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Gospel Missions Agency (GMA), Mumias

Mumias is located in west Kenya, north-west of Kisumu. The main purpose of the visit was to be one of the speakers at the Annual Reformation Conference, 11 sessions over 3 days. Elly Achok, together with his slightly older brother Barnabas who leads GMA in Mombasa, was



immersed in the Word of Faith movement until the Lord graciously transformed his life in 2008. I gave you links in the previous Newsletter so that you could read about this from themselves (see the end of this report). Elly (2010-2) and Barnabas (2012-4) studied at the TPC that grounded them in the teaching they are seeking to promote today. Barnabas was the other main speaker.

Their first task was to reform the local church, a slow process needing much wisdom. You can imagine that many members did not like the changes and left. But now the church is conducted in ways that I find comfortable and thank the Lord for this great change according to His word.

The task Elly set himself was much wider than the local church. There were the multitudes of leaders and churches that needed to be reached because they had been led into grave error by him. The method has been to arrange this aptly named Reformation Conference and to advertise it widely. Hundreds have been coming, and this year 400 were registered. At the Conference they promote the Biblical teaching of the Wisdom Training Centre (now many centres). On the Saturday more than 70 graduated from the Certificate one year course which is basically a study in the doctrines of grace. 15 graduated from the Diploma two year course which is more designed for those interested in ministry. Many are changed in their doctrine, and some profess conversion! They look to influence their local church, and even to start new churches based on Biblical truth. [Remember so many churches have been deeply influenced by the Word of Faith movement.]

The Conference theme was 'This is our Faith, a summary of our Christian faith from a soteriological perspective.' Having to do with Salvation, there were the following 11 sessions: the Manual (Bible), the God (Trinitarian nature), the Christ (fitting and sufficient Saviour), the Manner (penal substitution, justification), the Application (new birth and adoption, sanctification), the Evidence (marks), and the Practice (local church, service, evangelism).



A number of conferees were church leaders, having been trained at the Nairobi TPC. The six below are from GMA churches, and the three are the Pokot brethren (started TPC 2000) who travelled all the way to attend. George Mwanjisi from Boyani (Coast) was also present (started TPC in 1995). Praise God that such men have had training and are active in planting and ministering in local churches.



Sunday we met as the local GMA church in Mumias with, or course, fewer people. There were two lengthy preaching sessions. First was brother Barnabas dealing with Assurance from Romans 5:1-5. I love the careful way these brethren practically expound the Scripture in its context. I followed, as always with translation into Kiswahili, with a consideration of the blessings we have in Christ from Ephesians 1:3-14. I was requested to do this. Typically Kenyan churches have long morning services, with nothing later. Elly told me that they are discussing starting an afternoon service so that they can use the Lord's Day with much more profit.

<https://www.schoolofministry.africa> for the Wisdom Training Centre.

<https://www.facebook.com/tulipxtian> for the Gospel Missions Agency Church, Mumias.

<https://wisdommediaoutreach.com> is for the broadcasting arm of the ministry.

<https://trinitybaptistkenya.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/08/Elly-Achok-Testimony.pdf> for brother Elly's testimony.