

2024 MID-YEAR MINISTRY SUMMARY



Paul Musembi with students in our new work in Zambia

I'm calling this brief update a summary, because it is impossible to tell all that is going on out in the field in this limited space. There are 47 teams made up of 200 people who are traveling from place to place, every day of the week, delivering the Gospel message to the multitudes. They are operating in the African countries of Burundi, Congo, Kenya, Malawi, Nigeria, Rwanda, Tanzania, Uganda, and Zambia. They are preaching in school assemblies, open-air markets, street meetings, prisons, evening film shows, and anywhere else they can find a crowd of people that might be turned into an audience. In the first 180 days of this year this is what God accomplished through the WE GO TO THEM team network:

11,808 EVANGELISTIC EVENTS WERE CONDUCTED.

57,600 PER DAY HEARD THE CLEAR SIMPLE GOSPEL MESSAGE.

9,796,358 PEOPLE PRAYED TO RECEIVE JESUS IN THEIR HEART.

I realize that every time we send out an update, it contains a lot of numbers, which can tend to look cold and impersonal - even to me. But I urge you to do what I do and remember that they are made up of real living human beings - each one conceived in the mind of God and created by Him for the express purpose of living for Him and bringing glory to His Name. Out of that number 9,796,358, let's take a **single** number at random - 3,602,103. That number represents **ONE** person. Who are they? I don't know. Maybe it's a student in one of the thousands of school assemblies. Maybe it's a mom who came to the market to buy food for her family. But whoever they are, we know that God made special arrangements in their circumstances for them to be in that particular place at that particular time. And He has arranged for one of our WGTT team members to show up at just the right moment on just the right day to get the message of the Gospel to them. We also know that because they heard the Gospel and said yes to Jesus, they are now bound for heaven. When we think of it in that light, the numbers cease to be just numbers. They become opportunities to praise God for His amazing grace and His relentless pursuit to bring us to Himself - each ONE of us!



George Kemosi with students in Kenya



Newton Odhiambo sharing the Gospel with students in our new work in Uganda

PLEASE PRAY FOR VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT

As I have reported in previous newsletters, the WGTT ministry is expanding rapidly, which we want it to do. The establishment of each new station and team creates the potential of several hundred thousand people per year being reached for Jesus. But with expansion also comes the need for more vehicles, for the teams to travel from place to place, and for more sound systems to be used in reaching hundreds, or even thousands, of people at a time. God has been faithful to miraculously supply the ministry with many vehicles and sets of equipment which are being used daily in the field. But we need many more. Currently there is a need for 22 VEHICLES and 20 sets of equipment. So, please pray with us that God will provide these tools of evangelism in His Own way and time.

AGAIN - THANK YOU ALL FOR BEING WITH US AS WE GO TO THEM!!!

Ebenezer - Jehovah Jireh

GOD SUPPLIES - EVEN AT THE LAST MINUTE

In Genesis 22:1-19, we find the familiar account of God instructing Abraham to sacrifice his son Isaac on Mount Moriah. We see that Abraham obeyed God by faith. But in verse 12, just as he was about to slay his son, "the angel of the Lord called unto him out of heaven" and told him at the last second not to harm his son. In verse 13 we see that God Himself provided the sacrifice. Then in verse 14 it says, "And Abraham called the place *Jehovah-Jireh*," - The Lord will provide.

There are numerous stories in the Bible of God sending His provision, His deliverance, and His supply at the last minute, even when it appeared to reason and logic that all hope was gone. And when we read them, there is always the tendency to wonder, would God do that for ME? We think, "I'm not an Abraham, I'm not a Moses at the Red Sea, I'm just an ordinary Christian". Well, from one very "ordinary Christian" to another, let me tell you, He WILL provide for you, even at the last minute, if you will hold on in faith and trust Him. God is not bound by our deadlines. Over the years, Sheila and I have seen Him provide at the last minute on numerous occasions, many having to do with evangelistic campaigns or reaching souls for Jesus. But this little story I share with you here had nothing to do with that. It was just one of those "ordinary" family needs.

In August of 1982 we were once again facing a deadline which appeared to be impossible to meet. It involved the payment of school fees. Our son, Michael, was 13 going into 8th grade, and his sister, Rachel, was 11 going into 6th grade. They were attending a wonderful Christian school that was built by the church where we served from 1973-77. We enrolled them in the school in kindergarten and believed it to be God's plan for them to continue there until high school graduation. Paying the enrollment fees each year had never been easy for us, but this particular year it was especially difficult, since we were just getting started in a faith ministry of international evangelism. As the final payment date approached, we had no idea what to do. We needed \$1,200.

It was no surprise, of course, that the payment had to be paid. We had been praying about it and trying for weeks to pay toward it. But there was just no money. Sheila and I knew that it would not be the end of the world if the kids went to public school. They would probably do just fine. But that was not the issue. We believed they were where God wanted them, and we were therefore committed to keeping them there. But HOW? The day before the final due date I called the office to see if we could get an extension. But I was told it wasn't possible, and if we did not have the payment in at 8:00 the next morning our kids' places would be given to someone else. There was a waiting list. I had no idea what to do. Where could I possibly get \$1,200 by the next morning?

I prayed and thought all day. Finally, at 6:00 in the evening I went out into an open field behind our house to pray. There was a little hill in the field. I stood on it and lifted my hands to God and prayed. I said, "God, Sheila and I believe it to be Your will for Michael and Rachel to continue at this school, but we have no money, and the deadline is tomorrow morning. Lord, I'm scared. I don't want them to lose their places. But, if I don't have that money by tomorrow morning, they are going to. Lord, I ask You to help us."

The evening passed and at 10:00 I went upstairs to get ready to go to bed. About five minutes later, Sheila called out to me from downstairs and said, "Shad! You need to come down! There is someone here to see you!" I could not imagine who in the world it could be, especially at 10:00 at night. I walked into the den and a very good friend was sitting on the couch. I said, "Brother! What are you doing here?" Then he explained, "You know I have told you I have part ownership in a small company out west, and once a quarter I receive a check from it. Well, today I received the check, and the moment I did, God spoke to me and told me to give part of it to you. The amount He told me to give is \$1,200. I was going to bring it to you tomorrow, but the Lord pressed me to bring it tonight. So, that's why I'm here so late." With that, he handed me a check for \$1,200 - the exact amount we needed. Then I shared with our friend about the need, the deadline, and my meeting with God a few hours earlier. Needless to say, we had a hallelujah praise meeting, and we all went to bed that night having seen the hand of God move in our lives.

Dear friend, I'm not an Abraham or a Moses, and you aren't either. But we ARE children of God, and we DO have a loving heavenly Father Who will ALWAYS meet our needs - even at the last minute. On that August night long ago, I was just a very scared, desperate dad with nowhere on earth to turn to for help. But, when I called out to God, He heard and answered. In fact, He had the problem solved before I even called out to Him. He will do the same for you - even at the last minute.