

NEKESA - "The Harvester" February, 2008



A few pictures and an update have arrived from Kenya.



The picture above is self-explanatory. The picture at the left is from Nairobi. Nairobi is in the territory of the largest and most prosperous tribe in Kenya. Both the first and the current president come from it. The burned down slum was home mostly to people from other tribes who had migrated to Nairobi in search of work.



When the violence began, many thousands of people ran for their lives to the police stations while all their belongings were stolen and their houses burned down.



The people who reverted to tribalism committed many evil deeds such as looting, murder, raping women from other tribes and burning churches – sometimes with people still in them.



Many intertribal families were broken up when the local tribe forced the outside tribe spouse to leave or die. The police have put the official body count at about 1,000 but much of the country is under tribal, not state, control and many people estimate the total to be over 5,000 deaths. A comparable tragedy in the USA would amount to over 47,000 deaths.



The church in Bungoma is standing on the ground that all are one in the Body of Christ and that no tribal, political or personal divisions have any part in His church. The fact that Justus is from the Luo tribe while Margaret is from the Kikuyu (the largest) tribe and that they are standing together is helping the rest of the people to keep focused on Jesus. While the church is doing well, many from the Kikuyu tribe have fled to the Nairobi area because of violence, danger and death threats in Bungoma.

Some of the sister churches have been hit hard. The entire congregation in Chubukwa fled town. There were two churches in Eldoret and so many people were killed that no one is left in either church. The pastor in Sirisia, Samuel King'ori, was a Kikuyu and the local Bakusu tribe forced him to flee for his life.

The situation in Kenya has calmed down but the tension and potential for further violence is very high. The former U. N. Secretary, Kofi Annan, is holding negotiations with both sides.

Please continue to pray for our brothers and sisters in Kenya that they are divinely protected, given great boldness to minister and anointed to minister with signs, wonders and miracles following.