



## 2020 MID-YEAR UPDATE OVER 900,000 RESPOND TO THE GOSPEL VISION 2020 STILL IN PLACE



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We began this unusual year with an unusual campaign in Mwanza, Tanzania. It was unusual, not in the sense of what it consisted of but in its magnitude. We had a good idea going into it that it was going to be big, simply because of the number of venues involved. However, we had no idea it would prove to be historic. But, it was. It was 22 days long, involved 35 team members, included 372 evangelistic events, and resulted in 307,682 people responding to the Gospel. It was, by far, THE largest campaign in our history. What a great beginning to a new decade, and a new vision - VISION 2020.

That is what we chose to call the new expansion program that was put into place immediately following the campaign. The idea of sending team members out to new locations had been in our thinking and in our prayers for several months. By the end of the project, ten team members had already received confirmation from God as to where they should relocate. By mid-February the process was underway, and by mid-March it was complete. Ten team members had settled in ten new areas in Kenya, Tanzania, and Rwanda. They began immediately surveying their areas, making contacts, and building teams. Then, just as their work began, it happened: a global pandemic! Schools closed, public meetings were canceled, churches could no longer meet, and travel was suspended. But, hope was not lost. The team members and their families just continued to get settled in and adjusted to their new centers of ministry. They have all used the time to sharpen skills, deepen their relationship with God, and work on strategy for new ministry. Now, Tanzania is open again, and the three teams are back to work there. Nigeria is open and the 40 team members there are back in the field. Now we are waiting for Malawi, Congo, Kenya, and Rwanda to open up fully again. We are thankful that the expansion was completed before the lockdowns took place, because now there is no time lost to reorganization. God knows what He is doing! The teams have continued to do what they can on a limited basis, and as a result, we ended June with 911,906 people having responded to the Gospel. To God be the glory!

Our May/June campaign was canceled because of the pandemic, but by no means have Sheila and I been idle. Far from it! We are hard at work every day administrating the affairs of this complex ministry. We are also finishing up a new book that will soon be published in the US as well as in Kenya. It is entitled, "WE GO TO THEM - Taking the Gospel to Where the People Are". It is a comprehensive guide on how to do effective field evangelism. The book is an expansion of the evangelism field-training manual that we have used for equipping field evangelists over the past thirty years.

Yes, this IS a crazy year. But, in the midst of it all, the ministry keeps pushing forward, and VISION 2020 is still very much in place. We did not close the first half of the year with what we had expected and hoped for, but we PRAISE GOD that He enabled us to see so many people come to Jesus. All of our expectations for 2020 have been challenged, but one thing we all know: God IS in control, and that is more than a spiritual cliché. It is a FACT - a fact we can rest in and count on. Thank you all for your prayers, for your continued support, and for always being with this ministry team as WE GO TO THEM!