

We Go To Them

"TAKING THE GOSPEL TO WHERE THE PEOPLE ARE"

Thousands Respond in Tanzania



Have you heard anything in the news lately about the town of Geita, Tanzania in east Africa? Probably not since there has been no great war there or earthquake or fire or flood or something else that normally gets international media attention. Well, let me tell you, over the past 17 days that place has certainly made the headlines in heaven. During that time there was in fact a great war waged. It was against the powers of darkness. They lost. There was an earthquake that could not be measured on the Richter Scale – the entire place was shaken by the power of God. There was a great consuming fire – it fell from heaven into the hearts of thousands of people. There was also a flood – a great outpouring of the Holy Spirit. And even more amazing is the fact that there were 40,300 people who died and were raised from the dead. Yes, through faith in the risen Lord Jesus they died to the old life of sin and despair and were raised up again through the new birth to walk in newness of life. You won't hear about this great event on FOX News or CNN. But it happened to the glory of God.

On Friday, Oct. 5, Ben Bahati (GFE Director – Kenya) dispatched a film team from Eldoret, Kenya to the remote town of Geita, Tanzania, which is located south of Lake Victoria. The journey takes 30 hours on some of the worst roads in Africa. After reaching Geita they began showing the Jesus film nightly and meeting with local pastors in preparation for the coming festival. There were people there who had never even seen a movie. In the first week thousands of people responded to the Gospel message, which was presented in conjunction with the film. As a result, the pastors caught a fresh vision of what God can do through the preaching of the simple Gospel. A week later Ben traveled with the rest of the team to begin open-air meetings during the day as

well as a festival that would last 7 nights. The musicians and singers on our Kenya team joined with those in Geita and thousands came to listen. Night after night the crowds grew and night after night the Kingdom of God grew as well. On the closing Sunday night over 12,000 people gathered to hear the music and to hear Ben tell the Old Story one more time. Oh how the angels must have marveled and rejoiced as thousands quietly prayed on that warm Africa night to receive Jesus into their heart. What took place during those days out there may not make the New York Times or the Houston Chronicle, but it was truly historic. Tens of thousands of people heard the life changing news of Jesus Christ, many for the very first time, and 40,300 prayed to receive Him into their heart.

I praise God for a team of guys who were willing to travel 30 hours on horrible roads to take the precious Good News to thousands of people who will never travel more than 20 miles from their home, will never watch a Christian broadcast on TV, and will never download a Gospel message from the Internet. But that is what this ministry is all about – taking the Gospel to where the people are. Our mission statement can be summed up in four words – WE GO TO THEM. I praise God that there are now 40



men, pastors of small struggling churches, who are now encouraged and blessed with more new converts than they know what to do with. I praise God that there are thousands of homes in that region that now have access by faith to the power and provision of God – access that they would not now have if the team in Kenya had not gone to them. I praise God for our prayer team (all of you) here in America that prayed faithfully and believed God by faith for a miraculous harvest of souls. I

also praise God for His provision of the funds needed to make this campaign possible. Most of all I praise God for His Beloved Son Who died and rose again that we too may have life eternal. I thank God that He has done a work in each of our lives that is sufficient to make us all want to go, to give, to pray and to rejoice over 40,300 people saying yes to Jesus. Isn't it wonderful to find yourself getting excited over something that is really worth getting excited about – even if it didn't make the nightly news!

