

"Look unto the fields. . ."

SHAD WILLIAMS EVANGELISTIC ASSOCIATION

GLOBAL FIELD EVANGELISM

"We Go To Them"

2017 YEAR-END PRAISE REPORT

1,350,000 RESPOND TO THE GOSPEL

2017 completes 40 years of international ministry for SWEA, and I am so thankful that God was pleased to make it a fruitful one for His glory. This was the ninth consecutive year we have seen in excess of a million people pray to receive Christ. We know that only GOD could make that happen, and we praise Him that He chooses to use the "weak and small" things to accomplish His plans and purposes in this world. As long as that remains true, then there is room for us in His program.

The number above (1.35 M) is the result of scores of team members, doing hundreds of evangelistic meetings, in hundreds of different venues, in five countries over 365 days. It is a TEAM effort. It is also the result of caring Believers on this side of the world praying faithfully and giving generously. Then God, in His wisdom, puts it all together, breathes upon it by His Spirit, and produces the result. Therefore ALL the glory ultimately goes to HIM.

FIRST CAMPAIGN OF 2018

MACHAKOS, KENYA: JAN 21 – FEB 6

On January 21, Sheila and I will depart for Machakos, Kenya for the first campaign of this year. Kevin Chumba (project coordinator) is there now with a six-man team booking school assemblies and locating venues for the open-air meetings and evening film shows. Once again, we enter a new year having no idea how it will turn out. But, we are proceeding by faith, believing God to allow us to see another million people come to Jesus. There are a LOT of plans on the board for 2018 – some are plans for expansion. We want to enlarge the team, acquire more equipment and vehicles, and expand into other countries. In order to do that we must expand in some areas on this side of the world as well. Please pray that God will make all this possible.

OPPORTUNITIES ABOUND

FOCUSING ON REACHING THE YOUTH OF AFRICA

There are over 38,000 schools in Kenya alone. There are another 44,000 in neighboring Uganda and Tanzania – total 82,000 in the three countries combined. These are middle schools and high schools. Our ministry has an open door to most of them. The age group population that we target (12 to 18 years old) number 5.5 million in Kenya. Response to the Gospel among this age group is extremely high (usually around 90%) and now is the time to reach these young people for Jesus. Please pray that God will provide the resources we need to get this job done. There is VERY little witness for Christ in these schools, and millions of young lives hang in the balance. We have the manpower, the message and the methods. What is currently lacking is the means.

THANK YOU

As we close out a year and enter a new one, let us do so by saying THANK YOU to all of you, our beloved friends, for being with us day in and day out as we continue to take the Gospel to the multitudes. After all these years, the Gospel is the "power of God unto salvation", and it is still working. Sheila and I, and all the team, are grateful beyond words for your prayers, your support, and your encouragement. Thank you for loving us, for believing in us, for trusting us, and for being with us as WE GO TO THEM!