound with immeasurable kindness and grace bless all of you: to those played a role for my spiritual maturity, the Trinity Pastor's College, the sharpening me for my future ministry, the support for my TPC fee, the stipend support, and the prayers and wisdom regarding my 2025 Internship.

Would You Pray Again!

That I may draw near to God more than last year. That the accepted one-year internship in TBCN may be of more help to my spiritual growth and my future ministry. That I would be faithful and grow in learning and studying in the TPC. That I may be of more spiritual help to many in the year 2025. And that the brethren may stand with me either in prayers or material support.

In Christ,

Geoffrey Muketi.