

WE GO TO THEM

taking the gospel to where the people are...

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the LIGHT of the world...

35,000 pray to receive Christ in Kenya in first campaign of 2010

On January 5 I had an appointment with a retina specialist in Memphis. My optometrist had recommended it due to an inflammation on the retina of my left eye. During the appointment I was told by the doctor, "This is a grave situation." After receiving an injection in my eye, he said, "I cannot predict the outcome; we will just have to wait and see what happens." So, under a cloud of uncertainty, Sheila and I continued to prepare to leave for Kenya on the 13th. In addition, we were in serious need of funding for the project. But, as we have done many times in the past, believing it to be the will of God to go, we continued to push forward by faith. Then on Monday, the 11th, two things happened; the doctor gave me clearance to travel and God provided the funds

needed for the project. My vision was still blurred and remained so throughout the trip, but it did not prevent us from leaving as scheduled on the 13th, and it did not prevent the harvest from coming in.

Upon our arrival in Nairobi Friday night, we were met by Ben Bahati, who was smiling, happy, and ready to go - in spite of the fact that his vehicle had nearly been destroyed in a Muslim uprising in downtown Nairobi just that afternoon. I always know there will be budget surprises during the campaign, but I did not expect to encounter that \$3000 repair bill before we could even leave the airport. Oh well, all

part of what we do.

Our dear friend, Larry Baskin (Ministry of The Heart – Memphis) joined us on Sunday morning. Then on Monday we made the six-hour road trip to the city of Kericho, located in the heart of tea country in western Kenya. GFE pastor Thomas Kiprop (see letter) organized the itinerary which contained 50 meetings in schools, open-air venues, and film shows. Since

we were operating two teams, we were able to do 8 to 10 meetings per day. That put us in front of a lot of people which resulted in over 20,000 people coming to Jesus in that first week of ministry.

On Monday the 25th we moved to the city of Nakuru where we continued with the same ministry format under the direction of GFE pastor

and evangelist, Alfred Egeyse. Over the next week we conducted another 44 evangelistic events, which resulted in another 15,000 people coming into the Kingdom of God. Day by day, the teams bumped up and down very rough roads, set up equipment, sang and danced and preached the Gospel. Day after day and night after night thousands heard the Good News and responded to the message of hope. All in all 35,082 people prayed to receive Jesus.

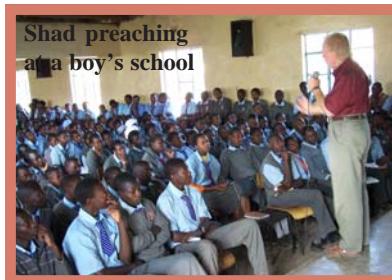
Before leaving Nakuru for Nairobi to begin our trip home, we had prayer with the team, about 20 of us in all. I asked them to pray for my eye, which was still blurred. Mary Bahati led the prayer and I really sensed God was answering. Upon our arrival in the US, I called the doctor's



Shad preaching in a market in Kenya



Larry Baskin preaching



Shad preaching at a boy's school

office to give them an update. He told me to come in on Friday, and when I did he confirmed the retina was completely healed and said the blurring was caused by another problem, which he corrected with a laser in just a couple of minutes. When I woke up on Saturday morning I was rejoicing over two things – one was that my vision was now perfectly clear and the other was that over 35,000 people had now received their spiritual sight through faith in Jesus, the Light of the World. It is a

wonderful thing to see, but it is even more wonderful to really SEE! For a project that began under a cloud of uncertainty, it sure ended under a cloud of witnesses that surely must be shouting "Glory to God" from the grandstand of heaven. Dear friends, thank you all so much for your prayers for Sheila and me and all the Team and for helping us continue to go to the

masses with the only message that can open the eyes of the heart. Thank you for being with us as WE GO TO THEM.



Shad preaching at a girl's school



Sheila speaks in a market place

letters from the field...

From Pastor Thomas and Monica Kiprop, Kericho, Kenya

Hey Shad,

How are you doing, How is Sheila doing with her leg, I am so sorry for what happened.

I would like first of all to appreciate your visit to our region in your trip, I have been challenged to the most, with skills and the approaches that the Lord has blessed you with. This makes evangelism enjoyable and appealing. All my life this was a chapter of new experience of reaching the lost in simple steps that revolve the life of one 180 degrees to a new life. The church in which I minister has been greatly affected by the meetings we had. People are coming to church from as far as 40-50 km away just to come and know where we are. Can't just count how many phone calls I receive every day from teacher (Principles) and people that we met in the market places we visited expressing their gratitude for the meetings we had, and how it changed their lives. I am so grateful to God for all He is doing in the lives so many. More so I would like to thank you for the gift that you gave us, that has gone along way in helping to attend to the many needs that we had. I just don't have enough words to say thank you, also for the book, that I would term as a handbook that I believe every pastor should have. This book although I am still going through it, has been a great blessing to me, the diverse topics it covers under faith, the practicality of the principles of faith, easy to understand due to examples given, coupled with scriptures, I have already taught one of the principles last Sunday, thank you.

I feel I have a renewed passion for souls more than ever.

God Bless you, Looking forward to your visiting us again, at the time of God.

Yours,

THOMAS & MONICA KIPROP



From Pastor Daniel Khatera, Kisii, Kenya



Dear Shad and Sheila,

What a blessing to have you on board in the service of the Lord. It may not look like much has been done or is being done, but as we look back over the years and what the Lord has done and is doing through us by your encouragement, we have a reason to thank God and assurance of our calling in Ministry. I wonder how life would have been and where we would have been and how things would have been and whom the Lord would have used to do all these if it were not you. Thanks a lot for saying YES to the call of God in your life that has had much success and victory in God's Kingdom. Shad and Sheila we feel honored to serve with SWEA/GFE ministry.

I was just a boy with passion for the service of the Lord. When you came in and started it out with Ben Bahati, it wasn't apparent that something would come up that would bring hope to the hopeless. At this point, mainly the first team of guys who were like the fishermen that Jesus met at first in their hopeless situation is now responsible people and hundreds upon thousands are counting on them for direction and guidance in many areas.

Shad and Sheila, there are other great things the lord has done apart from what you just witnessed in NAKURU with a lady who had come to the brink of life that wanted to commit suicide. She is among others that GFE ministry has been used as a means to save life and bring hope where there was no Hope. We didn't invite her neither did she invite us, but as we had gone to them, she had an opportunity to hear the simple message of good news and there and there, the Lord touched her life and she got changed that she is still alive no more contemplating suicide. This reminds me of another one in Eldoret who wanted to do the same but when she bumped into Ben preaching on the market place, she received Christ and she is alive. This type and many more are countless with our teams around Kenya and in other African countries.

There is much to say that can't be said at once. Almost all of the first batch of team are married now with kids, some are pastors and Evangelists and are doing remarkable work in God's Kingdom in the areas where they live as a fulfillment to Bens Vision of having teams in all the provinces of Kenya equipped with ministry tools fully functioning and doing the work of Evangelist, discipleship, training and planting Bible believing churches where there is need.

We thank God that the enemy is defeated in Jesus name. As much he may try even to hurt Sheila's feet, Christ already paid for her healing in order to be strong and do the exploits in God's Kingdom. Our prayer is to remain faithful to His calling and see him supply all our needs in Christ Jesus.

God bless you and keep keeping on in His service.

Daniel Khatera.

...a life saved

The morning after we arrived in Nakuru we drove about 45 minutes out of town to a market to do what we thought would be a routine meeting. In many ways it was, but for one particular thirty-five year old woman it was anything but routine. Her name is Mary Myamburu. As Ben and I preached the message of hope, she was just another face in the crowd. But afterward she became much more. She emerged as the embodiment of why we do what we do. After the final prayer she came to Ben and shared with him that just that morning her husband had abandoned her, leaving her homeless and almost penniless. She said she was in such despair that she had decided to commit suicide. She was on her way to use her last few shillings to buy poison to kill herself, but she heard the preaching and stopped to listen. As she did, God touched her heart and she prayed to receive Jesus. She told Ben, "I don't know what I am going to do, but since I prayed that prayer I no longer want to die. My heart has been changed and I know Jesus is now in my life." She was still homeless, but no longer hopeless. We gave her enough money to travel to Nakuru to pastor Alfred's house and she did. A few days later Alfred told us that she is a changed person and so full of gratitude for what has happened in her life. She is living with Alfred's family and attending his church and getting settled into her new life. Many times people ask, "Do those people really get saved?" Well I can tell you for sure, Mary Myamburu did.

