

"Look to the fields..."
SHAD WILLIAMS EVANGELISTIC ASSOCIATION
"We Go To Them"

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FIVE MONTHS OF NON-STOP EVANGELISM

8.3 MILLION RESPOND TO THE GOSPEL

In John 5:3, the Apostle described the desperate people by the pool of Bethesda with four words; blind, halt, withered, and waiting. The word *blind* here means "looking through a cloud of smoke"; they were unable to comprehend the truth. *Halt* means weak and unable to stand. *Withered* means "over-ripe" or spiritually dead. And the word *waiting* means "reaching out to receive but having no source to receive from." These words describe the condition of every unsaved person on earth, and there are hundreds of millions of them. They are blind to the truth of Jesus. They are crippled by sin. They are spiritually dead. They are reaching out for hope, peace, and security - and they have no source from which to receive it. The world and self-effort cannot provide it. But thankfully, there IS a Source. Our Lord Jesus Christ is that Source, the ONLY Source, and millions would receive Him TODAY if they only had an opportunity. Blind eyes can be opened to see the truth of God, and hearts can



Young girls at a school in Kenya

be changed. The spiritually dead can be brought to life through the new birth, and those who are waiting can receive. But they must have an opportunity. Our goal as a ministry team is to provide that opportunity to as many as we can, as FAST as we can. The current world population is 8.1 BILLION. Fifty years from today most of that number will be in eternity, with or without Jesus. Across the globe over 7000 people die every hour. There is simply no time to waste. With these thoughts in our hearts, let me give you an encouraging update from the field.



Marion at a school in Arusha, Tanzania

HARVEST REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF MAY



Thierry at a high school in Congo (DR)

There are now 47 WGTT teams - 200 team members - working in 9 countries: Burundi, Congo (DR), Kenya, Malawi, Nigeria, Rwanda, Tanzania, Uganda, and Zambia. Every day, these dedicated men and women are in the field sharing the Good News. The challenges they face are great, but their commitment to getting the Gospel to the waiting multitudes is greater. God is using them mightily. This is a summary of what HE accomplished through them in the month May:

- *2,400 evangelistic events were conducted in school assemblies, open-air venues, prisons, film shows, and hospitals.
- *The Gospel was presented to an average of 66,000 people PER DAY
- *A total of 1,736,283 people prayed to receive Christ.

NOW A LOOK AT 2024 SO FAR - FIRST FIVE MONTHS

10,000 EVANGELISTIC MEETINGS

We praise God for His faithfulness in providing for the teams to go into January at full steam! They were off and running non-stop from day one, and the momentum is only increasing as the year progresses. Thus far they have conducted 10,030 evangelistic meetings. The total number of people who have prayed to receive Jesus is 8,352,712. Hundreds of people are being trained each month in how to preach the Gospel, and share one-on-one, using the WGTT methodology. Also, over the past five months, the ministry has grown significantly. Eight new stations have been established in Burundi, Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda, and Zambia. We are planning by faith to add five more in east Africa over the next few weeks, and in the next few months, one in west Africa and another in South Africa.



Leonard sharing with students in Burundi

THANK YOU ALL FOR BEING WITH US IN THESE EFFORTS

To all of you who pray for this work, and who give in response to God's leading to help pay for it, Sheila and I want to say THANK YOU! We are enormously thankful to our Heavenly Father for speaking to you on our behalf, and we are grateful to you for obeying His voice. Over the past 47 years, all of it working together has resulted in over 80 MILLION people hearing the Gospel. Glory to God!! God bless you for being with us, and STAYING with us, as WE GO TO THEM!

Ebenezer - Jehovah Jireh

THE LORD HAS PROVIDED - THE LORD WILL PROVIDE

BELIEVING FOR BRACES



Psalm 55:22 tells us to, “Cast thy burden upon the Lord; and He shall sustain thee: He shall never suffer the righteous to be moved.” In First Peter 5:7 we read, “Casting all your care (anxiety) upon Him; for He careth for you.” In both verses, the word “cast” represents a deliberate action. It means to quickly take something off of me and throw it on to someone else. It means to “let go entirely.” That’s what God wants us to do - let go of our burdens and release them to Him and let HIM do the “caring.” But, what kinds of burdens or concerns is He referring to? EVERYTHING! In the life of a child of God there is nothing too “small” or “unimportant” for God to care about. If it’s important to me, it’s important to the Father. Let me share an example.

It was the spring of 1983. We were reorganizing the ministry, and we were struggling financially – to the point it was difficult to even pay house rent. And, in the midst of that pressing situation, we had become painfully aware that our son, Michael, was going to need braces. The big question was, what could we possibly do about it? We could barely buy groceries, let alone deal with a big expense like that. As each day passed, I felt like the worst father in the world, and the biggest failure. How could I say I was trusting God and not even be able to meet this need?

Finally, I called our dentist and got his recommendation for an orthodontist. We made an appointment and went to see him. His office was in a very well-to-do section of Memphis. When we entered the reception area, I felt like I had just stepped into a beautiful living room in an expensive home. I thought, “We’re in the wrong place.” When I went to the receptionist’s window to sign in, my suspicions began to be confirmed. The lady said, “Ok, Mr. Williams, you need to fill out these forms and pay a hundred dollars to consult with Dr. Smith (not his real name). I said, “You mean we have to pay a hundred dollars just to TALK to him?” She said yes, and I wrote the check. During the consultation we were informed that Michael would need extensive work and it would be very expensive. He told us to go back to the lady at the window to set the start date and work out the payment schedule. There I was told that I had to pay \$500 in advance, and when the work started, I would then be issued a payment book for the balance. I felt like I was buying a car! With that, we just left and went home, very discouraged.

But I had been told that Dr. Smith was a Christian, so I decided to write him a letter explaining our situation. I told him I was not asking for a discount or special favor - just to be able to include the \$500 deposit in the monthly payments. I prayed morning by morning and waited for a reply. After three weeks passed, I realized a reply was not coming. So, I continued to pray and seek God’s guidance. I had NO idea what to do. I had given it my best shot, and it produced nothing. Then one morning it happened! God intervened in a surprising way I would have NEVER thought of. It was a Thursday, and I was planning to go to a prayer breakfast, as I did every Thursday, with my friend Chuck. It was a nice morning, so I decided to wait outside on the patio for him to pick me up. As I walked out the door, God suddenly spoke clearly in my heart and said, “Shad, Chuck is going to pay for Michael’s braces!” It was not an audible voice, but it was as clear as a bell. I was stunned! I was, quite literally, stopped in my tracks, standing still in amazement holding a cup of coffee. I finally moved and sat down to wait. Then I thought, does Chuck know this? How COULD he - he doesn’t even know Michael needs work done.

A few minutes later Chuck pulled into the driveway. On the way to, and during the breakfast, I said nothing about Michael. Then, on the way back, Chuck asked, “Shad, can I ask you a personal question?” Sure, brother. “Well, I was just wondering, does Michael need any dental work?” I was almost speechless. But I said Yes, he does. He said, “Well, I thought maybe he did, since he’s at that age, and most kids do.” He continued, “Well, God has laid it on my heart to find out if he needs work done, and if he does, I want to pay for it!” I could NOT believe what I was hearing! Then he added, “If its ok with you and Sheila, I would like to take Michael to the doctor our son goes to.” So, the appointment was made. The doctor took one look at Michael and said, “This kid doesn’t need braces. The problem is not his teeth but his jaw. All he needs is an appliance to wear that I will adjust as needed to correct it. Then he will be fine.” I asked how much it would cost and he replied, “Let’s not worry about that right now. Let’s just get Michael fixed up and Chuck and I will take care of the cost.” So, Michael was fitted with the appliance, which he wore for about a year. It corrected the problem, he never required braces, Chuck covered the cost, and a new testimony was established to the faithfulness of God.

Now, since I want this story to end on a positive note, I won’t mention the time Michael accidentally threw his \$800 appliance in the trash at McDonalds, and we all had to dig through a dumpster looking for it. No, let’s just end by saying that God cares about EVERY detail of our life, and will meet EVERY need, if we will only trust Him by faith and cast our cares upon Him. He always has options that are beyond our ability to even conceive.