



IT'S HARVEST TIME 6000 PEOPLE PER DAY HEAR THE GOSPEL

First Samuel 12:17 asks, "Is it not wheat harvest today?" YES, it is! Here in West Tennessee, the cotton fields are turning white, and the soybean fields are green. It won't be long before the harvesting is underway. But, in the work of harvesting souls, it is harvest time every day! That is certainly true in the ministry of SWEA/GFE. In the ministry of evangelism there is no such thing as an "off season".

On any given day of the year (all 365), there are a dozen or more teams in the field sharing the Good News of salvation through Jesus. Those teams are working in the Congo, Kenya, Malawi, Nigeria, and Tanzania. Together they share the Gospel with an average of 6000 people per day. They preach in school assemblies, slums, open-air markets, hospitals, prisons, bus stations, busy street corners, evening gatherings for film shows – even funerals! They preach everywhere and anywhere there is a crowd of people that can possibly be turned into an audience. Time after time the team sings and dances to attract the crowd, and after they do, they share the "old message" once again. And, time after time, people respond. They listen to the Gospel message, they choose to believe, they pray to ask Jesus into their heart, and they are saved! After they pray the prayer to receive Jesus, they are invited to come forward in public profession of their decision. And, what a thrill it is to watch people move from where they are to gather in front of the platform to receive instruction in how to begin to grow as a child of God. Quite often, there are several hundred brand new citizens of heaven standing there – people who had no idea that a radical, eternal change was coming in their life that day. Every time it happens, I think to myself, this is why WE GO TO THEM!

As of August 31, the number of people praying to receive Jesus so far this year is 1,146,343. We are thankful that, for the tenth year in a row, God has allowed us to see over a million people ask Jesus into their heart. We are praying that He will allow us to continue for many years to come. Is it not wheat harvest today? Yes, it is – today and everyday! May we be found faithful to not allow a single day slip by without giving some people an opportunity to know Jesus. May we be faithful to do for others what someone took time to do for us.

NEXT CAMPAIGN KIGALI, RWANDA OCT 9-25

It is almost that time again – time to get back on the plane and head out to the other side of the world. This time its to the city of Kigali, Rwanda. This is a new area but with the same approach. Preparation has been underway for some time and things are almost set. We will be conducting school assemblies, open-air markets, and film shows. We will also conduct a one-day conference on "Faith and Field Evangelism" for pastors and evangelists. There is a great need for training in that area in Rwanda, and we are thankful for the opportunity to help meet that need.

Please pray with us as we prepare to go. Pray for God's provision, His protection in travel and ministry, and His power in proclaiming the Good News. As I often say, this is a TEAM effort! Sheila and I cannot do this (and wouldn't want to) without all of you, our beloved prayer and support team. Thank you for always being with us as WE GO TO THEM!