

# MISSIONARY UPDATE

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## Kenya Report

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### INTRODUCTION

**In this period Kenya has experienced political instability due to demonstrations which may lead to the removal of the commissioners in the IEBC (Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission).**

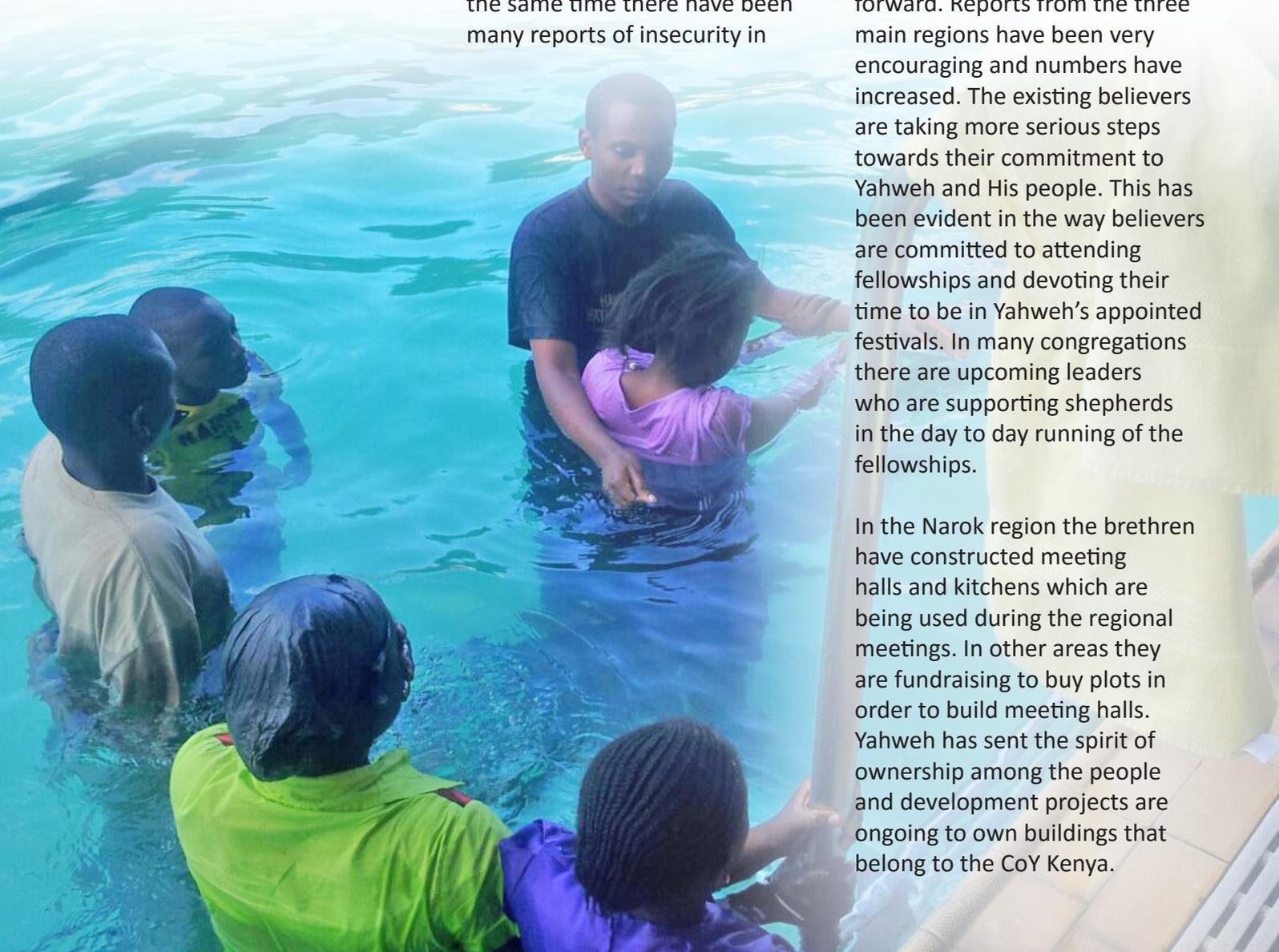
This is a controversial issue and the opposition is pushing hard for it to happen before the 2017 elections. Many feel that interfering with this commission at this time will not augur well with the process/preparation for 2017 General Elections. At the same time there have been many reports of insecurity in

the northern part of Kenya where several people have lost their lives and others have been injured.

### GENERAL

In all regions, CoY Kenya has been moving Yahweh's work forward. Reports from the three main regions have been very encouraging and numbers have increased. The existing believers are taking more serious steps towards their commitment to Yahweh and His people. This has been evident in the way believers are committed to attending fellowships and devoting their time to be in Yahweh's appointed festivals. In many congregations there are upcoming leaders who are supporting shepherds in the day to day running of the fellowships.

In the Narok region the brethren have constructed meeting halls and kitchens which are being used during the regional meetings. In other areas they are fundraising to buy plots in order to build meeting halls. Yahweh has sent the spirit of ownership among the people and development projects are ongoing to own buildings that belong to the CoY Kenya.





## PASSOVER AND UNLEAVENED BREAD

This Feast was held in four different areas: Kaplelach in Narok, Kamuchege in Kiambu, Kasuku in Nyandarua and Singorwet in Bomet. The brethren from each group had invited people from the surrounding churches. The attendance was very good and some people accepted Yahshua and requested to be baptized at the end of the Feast. In the Narok region about 33 new people who came from four different areas were baptized.

The theme of the Feast was, *“Worship: The Purpose of The Congregation of Yahweh”*. Brethren were excited to learn that worship is not an occasion; it covers our whole life and being.

With that understanding, those in attendance desired that every area of their lives be full of worship in order to bring Yahweh the praise and the glory He deserves. The fact that there is ongoing worship in Heaven by the twenty four elders and the four living creatures encourages believers to worship Yahweh in whatever they are involved in. Yahshua also taught His disciples to pray, “Let your will be done on earth as it is in heaven”. This means the worship of Yahweh on earth should be in perfect order and harmony as the heavenly one is.

## FEAST OF PENTECOST

This was held in two venues, Kamuchege (where the Nairobi and Kiambu regions congregated) and Nakuru town (where Nyandarua region and Nakuru

fellowship celebrated). In both places the brethren were blessed through the Word and the praises that were offered to Yahweh. The first months of this year were characterized by heavy rains and this resulted in there being enough food in the country. The brethren attending the Feast at Nakuru waved the first fruits before Yahweh, joyfully celebrating the Feast of Pentecost. It was a time of thanksgiving to Yahweh for the provision of plenty of food for both men and animals.

## OTHER REPORTS

Early in the year we bade farewell to Sister Deborah Linton, who was in Kenya for a whole year. She left the brethren with one message of being committed to Yahweh by serving Him and His people. We all appreciated her love and the sacrifices she had to make in order to spend her time with the Kenyan brethren. While she was here she visited the regions and was a great encouragement to both old and young. It was difficult to travel in some terrains but her determination kept her going. May Yahweh indeed bless Sister Deborah.

On 20<sup>th</sup> February 2016, the Nairobi region was divided into



two. There is now a Kiambu Region and the Nairobi Region. The members of each region were encouraged to spread the Gospel in their respective areas. The two regions will be holding inter-regional fellowships during the annual Feasts, youth seminars, shepherds meetings, vocational Bible school and overnight watches. These regions have a combined interregional development committee that plans projects in the area. This committee is running very well and is taking on a huge portion of the load that the shepherds have been carrying over the years, giving the shepherds more time to concentrate on the Word and Prayer.

In February, seven people were baptised in Nairobi. Two came from Kilimambogo, a small town about 70 km northeast of Nairobi. There are four adults, two

youths and three children who fellowship there every Sabbath.

The congregation in Bomet has fellowships in two different areas. The most recent one was started a few months ago when one of the brothers moved to



another area. The lead minister, Peter Lang'at, has a huge task of overseeing both fellowships. Most of the brethren are new believers and the older members have little or no education to be able to lead a group. During the Feast periods some brethren travel from Narok region to assist Peter in the teaching.

In June, Yahweh, through the brethren in the UK, sent a gift of a reliable vehicle to the CoY Kenya. This is a very welcome gift which will facilitate travel for the National Overseer to different parts of the country. The Kenyan brethren celebrated and were

joyous when they saw the vehicle. We thank Yahweh and all those that were involved in this project.

Brother Michael Karanja has been ailing for two years. Recently he has been very sick and admitted to hospital several times. On

16<sup>th</sup> July he passed on and was buried on 22<sup>nd</sup>. He was a dear brother who was used of Yahweh greatly both in the congregation and in his community. Brother Michael will be missed by many for his devotion to Yahweh and his unwavering stand in the faith.

## PRAYER REQUESTS:

- Pray that Yahweh will raise men and women who will be devoted to serve Him in the CoY Kenya. These brethren are needed in order to effectively carry out the mandate of discipleship and evangelism in all congregations.
- Pray that the CoY believers in different parts of Kenya will stand firm together in spite of tribal hate speeches that are spread during the political campaigns.
- Pray that the CoY leaders will stand united and preach the Word of Yahweh in the Power of the Holy Spirit.
- Pray that the one week Youth Vocational Bible School will be a success and that the youth will be grounded in the teachings of the CoY.
- Pray for healing for Sister Rebecca and Brother Kiiru who have been sick for several months.
- Pray for financial resources as different congregations undertake development projects in their areas.
- Pray for peace in Kenya especially now that the campaigns for 2017 General Elections are gaining momentum.
- Pray that terrorism, tribalism and corruption will be eradicated to hinder these ills from affecting the people of Kenya negatively.

