

WE GO TO THEM

taking the gospel to where the people are...

God does it again in Kenya and Uganda

over 51,000 pray
to receive Jesus

Ten days prior to our departure on June 1 for Kenya and Uganda, I sent out a newsletter and email to our prayer team (all of you) asking you to pray for a number of specific items connected to the project. Well, dear friends, it is obvious that you prayed faithfully and fervently because God was all over this campaign from start to finish. He blessed with good health and safety for all the 20+ team members and He provided throughout the entire three weeks with weather conditions favorable to outdoor meetings. He provided all the resources needed to complete the work and most important of all, God provided amazing Holy Spirit power in preaching as well as astounding response to the Gospel. So thank you all for your prayers and glory be to God for answering them the way He did.



After a rerouted flight to Canada due to mechanical problems with the plane and a missed flight from London to Nairobi, we finally arrived Nairobi on Wednesday morning, June 4, where we connected with our friend John Crimmins (Sr. Pastor - Christ Evangelical Presbyterian Church – Houston Texas) who joined us in this project to conduct pastors conferences in both Kenya and Uganda. Together we flew to the western city of Kisumu from which we traveled by road to the destination city of Kisii. The first few days there were "interesting" in that our bags were left in London. It was, however, no less fruitful than we expected it to be. Praise God it is not necessary for us to have all our clothes in order to preach the Gospel and see people saved.

The meetings began immediately upon our arrival and by the end of that first day, through a school meeting and a film show, 1350 people had prayed to receive Jesus. In fact, the meetings had actually already begun even while we were still en route. The GFE Kenya team had already been dispatched to Kisii to take in the big sound equipment for the festival and since they were there, they went on and began doing meetings. By the time we joined them they had already seen several thousand people pray to receive Jesus. I praise God for a capable team of trained field evangelists who do not wait for anything – including me.



On Thursday the ministry really picked up steam with three great school meetings, the first day of the pastors conference and the first night of the D'Change Festival. In the first high school 400 students received Jesus. Then there were 575 who responded in the second and 610 in the third. A hundred pastors were registered in the conference, which lasted all day and the Festival began

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John Crimmins and Daniel Khatera sharing with new converts how to grow in Christ

at 4:00PM. The crowd was not huge for this first night, but out of it nearly 2000 people responded to the Gospel. So it was a good start. Any day I can see over 3500 people come to Christ, I call that a great day. But the next day, Friday, was even greater with another four schools, the second day of the conference and another 2430 responding in the Festival service. Saturday continued much the same way except in the Festival the response jumped to over 5000 decisions for Christ. On Sunday morning the participating churches were overflowing with new converts from the Festival. I praise God that as a result of brother John's work with those pastors, they were and are prepared to do a good job of follow up. When our five days of ministry came to an end in Kisii, we had registered well over 20,000 decisions for Jesus and 100 pastors had been challenged and equipped to take their churches to new heights. After returning home we received word from Daniel Khatera, head GFE pastor and evangelist in Kisii, that the city had been impacted for Jesus like never before by the ministry of GFE. An extensive three-week discipleship training program is now under way for the new converts.

On Monday, June 9 the Kenya team began the long day-and-a-half trek across the border to Kampala, Uganda. They had to go by road in order to transport all the big heavy equipment to the next Festival city – Luwero, 50 miles north of Kampala. Sheila, John and I met up with the team in Luwero in mid-afternoon on Tuesday. The meetings began with a film show that night in which 700 people received Jesus. The next five days were filled with school meetings, film shows, the pastors conference for over 150 participants and four nights of D'Change Festival. Our time in Luwero was made –again I will use the



Daniel introduces local pastors at Kisii Festival

word "interesting" – by the fact that the accommodations were very "basic", the electricity was off from early morning till nearly dark, the food was very limited and, horror of horrors, we had no

internet access! But, the ministry (the important thing) was fantastic. We had great response in the schools and film shows and the Festival drew the largest crowds ever witnessed in the history of Luwero. In addition, the pastors attending the conference, many who had to walk for miles to get there, were revived, encouraged, and challenged as never before.

On Monday morning we left Luwero for Kampala where we would finish the final six days of the campaign. By that time we had seen another 19,000 people pray to receive Jesus.

John Crimmins teaching in pastors Conference



We were in Kampala by early afternoon doing our first school meeting there. It was a small one, but we saw 140 teenagers give their lives to Jesus. There was no Festival in Kampala, just school meetings, but in them we saw another 12,000 young people receive Jesus into their hearts. For many years the people of Uganda lived and

died under a brutal dictatorship, but today they are free to worship God as they please and to openly confess Jesus as Lord. I praise God that as a result of this pilot project in that new country for SWEA/GFE, many thousands are now doing just that – professing their newly found faith in Jesus. Before this campaign began I was praying for 50,000 decisions for Christ and God gave even more. By the end of the project we had completed

39 school meetings, 19 film shows, 3 open-air and 8 nights of D'Change Festival for a total of 69 Gospel presentations and a decision count of 51,730. Uganda is now on the SWEA/GFE map and we will be going there again soon. Would you like to go with us? We need you and welcome you to go. In the meantime, God bless you all and thank you again for your prayers and support as "We Go To Them".



Shad preaching to high school boys