

We Go To Them

"TAKING THE GOSPEL TO WHERE THE PEOPLE ARE"

KENYA CAMPAIGN REPORT

22,000 Pray to receive Jesus

When thinking about sending out this report I remembered something my daughter told me. She said, "Dad it is always the same thing in every report – God provided the money to go, we went and preached, thousands got saved and we made it home safely." Sounds okay to me, but I will concede that she is probably right – it is not quite THAT simple. In fact there is a lot involved in a project that is hard to report on in a newsletter. It actually begins long before the plane ever takes off.

This one began in January while we were in Kenya working on that one. Ben Bahati and I discussed and prayed



Sheila sharing with students

and came to the conclusion that we were to do a project in June in the west in the two cities of Kisii and Kisumu. Prayers were begun back then (in Kenya and America) and a survey team was appointed to

begin venue selection and arrangements in April. Pastor Daniel Khatera and evangelist Wilfred Andabwa began in Kisii arranging open-air venues, film show locations and schools. After several weeks of work they moved over to Kisumu to do the same thing. The process necessitated Daniel being away from his wife and three children for several weeks. In the end, however, over 85 fruitful venues were plugged into a very organized printed schedule, which we were presented upon arrival.

Meanwhile, back on this side of the world, Sheila and I were busy in detailed preparations – in the office, at the computers and on our knees. Travel arrangements must



Shad & Daniel preaching

be made, correspondence must be completed, ministry in other fields must be attended to, the office affairs must be brought to a point where we can be away for three weeks with-



People receiving Christ

out causing a problem, scores of items must be selected, bought, packed and checked off the check list. And then there is always the issue of funding for the project. This time everything was in place the day before departure, except the cash money we needed to take with us – we calculated \$6000. As always, however, God's faithfulness was proven to be reliable. The morning before the day of departure we received two checks in the mail – one for \$5000 from a couple outside the USA and one for \$1000 from a widow.

Now fast forward by air from Nashville to Boston to London to Nairobi to Kisumu and then by road to Kisii where we arrived just after noon on Monday, May 28. By 4:00 we were at a high school – suffering from major jetlag, but still with enough senses about us to preach, which we did. The result was that 150 students gave their lives to Jesus. What a wonderful way for God to say, "Welcome to Kenya". That afternoon Frank Jevicky arrived from Conway, AR prepared to head a second team.

On Tuesday morning we hit the ground running – two teams going full speed in two directions. During the day we encountered several equipment and vehicle breakdowns. We



Students receive follow-up booklets

all interpreted the opposition as a sure sign we were going to have a great project. We were right. At the end of that first day we had completed 6 open-air market meetings, two school assemblies and one film show with 3670 people having prayed to receive Christ. Amazing! Wonderful! But it was just the beginning. By the end of the week we had completed 48 meetings and



Preaching in an open-air market

over 14,000 people had entered the Kingdom of God.

Then on Monday June 4 we moved to Kisumu and by 4:30 PM we were preach-

ing again – in a high school, two markets and a film show. Another 2000 decisions for Jesus. During that week we conducted another 40 meetings and by the close of the campaign on Saturday June 9 we had seen over 22,000 people pray to receive Jesus. Okay, I know that once again it sounds like “God provided, we preached, people were saved, etc.” I know it sounds statistical, but the reason is because it is almost impossible to express in words the awesome power and presence of God that we experienced in so many of those meetings.



Sheila & Emanuel
Pastor Daniel's son

I'm telling you, friends, that the Holy Spirit fell on some of those places like a blanket. Students sat motionless in their seats listening to the Gospel and responded with a seriousness that was amazing. People stood in the hot sun in the markets literally captured by the power of God. They prayed to receive Jesus and came forward by the hundreds in public profession of faith in Christ. We went to a certain market for a second meeting and a local pastor to whom we referred new converts, said to me,

“Brother, my church was packed last Sunday from the people who were saved here in this market”. In one of Frank's meetings a

man came to him after receiving Jesus and told him that he was on his way to commit suicide, but felt compelled to stop and listen. As a result he was saved – not only in this life, but in the one to come. After a meeting held on the shore of Lake Victoria, three students who had come there as part of a tour told us, “We came for a tour of the lakeshore, but now, after receiving Jesus, we will have a tour of heaven”.

The testimonies go on and on – there were over 22,000 of them on this project – far too many to put in a newsletter. But, if you would like to hear them first hand and meet them close up, then please come and join us on



Shad & Daniel
“3 simple steps”

the next campaign. We will go to Kenya and Uganda during the last week of August and the first week of September – and – we would love to have you go. Then we go again in January. If you are interested in being a part of what God is doing out there in the harvest field, please call me and we will arrange for you to join us as “We Go To Them”.

NEXT CAMPAIGN - KENYA/UGANDA AUGUST - SEPTEMBER 2007

During the last week of August we will conduct an evangelistic project in Kakamega, Kenya. Also during that week Dave Lewis (Northpoint Community Church – Atlanta) will conduct a marriage seminar for 50 married couples who are serving with GFE Kenya. The first week of September Sheila and I along with Ben Bahati and the team will go to Kampala, Uganda for a field evangelism conference for 100 evangelists and conduct open-air meetings in the city.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR FAITHFUL SUPPORT

On behalf of the entire SWEA / GFE Team Sheila and I want to say thank you to all of you who continue to send financial support for the evangelistic efforts of this ministry. Every evangelist I know will tell you that in this day and time the single hardest thing to secure funding for is plain simple evangelism – just getting people out of hell into heaven. It seems to be relatively easy to find money for church buildings, humanitarian projects, water wells, etc., but for simply reaching the lost it is extremely difficult. So many Christians want to attach their giving to things they can see and touch. These facts serve to intensify our deep appreciation to all of you who are willing to just give toward the building of the Kingdom of God with no strings and conditions. So to all of you, our precious friends, thank you for helping us take the Gospel to the world.