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# BONGGA TOWN

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HIGHLIGHTS

A PUBLICATION OF IN HIS NAME MINISTRIES





# NEW GROUND

Bonga is thought to be the oldest town in south-west Ethiopia. It is situated in the Kaffa region, where coffee was first discovered. The persecution that the evangelicals face in Bonga is intense. Our team was not allowed to openly preach the Gospel in the streets, as we usually do in the run-up to our crusades. In fact, some months ago, missionaries were arrested for doing this. Thankfully, we were granted permission by the local authorities to hold our mass meetings—the first of their kind in Bonga—and so, we soldiered forward with great faith and fortitude. When we started our crusade preparations in Bonga, only around 10% of its inhabitants were born again. Now, that percentage is much greater! Over 15,000 pieces of follow-up material were distributed during our four days of services (6-9 April). “We cannot begin to express the impact you have made,” articulated the evangelical fraternal chairman. “You have broken new ground. We have never had anything like this.”

# HEALING

Prayer for the sick was followed by wonderful testimonies. Testaye is a 57-year-old farmer and father of eight. For the past ten years, his body has been a hothouse of aches and infirmities. “My entire body was in pain,” he explained. “Everything was difficult for me to do.” He attended our crusade from the first service, believing the Lord fervently for his healing. On his way home after one of the meetings, Testaye had an open vision of someone standing before him and handing him a gift. In his vision, he accepted it and instinctively knew that it was his healing. Continuing home, he went to bed. The next morning, when Testaye awoke, all soreness and symptoms were gone! He testified with tremendous glee, jumping up and down and showing off his newfound, sorrow-free state.





# MIRACLES

Asnakechi is a 45-year-old mother of four and a homemaker. Five months ago, she suffered a stroke. Since then, she struggled with mobility in her right side and also, tremors. The Lord restored her mobility and banished the shaking, leaving an elated and rejoicing Asnakechi. "He healed me for free!" she expressed, moving her body about on stage. "I did not even have to give Him money. Jesus is my only Lord and my only Saviour!" Tesfa is a 25-year-old mother of three. Her left shoulder and arm had been immobile for the past several months. She could not pinpoint the cause. The pain and stiffness had begun suddenly and were not improving. Fulfilling household chores and caring for her children was extremely difficult. During one of our services, the Lord touched that ailing limb, removing all pain and restoring mobility. "I am completely healed!" Tesfa expressed. "I thank my God!"

Shaza is a 23-year-old wife and homemaker. Five years ago, she injured her left leg and had been in agony ever since. One year ago, her lower back started likewise to pain her. Now, she could neither get up nor sit down without assistance and any physical activity was difficult. Shaza had heard about the crusade at her church and came with the expectation to be healed. She attended our services on both Thursday and Friday and left with no noticeable difference in her body. "I decided that today was my day!" she voiced, testifying on stage on the Saturday. It was her day indeed! Our Jesus did a thorough work in her from top to toe, liberating her from both leg and back ailments. Another testimony was shared with great enthusiasm by one of our ushers. His six-month-old daughter, Jerusalem had been fighting an infection for weeks. He was becoming increasingly worried. In addition, she had a large tumour on her little body. During one of our services, when praying for the sick, Tamryn had specifically included loved ones at home. "The Lord is touching your loved one right now!" she had declared. When he returned home, he laid his hands on his daughter and repeated the prayer. The next morning, Jerusalem was perfectly well! The infection was no more and the tumour had disappeared. What a mighty miracle!



On Sunday morning, all evangelical churches closed their doors and their pastors and congregation members met on our crusade field for a mass service. We praised the risen Lord and handed out Certificates of Appreciation to the pastors and volunteers, as well as copies of the Amharic version of Tamryn's book on the Holy Spirit and evangelism, *Spirit of Fire*.





# EMPOWERMENT

In addition to preaching the Gospel and praying for the sick, teachings on the Holy Spirit and evangelism were also presented, layer upon layer being laid, culminating in prayer for the baptism of the Holy Spirit during the final service. The objective was to equip every believer to be used by God, ensuring that by the completion of the crusade, an army of avid soul-winners had been birthed who would continue ministering the Good News in Bonga. Objective achieved! Prayer for the Holy Spirit baptism was power-packed. Believers were filled from on high with the Spirit of the Most High and committed enthusiastically to sharing Jesus with friends, family, co-workers and strangers. This crusade was only the beginning of what our Lord is eager to do in Bonga!

# THANK YOU!

The weather cooperated beautifully. Even though the month of April marks the beginning of the Ethiopian rainy season, the rain skirted our services marvellously. Every night, it poured. Yet, during the day, no deluge disrupted our meetings. We thank the Lord and we thank you, dear friend for your prayers! Heartfelt thanks as well for your financial support. Such made this endeavour possible. Together with you, the darkness in Bonga has been driven back and the Light of Life is reigning supreme!









# UPCOMING FIRE CONFERENCES

## GONDAR (25-28 MAY) AND BAHIR DAR (1-4 JUNE)

Only around 2% of the populations of Gondar and Bahir Dar are saved. We are not allowed to hold mass crusades in public venues in these locations. Hence, we go to equip the saints for soul-winning through the holding of Fire Conferences in the largest church compounds in these towns. Such conferences will also include services where the Gospel shall be preached and to which believers will invite the unsaved.

