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A NOTE FROM TAMRYN



I write this note to you on the heels of our time in Ambo, Ethiopia. It is your prayers that carry us through, dear friend, time and time again. Our experiences in Ambo made this, once again, abundantly plain. What if the protests had taken place during the crusade week itself? What if the local government had cancelled the crusade, not wanting to risk a mass gathering while unrest still simmered? What if the pastors and believers had been overwhelmed by fear and sorrow, shrinking back rather than working together with us? Your prayers and support have broken the chains of oppression and caused the Prince of Peace to be preached. Read the report that follows and rejoice with us!

NOTHING CAN STOP THE GOSPEL!

Our time in Ambo was extraordinary (31 October - 3 November). Crusades are always rife with challenges but the final week leading up to our meetings in Ambo and the first meeting itself, made it feel as if the devil was fighting this soul-winning endeavour with an extra degree of ferocity. The week prior to our crusade was an extremely violent one in Ambo. Political protests erupted that resulted in close to eighty deaths and the town being on lockdown for four days. Miraculously, the local authorities did not cancel our upcoming mass gathering - which is the customary response in Ethiopia following an uprising - but, following the lockdown, permitted that we continue with our preparations. Continue we did, rushing to catch up on the precious days of planning lost and encouraging both pastors and believers that now was not the time to shrink back in fear but rather, now was the time to preach the Gospel! When the day before our crusade arrived, the setting up of stage, sound and the like having been completed, another challenge besieged our team.



Thousands hear the Gospel



Ambo is now filled with smiles

Late that afternoon, we were informed that the Prime Minister was landing the next morning via helicopter in the local stadium – our crusade grounds – to meet with authorities. Protocol required that our entire sound and stage set-up be removed due to security concerns. When he left in the afternoon, we had only a few hours to erect enough equipment to hold the first day's service. The team did spectacularly well but by the time we got going, the lateness of the hour made many too nervous to attend, protesters having been stirred up again by the coming of the Prime Minister. Yet, preach the Gospel we did and a river of salvation and healing started to trickle into Ambo. The next morning, we finished setting up all equipment and that evening, the trickle turned into a floodtide! A surge of salvation and liberation was at hand.



Pastors receive their certificates

Gospel message after Gospel message, thousands were swept into the Kingdom. Our ushers worked fervently to complete decision cards and distributed follow-up material: 50,000 pieces in total. How glorious! The pastors are jubilant and now hard at work contacting the new converts and pulling them into the local churches. We awarded Certificates of Appreciation to the almost one hundred pastors who worked on this crusade together with us. Such were warmly received. Prayer for the sick resulted in spectacular testimonies. Mari is a 45-year-old mother of five who had been tormented by acute stomach pains for fifteen years. "I could not eat properly, I lost so much weight," she shared, her stature small and frail. "I was very weak and in such pain, I could not do my housework, I could not look after my children. But, during prayer, the power of God touched me. I am free!" Another woman had been unable to use her right leg for the past decade. The undiagnosed pain in that limb was extremely severe and immobilising. Jesus healed her completely. Bouncing up and down on stage, she ululated and sang praises to the Almighty, running back and forth to demonstrate her newfound autonomy. One young man, 30-year-old Rebina, was born deaf in his left ear. That ear can now hear perfectly. What a mighty miracle!



Our Ethiopian Director, Ps. Elias Shumeta

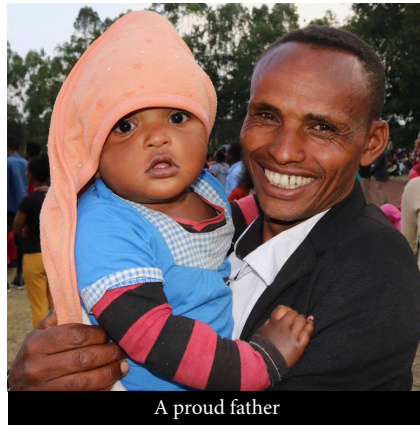
A young woman named Edlawit had been under the vice of a kidney infection for twelve, excruciating years. Any woman who has suffered from this knows how debilitating such an infection is. During prayer, the pain she thought would be never-ending, left her body. Hallelujah! The Holy Spirit was taught on during the crusade period and when the final service came, we prayed for all to be filled from on High. The Spirit fell with such intensity that while we were still asking those gathered to raise their hands, He descended upon them. Exquisite chaos ensued, directed by the hand of the Almighty. An army of soul-winners was born, ready to win Ethiopia for Jesus! We prayed blessings over Ambo, declaring key Scriptures. One could feel the atmosphere grow pregnant with promise. In conclusion, dear friend, we are in awe of what the Lord has done! This town, which only recently was neck-deep in fear and violence, is now nestled in the arms of our Saviour King. Heartfelt thanks. This crusade would not have been possible without your prayers and support. Arise and shine, Ambo, the glory of the Lord has risen upon you! The Peacemaker has been proclaimed and another African town forever changed by His presence and power. Please celebrate with us.



A man jumps, showing his healing



A precious visitor from a nearby village



A proud father



A young woman



Hands are lifted as the Spirit falls

COMING NEXT: SHASHAMANE, ETHIOPIA

Our next crusade and the final one for In His Name for 2019, will be held in Shashamane, Ethiopia from 5 - 8 December. Shashamane is a small town located about 240 kilometres (150 miles) from the capital city, Addis Ababa. It falls within the Oromia Region, the same state in which Ambo falls and a state in which unrest is common. Just over twenty percent of the population of Shashamane declare themselves to be Protestants while the majority adhere to the Islam and Orthodox religions. Our team has been working with the pastors of Shashamane for the past several months and now comes the final push of preparation. Soon, posters and banners will plaster the streets and flyers distributed with much one-on-one evangelism taking place. Volunteers will be trained and intercession will hit the next level of intensity. Please stand with us through your prayers and support. Shashamane shall be saved!

UPCOMING CRUSADES.

Shashamane 5-8 DEC 2019 — Dembi Dolo 6-9 FEB 2020

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