

*"Look to the fields. . ."*

# SHAD WILLIAMS EVANGELISTIC ASSOCIATION

*"We Go To Them"*

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## GREAT THINGS HE HAS DONE! ANOTHER 13 MILLION PEOPLE RESPOND IN 2023



Dennis Mbata shares the gospel with students at a high school in Kahama, Tanzania

Normally we would have had a year-end update out by now, but we were delayed by circumstances leading up to Rachel's transition into heaven on January 9 of this year and dealing with the aftermath, which still continues today. But even with those events for us to navigate personally, God IS still doing wonderful things in and through the SWEA / WE GO TO THEM ministry, and we are grateful to now be able to share some of it with our friends.

### 2023: WHAT A YEAR OF HARVEST IT WAS - OVER 36,000 HEARD THE GOSPEL DAILY

There is, of course, no way to predict how a year will turn out. There are just too many unforeseen factors involved. But as we embarked upon 2023, we asked God to once again give us at least a million souls per month. Well, to the praise of HIS glory, HE did just that! Over the course of the year, He enabled the teams to conduct an amazing 16,736 evangelistic events. They preached the Gospel to an average of 36,500 people PER DAY. The final number who prayed to receive Jesus in their heart was 13,349,071.



They may be part of a large group, but each student's decision is personal

### 2024: OFF TO A PROMISING START

If the first few weeks are any indication, 2024 is going to be another great year of seeing multitudes of people come into the Kingdom of God. January was a very cold month here in Tennessee, but out in the field, the warmth



Preaching the Gospel is hard, intense work  
Patrick Ntaganda in Rwanda

of God's love was drawing people to Jesus. The WE GO TO THEM teams conducted 1,347 field evangelism events, taking the Gospel message to tens of thousands of people every day - in schools, open-air venues, film shows, and prisons. The result of their collective efforts was 1,158,320 people receiving a transformed life by asking the Lord Jesus into their heart.

### PRAISING GOD FOR ALL HE HAS DONE 60 MILLION AND COUNTING

Every once in a while, I take a moment and scan back over the calendars just to reflect on all that God has done. It makes me feel encouraged, and highly motivated, to offer praise to God and press on in the work. Yesterday, I did that and thought I would share it with you guys. In looking back

over the past three years, I was amazed to see that the WGTT teams conducted 46,600 events and saw 35.5 MILLION people respond to the Gospel! Needless to say, I found that to be VERY encouraging and motivational to press on, believing God by faith for further expansion of His Kingdom. Since we began this work in 1977, we have seen 60 million people pray to receive Christ. But that is a VERY small number compared to those who still need the Gospel. Therefore, we are working hard to expand the scope of the ministry as fast as possible.



**Burundi team member preaching the Gospel at an open-air market**

## **NEW EXPANSION: ZAMBIA, SOUTH-CENTRAL AFRICA ADDED THIS WEEK**

SWEA/WGTT is presently operating in 7 countries in Africa: Burundi, Congo (DRC), Kenya, Malawi, Nigeria, Rwanda, and Tanzania. Just this week, Evangelist Paul Asembe (previously in Machakos, Kenya) relocated to Ndola, Zambia to begin a new work there. There is currently a total of 50 WGTT teams consisting of over 250 workers. They are stationed in 42 different locations.

We are planning, over the next few weeks, to relocate at least 7 team members to establish 7 new stations (evangelism centers of operation) in Kenya and Tanzania. Once a new station is established with a trained



**Marion Vero shares the gospel with middle school students in western Kenya**

team, transportation, and equipment, it has the potential of reaching tens of thousands of people per year with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. There are also plans underway to expand the ministry into as many as 10 more countries over the next two to three years. We praise God for the 60 million people who have prayed to receive Christ thus far, but we firmly believe that with this new expansion, that number could rise to 100 million by the

close of 2026. I know this is a huge faith goal, but I also know that God is able to do this - and even more than we can ask or think.

## **WE PRAISE GOD FOR HIS PROVISION THROUGH HIS PEOPLE**

Dear beloved friends, Sheila and I want to say a special THANK YOU to each one of you who responded to the prompting of the Holy Spirit, throughout the year, and gave to help keep this work moving forward. Because of God's provision through you, the work continued day by day, and we closed out the year with every expense paid and enough funding on hand to begin the new year in full force. As a result, there are now MILLIONS of new citizens of heaven. So, THANK YOU! Thank you for staying with us as WE GO TO THEM!



**Samson Mwasengerema of Tanzania, shares Jesus with high school students**



# Remembering Our Rachel

(JUNE 1, 1971 – JANUARY 9, 2024)



Rachel at 3 months old

On June 1, 1971, a bright ray of sunshine appeared in our lives in the form of a beautiful little girl whom we named Rachel Leah. She remained with us until January 9, 2024, at which time she entered into the presence of Jesus. She fought a long, hard, and courageous twenty-two-month battle with breast cancer, enduring the very worst types of chemo, then discovered she had an interstitial lung disease that was extremely relentless and aggressive. She took all the medicines and treatments prescribed by her doctors, but in the end, they were just not enough and her body was just too tired. She was finally healed completely by entering into her heavenly home just a few weeks ago.

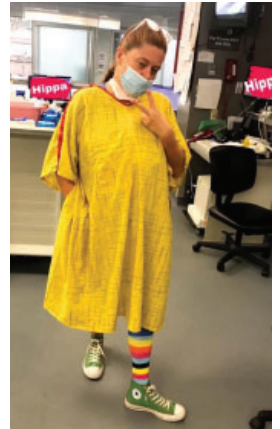


Rachel at age 5  
Shad's favorite picture



Rachel lit up a room,  
even in high school

We miss our little girl - her beautiful face, that dynamic larger-than-life personality, her quick wit, and her huge loving heart. It is so hard to believe that we can't just pick up the phone and talk with her, and we're not going to get a text from her telling us the latest crazy thing that happened in the ER. She's not going to come home for the weekend and ask her mom to make a chicken pot pie.



Working in the ER  
Her uniform every day  
was scrubs, Chucks,  
and crazy socks!

But we can rejoice in the FACT that the separation is only temporary. We WILL see her again - soon and very soon.

Rachel did not “pass away”. She passed THROUGH to the other side, and we will meet her there at God’s appointed time. But, for now, what unspeakable love, joy, and gratitude we feel in remembering our Rachel.



Our beautiful girl before cancer



Our still beautiful girl while she was doing chemo



Beautiful till the very end