

April 2024

FIRST QUARTER PRAISE REPORT 4.7 MILLION PRAYED TO RECEIVE CHRIST

First Samuel 12:16, 17 exhorts us, "Even now, take your stand and see this great thing which the Lord will do before your eyes". Is it not the wheat harvest today? And, in John 4:35, Jesus said, "Do you not say, There are yet four months, and then comes the harvest? Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes, and look on the fields, that they are white for harvest." These verses tell us three things. 1. There IS a harvest to be reaped. 2. The time to do it is NOW. 3. If we will go into the harvest field in obedience to God's command, He WILL produce fruit.

For nearly 56 years we have witnessed the reality of this Scripture. We have seen firsthand "this great thing which the Lord will do", and it has always been amazing. But the past few years have been especially so, and the momentum continues into 2024. There is SO MUCH going on in the field that it is impossible to tell it all - so many people being reached and so many lives being changed. So, I'll just give a brief summary of these first 91 days.

- The teams conducted 5,347 evangelistic events.
- They averaged presenting the Gospel face-to-face to 55,500 PER DAY.
- The total number of people who prayed to receive Jesus was 4,704,386

EXPANSION CONTINUES

New countries - more stations - bigger team - more people reached

We began the year with the WE GO TO THEM ministry operating in seven African countries. That number has now risen to NINE. In February, Ev. Paul Asembe relocated from Kenya to Ndola, Zambia, where he is in the process of establishing a new station and team. In March, Ev. Newton Odhiambo relocated from Kenya to Entebbe, Uganda, where he is also setting up a new evangelism center. Ev. Wilfred Andabwa, Field Coordinator for Rwanda, just finished an investigative/training mission to South Africa. We'll see what God has planned for that area. Our prayer and goal is to expand the WGTT team to as many countries and locations as God will allow. Over the past few weeks, we have relocated 9 team members to various locations to set up new stations. It is a process, but once they are fully equipped with vehicles, equipment, and fully trained team members, the increase in the number of people being reached with the Gospel will be phenomenal. With the recent increase, the number of WGTT teams now stands at 52. There are now 250 people (leaders and volunteers) involved in the ministry of field evangelism on a daily basis.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO US - # 57 Praying to Finish Well

On April 2nd Sheila and I celebrated our FIFTY-SEVENTH wedding anniversary. On Friday night, October 7, 1966, my band, The King Lears, was playing at a fraternity dance for Rhodes University in Memphis, where Sheila was a freshman. We met that night, and six months later we were married. She was 18 and I was 20. We knew nothing, and cared nothing, about Jesus at the time. But, fifteen months later, thanks to the persistent witness of Rev. Don Milam, Pastor of Park Avenue Baptist Church in Memphis, we were both saved. That was the summer of 1968. From then until now it has been an amazing journey of love and faith, a journey that has taken us around the globe many times and allowed us to be a part of a ministry that has shared the Gospel of Jesus with over 75 MILLION people.

So, where does it go from here? Only God knows that answer. But there is something we are requesting of Him. This past Sunday at the close of the service, Sheila took my hand and said, I want to go to the altar and just ask God to allow us to FINISH WELL. I gladly joined her there, and knelt with her, and prayed, "Dear, Father, help us to not back up, or slow down, or stop short of where You want us to go. God, we recommit ourselves to You for Your purpose, and just ask that You enable us to FINISH WELL. We ask you to pray this for us, and we THANK YOU ALL for being with us and staying with us all these years as WE GO TO THEM.



Shad and Sheila Easter Sunday, 2024