

## Grace Baptist Church, Kisumu, visit 13-16 March, 2026

The final weekend was spent with Grace Baptist Church, Kisumu, and the family of the pastor. The church was started about 25 years ago when TBC Nairobi sent two couples there to labour in the gospel. There are now two elders and deacons, and you can find out more from their website <https://www.gracebaptistkisumu.church>. I felt very much at home spiritually as we worshipped and fellowshiped the whole day. I was particularly encouraged by a lengthy and practical adult Sunday school study on peace as a fruit of the Spirit. In the service of worship I preached on John 17:11-16 and the importance of Christ's prayer that we be kept from the world and the evil one. After lunch was the 'Meditation Hour' which turned out to be two hours! One of the leaders had prepared questions about the morning ministry to see what was remembered and understood. There was a very spirited response with questions also being asked.



This is an urban church, Kisumu being one of the most populous cities in Kenya. The church is made up mostly of younger people many of whom have found the truth of the doctrines of grace on social media. It is not always easy to find work and many go to the big city (Nairobi). Older people tend to relocate away from town to the rural area where they have land and have built a house

for retirement. One of the great struggles is with false teaching that abounds especially Pentecostal/Charismatic related churches. One of the most influential throughout the country is the Repentance & Holiness Altar founded by one who boldly styles himself 'the Mightiest Prophet of the Lord.'