

September 2025

Sunday September 7th. was a very exciting time for the brethren in the Pokot churches. After years and years of waiting they finally had a printed hymn book from which to sing.



August 2025

This has been a very busy time for the brethren in Pokot North, with many extra ministry opportunities.

(1) GODFAP

Polygamy is an endemic problem amongst the Pokot people. The teaching has been that if a polygamist man is converted, he can be baptized and become a church member on condition of public confession that polygamy is not God's will for marriage and a promise that he will not seek church office. But if a church member adds a wife it is automatic excommunication. Sadly many who have professed Christ have succumbed to this strong cultural temptation. In the churches the situation seems to be changing. There are a number of young monogamous couples. Two things are happening:

- In the last weeks a number of day seminars have been held for couples, to instruct in family life, led by Joshua, pastor at Kasei. Scores of couples attended in the 5 places, many of whom from an illiterate background. The photo is of couples at Wasat where there are almost no educated people in the church.



- In December monogamous couples will be encouraged to have a formal marriage ceremony 'in the church' to nail their colours to the mast and to declare publicly the God-given standard.

(2) Women's Conference



This is what Thomas reported on 23/8: "Glory to God, we end the women retreat today morning. It was very promising, attendance were above 150 ladies. We taught through the following areas: 1. What is the church? It's membership, discipline & centrality of the Bible as God's word and God's people. 2. The value of the family as an important unit in God's side. 3. What is the gospel?... The number was not bad although the climate affected it was too cold, which made some to

miss, i.e. Wasat, Kapkewa, Kapterema & Kapkoghun, but those who attended let God intervene in their lives."

(3) Bible Light College studies

In July the 9 faithful students came together for 5 days of teaching, which they have bimonthly. They studied the Doctrine of Man and Sin. The three leaders, Andrew, Joshua and Thomas do the teaching, which is a syllabus developed by brother Elly Achok in the Gospel Missions Agency ministry out of Mumias. In 2026 they hope to continue with these students and admit another class. This is what Joshua wrote as thanks for the donation to



complete the teaching and accommodation block:

"Wow, The Lord is good. His love endures for ever. The project was beginning to collect dust. But now at last All is possible. So much encouraged for The one who owns The church has set everything rolling. Thank u God. May God bless u all richly for being used to be Part of KASEI BLC HISTORY."

(4) Chepkinagh building

The building for the church in the Chepkinagh centre has now received funds for its completion—windows, plastering and painting. It is quite large, needed for the many inter-local church gatherings that take place, and for ministry to the nearby primary and secondary schools.



18th. February 2025

Visit to Pokot (January 22-29, 2025)

I do not need to duplicate the lengthy report by my fellow trustee, Oliver Allmand-Smith. at <https://trinitygracechurch.net/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/Pokot-Trip-2025-complete-report.pdf>. There are lots of photos to be enjoyed!

I take away three specific encouragements:

(1) The start of the Bible Light College at Kasei. There has long been the desire to train men 'on the ground' and it finally took off in January before we arrived. The study for the 4 days was on the doctrine of Scripture. The course is based on the Wisdom Training Centre studies developed by Elly Achok in Mumias and elsewhere. The following is part of a report from Joshua Sitet, the coordinator of the studies. The three leaders did the teaching.

- ❖ **Recaps.** What have we learnt that's new from Bible Light College. Students gave the following;
- i. The Bible is the basic for the Christian's life and practice.
 - ii. All books of the Bible have a systematic flow.
 - iii. The Bible is God word written directly and indirectly, i.e ten commandments written by God finger.
 - iv. The Bible is complete / no space or room for additional or subtraction.
 - v. The Bible is God word.
 - vi. The Bible is a Christian's rule of faith and practice.
 - vii. All Questions must be under Scripture
 - viii. General Revelation talks about God, while Special Revelation reveals God Himself.
 - ix. The Bible is God's breath.
 - x. God used inspired men to write the Scripture.

(2) The fight against polygamy. Polygamy has been an almost universal way of life for the Pokot people. Though we have preached against it for 25 years, many who have become church members have also become polygamists. We have been asking how many

monogamous marriages there are apart from the 4 leaders. There has only been one church wedding in those years, and we ask why? So this time, in talking with the students at the Bible College we were pleased to find many who have been faithfully married for a number of years. We agreed that if possible, later this year, all these couples would have a very public church wedding ceremony together to broadcast what the Biblical standard is.

(3) The construction of the church building at Wasat. In the past we have showed you a picture of the slab for a church building in Wasat. Where would the money come from to construct the building? In November there was a 'fund-raising' meeting and we were told that 1.5 million shillings was raised (£1 = 160 shillings). That is an incredible amount of money for a church that is mostly made up of women, and who are almost all illiterate. As hard as it was to believe, when we arrived in late January there it was, walls, roof, window frames and metal doors in place! We were told that the church members had agreed that the men would each contribute at least one cow (30-50,000 shillings), the women a goat (5-7,000 shillings), and the children a chicken. In all the years I have been in Kenya I have never seen such contributions. We here in UK did not contribute anything. May it be the start of a movement to take responsibility for the work of the Lord.