
BENSA DAYE

HIGHLIGHTS

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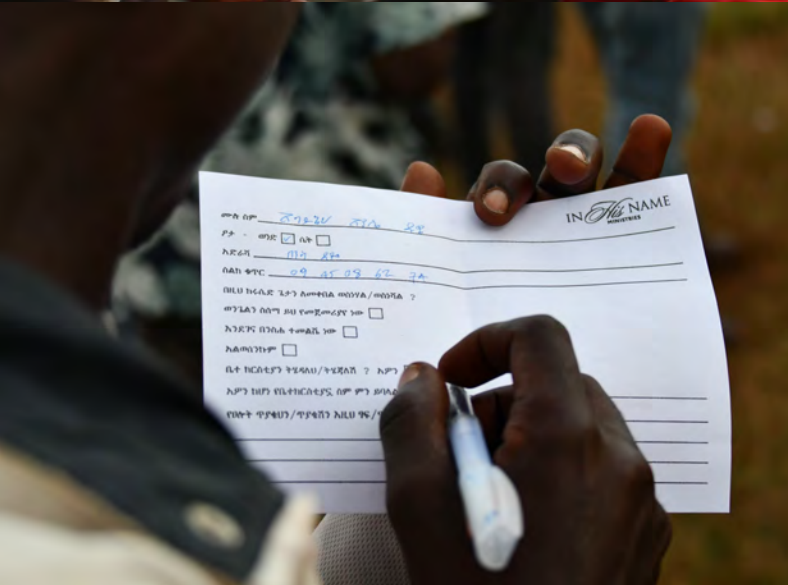
TRAINING

Our last crusade for 2022 was held in the rural, Ethiopian community of Bensa Daye from 8-11 December. This town is located over 400km south of the capital city of Addis Ababa. The Sidama people inhabit the location, whose lives centre around agriculture, including the farming of coffee and false banana. The build-up to our crusade was fantastic in its own right. We have always trained local believers for soul-winning and conducted street evangelism in the preparation phase. However, in Bensa Daye, we employed two Ethiopian evangelists—Samuel Desalegn and Chaltu Godana—solely for that purpose. What training they conducted, what one-on-one soul-winning and mini-outreaches they led! The churches in Bensa Daye are not in the habit of doing street evangelism. Now, we believe that this shall change. Our team will stay connected with those locals who have been trained and they will continue to initiate evangelistic activities in their community.

TESTING

Our Gospel Crusades are always trying. Why? We are preaching Jesus in areas plagued by unrest. Security-related challenges prevented us from holding our service in the local stadium, as planned and advertised. However, we never cancel services at In His Name so we shifted the meeting to a church compound that is located—conveniently—alongside the stadium. By the second day however, we were in the stadium with no restrictions being imposed on our services and our meetings hit the next level of impact. Over four days and six services, tens of thousands called upon the name of the Lord and more than 25,000 pieces of follow-up material were distributed. Please keep the pastors in your prayers as they connect with every new convert. May each fledgling believer become a mighty man or woman of God in their community!





TESTIMONIES

Prayer for the sick was followed by some tremendous testimonies. Among them was 20-year-old Habtamu who had fallen from a tree over a month ago. His right arm had been badly injured and his right hand, broken. Limited access to medical care made giving that arm and hand the needed attention, impossible. The arm remained in agony and the hand, immobile. A day labourer, Habtamu could no longer perform his duties. He was frustrated, out of pocket and in pain. During prayer, Jesus touched this young man in a powerful way. His hand is now perfect and his arm, strong. Ecstatic, Habtamu showed off his newfound mobility. "I thank my Lord!" he expressed. "He is my only Saviour forever. My life has completely changed!"

Roda is a 47-year-old farmer and father of five. He had been mad for fifteen, long years, his mind utterly tormented and confused. He was unable to think lucidly and his family suffered terribly as a result of his mental distress. During our crusade, he received Jesus as Saviour and with his salvation, came his deliverance. “You all know me,” Roda shared from stage. “You know how mad I was. Now, my mind is clear. I am completely changed! I am free!” Raising his hands and rejoicing, this precious man glorified his Saviour and the crowd shared in his ecstatic praise. Hallelujah! Mesifin is a 20-year-old motorbike driver, a vehicle used in Bensa Daye—as in many towns across Africa—for quick and affordable transport. Five months ago, he had broken his right leg in an accident and that leg had not healed properly. Its range of movement was limited and it was very painful. Naturally, this disability impacted the ability of this young man to do his work. Wonderfully, Jesus has done what the doctors were not able to do! Mesifin is healed. He jumped up and down on stage, leaping on his right leg and kicking it with glee. Buzuna is 35 years old. He works in education. For the past five years, this dear gentleman had struggled with terrible depression. “I could not sleep,” he shared, “the depression was so great.” During prayer, that blanket of hopelessness lifted from his mind, leaving him completely liberated. “I am so peaceful! I praise my Lord because He has healed me without any payment!” Yes, indeed. Our Jesus gives freely to all those who call upon His name!



Buja is a 60-year-old grandmother. A year ago, a tumour started to develop in her lower abdomen. It had grown so large that she could easily feel the mass and her doctor had told her that she would need to be operated on very soon. During one of our services, Dr Jesus performed His own procedure and Buja could not contain her excitement as she testified. “I do not need an operation any longer!” she announced. “The tumour is gone! I can no longer feel it in my body!” The crowd celebrated with her. Degu is a young man of 18 and a day labourer by profession. Three years ago, he had started to drink and very soon, alcohol controlled his life. “I was addicted,” he confessed. Degu attended one of our first services and received Jesus as his Saviour. Since this encounter with the Lord, he has had no desire for alcohol whatsoever—and no withdrawal symptoms either! He testified in our final meeting: “I was sick with sin, but now, I am free!” Hallelujah and amen!





TRANSFORMATION

The Sunday of our crusade week was fire-filled and Spirit-saturated from beginning to end. We began the day with a mass church service on our crusade field, the evangelical congregations all closing their doors and uniting as the Body of Christ, regardless of denomination. We handed out certificates to lead pastors and volunteers, thanking them for their support, together with 100 copies of the Amharic version of my book, "Spirit of Fire" which teaches on evangelism. Come evening and our final service, Tamryn preached one last message on the Holy Spirit after the Gospel had been shared, before we prayed for Jesus to baptise His children with His Spirit. What holy chaos erupted! Believers were filled to overflowing with the presence and power of God. May they go forth into the highways and byways as His witnesses, with signs and wonders following! We prayed for all the prayer requests that had been submitted over the crusade period and also, the nation of Ethiopia.

THANKSGIVING

Thank you very much for your unwavering support. Such has resulted in yet another remote, Ethiopian community being eternally impacted by our Jesus. He bids that we go into all the world and we are going very eagerly. Thank you for sending us!





UPCOMING CRUSADES

HEIDEVELD CRUSADE

From 19-22 February, we will be crusading in Heideveld, South Africa, a suburb of Cape Town plagued by gang violence and drug abuse.

SHAKISO CRUSADE

From 2-5 March, we will be crusading in Shakiso, Ethiopia, a town 500km south of Addis Ababa, populated primarily by the Oromo people.

BONGA CRUSADE

From 6-9 April, we will be crusading in Bonga, Ethiopia, a town thought to be the oldest in western Ethiopia. Only 10% of its population are born-again.

