

SWEA - WE GO TO THEM

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2022 1st Quarter Update: Over 1 Million Respond in March



Kevin had an opportunity to preach at a rally for Safaricom (a cellular company) in Kenya



Marion Vero sharing the Gospel at a prison in Kenya



Wilfred Andabwa preaches at an open-air market in Burundi



Paul Asembo preaching the Gospel at a high school in Tanzania



Haggai Abwonza at a high school meeting in Tanzania



Alfred Agesa preaching an open-air meeting

Almost forty-five years ago (September 1977) an international evangelistic ministry organization was begun with nothing but a call from God and a command to go into the world and preach the Gospel. So, with that call, that command, and the promises of God, the work began. At that time, we had NO idea of what God was going to do in the years to come. Those first steps were feeble, and at first, the work seemed slow. And, it was. In the first five years, the ministry conducted only sixteen overseas projects, and registered only 100,000 people praying to receive Jesus. Of course, in time, the productivity began to increase. But, even as it did, we could not imagine in our wildest dreams that a day would come when we would see over a million people pray to receive Christ in a single month! But in March 2022, for the first time in our 45 year history, that is exactly what happened. 1,049,113 people said yes to the Lord Jesus. ALL GLORY TO GOD!

So, how does that happen? Well, it is obviously a TEAM effort, involving a lot of people, proclaiming the Gospel in a LOT of evangelistic events. There are currently 30 teams preaching the Gospel daily in 30 different regions in seven African countries. There are approximately 160 people involved in the work altogether. In March they conducted 1,617 events: 1,328 school assemblies, 268 open-air meetings, 14 prisons, and 7 hospitals. They averaged presenting the Gospel face to face to 33,850 people per day. But, that is not the whole story.

There are three component parts involved in this work. They must all be present, and they must all work together. They are PROCLAMATION, POWER, and PROVISION. The Gospel must be presented to the people who need to hear it - the unsaved. In order for that to happen, we must go to where they are. But, there must also be the convicting and convincing power of the Holy Spirit in the preaching. But, none of that will happen without God's provision through His people to get the teams in the field. Therefore, to every one of you, our beloved friends who pray for this work and who help provide for it materially, we say THANK YOU! Thank you for being on this WE GO TO THEM team! Seeing a million people respond to the Gospel in a month is not accidental. It requires the deliberate action of people, in obedience to God, who are willing to give and people who are willing to GO. We thank GOD that SWEA is blessed with both.

But, the month of March is not the whole 2022 story either. During the first 90 days of the year, the teams conducted 4,336 events, and saw 2,762,290 people pray to receive Christ – an average of 30,700 people per day. During the last annual team meeting in December, the team agreed to trust God for 10 million people to say yes to Jesus this year. So far, we are on track, but it is all in God's hands, and it is all by faith. But, for now, I invite you all to join us in praising God for all HE has done so far. And, please pray with us for HIS continued power and provision as WE GO TO THEM.

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