



## FIVE FRUITFUL YEARS

From 2015 - 2019 Over 8,700,000 People Were Reached

Dear friends, I don't know about you, but in these uncertain and unpredictable times, I have a tendency to get distracted by the negative, and lose sight of all God has done and is doing. Well, today I took some time to look back on all God has done over the past five years, and I found it very encouraging. And, since it is all of you, our partners in ministry, that God uses to keep all this going, I believe you will find it encouraging also. It was an amazing five fruitful years.

You may recall that 2015 began as a challenging year. Ben Bahati, leader of the ministry in east Africa for 25 years, had just died in November 2014, and it was uncertain if the ministry could hold together in his absence. But, by the grace of God, the team rallied and the work continued. The first campaign after Ben's death was held in Kenya, and was a huge success. That project was followed by three more throughout the year. By December 31, the ministry had proclaimed the Gospel to 1.5 million people face to face. I just know that Ben must have been smiling from Heaven to see the work continuing on in such a wonderful way.

2016 brought four more big projects and an enormous amount of daily field preaching. Another 1.5 million people were reached. In 2017, Sheila and I celebrated our 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary and ended the year rejoicing over 1.65 million people receiving the Good News. In 2018 another 2 million people heard the message of hope. 2019 closed with 1.9 million people having heard the Gospel. It also ended with plans in place for major ministry expansion to begin in 2020. Ten team members have now relocated to ten new areas where new centers of evangelism have been established in Kenya, Tanzania, and Rwanda.

From 2015 through 2019, your prayers and support, combined with the preaching of the teams, resulted in the completion of **17 major campaigns** - one project every three and a half months. The campaigns combined with the daily field ministry resulted in over **14,000 evangelistic events** being held in schools, open-air venues, film shows and prisons. In those events, **8,700,000 people heard the Gospel** face to face, for an average of **4800 per day**. I cannot say with authority exactly how many people were actually born again; only God knows that. But I CAN state that over **seven million people responded publicly** to the message.

So, in looking back over the past 60 months, we find an awesome amount of fruit to praise God for. We thank God for the tens of thousands of households that now have a witness for Christ that didn't before 2015 arrived. As the Psalmist wrote in 118:23, "*This is the **Lord's** doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.*" THANK YOU all for believing in this ministry, for being a vital part of it, and for being with us over the past five years as WE WENT TO THEM.