



The Reformation and the Word

Over the last few months, I am certain you have heard about the 500th anniversary of the beginning of the Protestant Reformation. The date has certainly not gone by unnoticed here in Kenya. I recently spoke at one Bible conference and attended another, both dedicated to the topics central to that time in history.

Admittedly each of the main human characters in the controversies of that time were deeply flawed; however, the God they worshiped, the gospel they recovered, and the Scriptures they sought to proclaim and to obey are also ours. Our disagreements with them, however deep they may be, should not eclipse the fact that most of us would not, for instance, know a Bible in our own language without the labor and sacrifice of these men.

It is that very commitment to the Scriptures as the sole authority that provided the foundation for everything else they were able to accomplish and the standard by which their whole lives must be evaluated. To this day, if the church is God's church, then God's Word is both the message we must proclaim and the standard by which we must judge our ministries, as Paul says in 1 Timothy 3:15,

“I write so that you may know how you ought to conduct yourself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth.”



Deepening Understanding

Over the last few months I have had the privilege of walking with Ben, a man who has been a pastor in rural Kenya, through Greg Gilbert's *What is the Gospel?* It has been exciting to see how the biblical themes of this book have begun to shape Ben's outlook. He has been sharing what he has learned in churches he has visited up-country. For him and his hearers, it has been revolutionary.



Seeing dear fellow church members leave for the UK earlier this year was saddening, but we're excited for the opportunities the Lord is giving these friends to serve the mission of Christ in other lands.



Bible conferences, one hosted by Emmanuel Baptist and another by a Baptist church across town, gave us opportunities to exult in the biblical doctrines that fueled the Protestant Reformation and to promote biblical training offered through EABST.

We have an incredible opportunity at a critical time for gospel ministry in Kenya. People are growing disillusioned with the easy, healthy, and wealthy message found in so many pulpits and growing thirsty for biblical fidelity and depth. And just at this time we are helping churches equip faithful men for just such a ministry—a ministry transformed in accordance with the authority of the Scriptures.

Thank you for continuing to pray and support us as we seek to train leaders—now frequently alongside Kenyan pastors and teachers—for church ministry here in Nairobi. The flames of biblical reformation are beginning to spread through our partnership. In answer to your prayers, the word of the Lord is running swiftly and being glorified.

Kids' Corner

Jamin, Jonas, and Josiah had a great time when Grandma came to visit this October. Jenny scheduled a homeschool break for them so that they could get quantity and quality time with her. I know one memory they'll share was reading kids' books to one another.



Another memory will be visiting the famous TreeTops hotel in the Aberdare game park. Queen Elizabeth II was visiting this very hotel when she received notice that she had become queen. We were glad to see hyenas, elephants, cape buffalos, a rhino and a leopard.

I have sent this newsletter to churches and individuals who have expressed interest. If you would like to receive updates like this through email, please email me: pittsley@gbmke.org. You can also keep tabs on us through my blog www.pittspot.com or on the "Pittsleys to Kenya" Facebook page.

For Christ and Kenya,
Jeremy & Jenny (with Josiah, Jonas, and Jamin)



Praise and Prayer Reminders



Thank you for continuing to pray for Jenny's discipleship and other one-on-one ministry opportunities. I love how she blends her daily task list with growing friendships. She and another member were able to catch up while baking this delicious chicken pot pie from scratch. Please continue to pray for fruitful service in our local church.



One continued prayer request is that the Lord would use our church, EBC, to start other churches. Here pictured at a wedding, Ronald (left) has been planning a church plant in another city, and Charles (right) has been facilitating EBC's church-planting internship. Please continue to pray for us as we seek to see God's Word run rapidly and be honored.

Please Pray for:

- Health and safety
- Growth in Christlikeness, godly parenting, and discipleship relationships
- Peace and economic recovery after a difficult election period
- Expanding opportunities to establish & strengthen Kenyan churches