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Report of Missions Trip to Kenya (17 Nov to 5 Dec 2023) by Carol Lee

All praise and thanks to our God who gave us the Great Commission, and who also enables us to obey it. My 2023 trip to Kenya has so quickly come to an end. I left Singapore on 17 Nov (Fri), and arrived in Kisumu (Kenya) on 18 Nov (Sat) where I was met by the Rev Elisha Ako (Archbishop, Holy Trinity Church of Africa) and the Rev Dr Nelson Were (pastor of HTCA Kisumu, and elected Bishop on 2 Dec 2023).



Through the kind invitation of, and arrangement by, the Rev Dr Michael Koech (Bishop of the Africa Gospel Unity Church, Principal of Bomet Bible Institute and Pastor of Kapkwen AGUC), I taught a 20-hour Vacation Bible Course on "Women in the Bible" at the Kisumu Bible School (KBS) from 20 to 23 Nov (Mon to Thu, 8.30am to 1.30pm), as well as from 27 to 30 Nov (Mon to Thu) at the Bomet Bible Institute (BBI). Eight and 29 students attended the courses at KBS and BBI respectively. Seven sat for the exam in KBS on 24 Nov (Fri), while 28 sat for the exam in BBI on 1 Dec (Fri).





KBS students of "Women in the Bible"

BBI students of "Women in the Bible"

On 24 Nov (Fri), after the exam in KBS, I headed for Bomet, a two-and-a-half-hour drive away. There I stayed in the home of the Rev Dr Jonathan Langat and family, who sacrificially took very good care of me throughout my stay in Bomet.



On 25 Nov (Sat), Damaris (Mrs Jonathan Langat) and I visited Esther, a Bomet AGUC member who was sick, and prayed for her.



On 26 Nov (Lord's Day), Rev Koech, Hassan Rono, Mrs Naomy Chapkwony and I attended the AGUC 59th Anniversary Service at Simotwet AGUC, which was about an hour-and-a-half drive from Bomet.

During the week, besides teaching in BBI, I also attended 2 church fellowship meetings. On 29 Nov (Wed) afternoon, with Rev Koech, Pstr Abraham and wife Naomy, I attended the Kapkwen AGUC fellowship meeting in the home of a member (Lydia). Thank God for the warmth of the Kapkwen members. As the vehicle we went in broke down along the way, the BBI van came to tow it back. We arrived safely back in Bomet after 2 further mishaps: the towing rope broke, and then the BBI van ran out of petrol. Thank God for watching over us, that there was no accident/injury. Do continue to pray for Kapkwen AGUC as they wait on the Lord to enable them to progress in their church building project.



A short trek from the main road to the home of the Kapkwen member



And on 30 Nov (Thu), I attended the Longisa AGUC fellowship meeting held in the church. Thank God for their fellowship. And for the progress in their church building project thus far. Pray that the Lord will continue to provide for them.



I thank God also that in Bomet I was able to fellowship with Pastor Benard Too and family.

The Lord also blessed me with dinner fellowships during the same week in the homes of Pastor Alfred and family and Pastor Abraham and family. We shared much about the Lord's work in our respective churches, the challenges we face, and how the Lord always provide and bless, and how we must always trust Him as we labour for Him.

Soon, my last day (2 Dec, Sat) in Bomet arrived. The BBI Graduation Service, held at 11 am, had 5 graduating with the Diploma of the Bible. This year, for the first time, we did not have the presence of the Rev Dr Raymond Carlson (the founding principal of BBI) as he has gone home to glory to be with the Lord on 25 July 2023, aged 85.

By 2.30pm, Timothy Ngeno (a member of Kitengela AGUC, Nairobi, with his 3-year-old daughter) drove the Rev John Rotich and me to Nairobi. Thank God for journey mercy, we arrived safely in Nairobi at 7.30pm, after dropping off Rev Rotich (whose home is in Nairobi).

The following day (3 Dec) was the Lord's Day, and I attended the worship service at Kitengela AGUC, for the first time.

The temporary shelter for Kitengela AGUC



I thank God for Mr & Mrs Hazael Ngeno (members of Kitengela AGUC) who kindly opened their home to me for my final 2 nights in Kenya, although we have never met before. My time there with them and their 3 children, and also with Timothy (Hazael's brother) and his daughter, were most blessed as we shared about the goodness of the Lord, the difficulties He allowed us to experience, how we need to look to Him always for



wisdom and guidance in church administration, and how our church leaders and pastors are to be faithful in ministering the truth of God's Word to our congregations, and the need to guard our pulpit.

Surely, God had His purpose for me to stay 2 nights in Nairobi.



A unique experience I had in Nairobi was to be driven by an eight-year-old driver (Hazael's son), albeit just from within the compound of Kitengela AGUC to just outside its gate.

My flight to Singapore was at 5.45pm on 4 Dec (Mon), and I arrived safely in Singapore at 3pm on 5 Dec (Tue). The Lord has watched over me, granted me good health and strength to do His work, and blessed my time in Kenya, again. Praise God from whom all blessings

flow! May we be found doing His work faithfully, even till He returns.

All glory be unto God!

(More photos are available for viewing at www.truthbpc.com.)