

GBC-KISUMU PRAYER LETTER JULY 2025

Dear Brethren, I thank God for your partnership in the gospel and your continued remembrance of us in prayer. The church continues to know God's transforming power in both its spiritual and numerical growth. Would you kindly spare a minute and mention the following needs to the Lord on our behalf?

1] WE DESIRE TO BE A MARRIAGE-MINDED CHURCH.



Group discussions on marital offenses.

It won't be so long before one realises that marital counselling is an essential sprocket within the wheel of pastoral ministry. Last month we held the first instalment of our biannual marriage workshop to reflect on the common marital offenses. We zoomed in on matters adiaphora (diversity, personality, preferences, and idiosyncrasies) as a potential cause of marital friction, fractures, and fights, especially since sin is a very opportunistic foe.

The question to which we addressed ourselves was, "How can we foster harmony in diversity at home?" Our aim was to approach such daily struggles from the perspective of Christian Liberty and Liberty of Conscience (1689 LBCF: Chapter 21). The

catechetical clarity with which the Confession guides a Christian in this matter is thumbnailed in the phrase, "*God alone is Lord of the conscience...*" (pg. 2). Even in his dealings with the civil authorities, the Christian must never prevaricate in this matter. In his classic, "*Under God, Over the People,*" Pastor Oliver Allmand-Smith makes a compendious statement when he writes, "*...the Christian is governed by the Word of God and not the opinion of men.*" (p. 23). Such an assertion is fundamental since oftentimes the doctrine of Christian Liberty is merely relegated to an ecclesiastical setting without realising how relevant it is to all aspects of the believer's life.



Leading plenaries during the marriage workshop

Prayer points.

- Plead with God for healthy marriages in our fellowship.
- Plead for the salvation of the unbelieving spouses (they rarely attend church).

2] WE DESIRE TO BE A MISSION-MINDED CHURCH.

In May, the church graciously released me to speak at the African Pastors' Conferences (APC) in South Africa-Namibia. Together with brethren across the globe, they lifted their voices to God in symphony for faithfulness and fruitfulness as I stood to declare the truth of God. This year's theme was, "**Behold Your God**" (Exploring the Doctrine of God). I sincerely thank God for your prayers, dear brethren. After all, who is sufficient for these things? Mine was to echo one message, "*If God is to be truly worshiped, He must be truly loved. And if God is to be truly loved, He must be truly beheld. And if God is to be truly beheld, He must be truly known.*" Andrew Mostert was the manager of the run. He became a Christian about 3 years ago and is zealous for God's work. Thapelo Mpai, a humble and faithful brother, was my co-speaker. Both are members of Birchleigh Baptist Church in Johannesburg (the church that was pastored by the late Irving Steggles).



We solely relied on the APC Conference car for our transborder movements in the region of southern Africa. This is a gift for which we must thank God. We would drive for 12 hours nonstop from one region to another.

By the grace of God, it was our persuasion in every conference centre that, *“All things in Scripture are not alike plain in themselves, nor alike clear unto all; yet those things which are necessary to be known, believed and observed for salvation, are so clearly propounded and opened in some place of Scripture or other, that not only the learned, but the unlearned, in a due use of ordinary means, may attain to a sufficient understanding of them.”* (1689 LBCF: Chapter 1:7). There were testimonies of conversion, and we have since involved the faithful men on the ground to discern the genuineness of these professions (and possibly baptise them). A delegate in Ondangwa (North of Namibia) recounted how, while living in Windhoek, she had moved from a Lutheran Church to a Charismatic Church hoping she would have an ‘experience’ of salvation. Well, at least, she was pronounced ‘saved’ in the latter context and was strongly urged to pursue tongues afterwards (as an experience of salvation). She was later disappointed that she did not speak in tongues the day she was baptised. In her state of conviction, she confessed her ignorance of Christ and His saving work prior to the conference. Earlier that morning, God had tremendously helped me by His Spirit to exposit the righteousness of God and justification by faith from Romans 3:21-26. In Swakopmund (Southwest of Namibia), it was evident how evangelical churches have sadly neglected the fundamental biblical doctrines. The APC conference then became a wonderful time of biblical feasting. We did not know what to do with the breaks in between the sessions as people were reluctant to leave the hall. They are eagerly looking forward to next year for yet another profitable time in God’s word. In Windhoek, we had people cross the borders from Zimbabwe to hear the truths of God’s word. They are looking forward to a stable APC Conference centre in Harare, God willing.



Speaking with the help of a local translator at the APC Conference in Ondangwa (north of Namibia).



APC Conference delegates in Windhoek

Prayer requests.

- Thank God for providing for all the APC Conferences this year.
- Thank God for the great testimonies of how His word was impactful.
- Thank God that my family and the church here were willing to release me to serve in this mission for nearly a month.
- Thank God for the APC Conference directors and managers for sending me to this mission.
- Please pray for much fruit.

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