
ASELLA

HIGHLIGHTS

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INTRODUCTION

Last year March, the pandemic brought Ethiopia to a standstill the week before we were meant to crusade in Asella. All mass gatherings were cancelled and our crusade along with them. Our team was thrilled to be returning to Asella—and finish the work we had started! Still, like all crusades, this one was not without its challenges. Two days before our services began, the government declared a nationwide state of emergency due to advancing rebel forces. Wonderfully, the local government of Asella allowed our crusade to continue—on condition that we finish the meetings in time for the people to adhere to a strict curfew. Be blessed by the report that follows on our Asella Gospel Crusade (4-7 Nov 2021).

SALVATION

The people were a little apprehensive at the start of our crusade but by the second service, the crowd exploded with growth and continued to grow in leaps and bounds. Asella is a small town that is located around 160 kilometers south of the capital city of Ethiopia, Addis Ababa. Only 10% of its inhabitants are born-again believers. This figure has now increased exponentially! In each service, thousands responded to the altar call for salvation. They raised their hands heavenward, declared their belief in Jesus being the Son of God and His blood having the power to wash away their sins. Our ushers worked diligently to distribute follow-up material—over 18,000 pieces being handed out during the crusade period—and assist with the completion of prayer cards. The local pastors will use these prayer cards to contact the new converts so they can begin discipling them. Please keep both these fledgling believers and the pastors of Asella in your prayers.





MIRACLES

Prayer for the sick resulted in a floodtide of extraordinary testimonies. Meron is 23 years old. Since childhood, she had been unable to hold anything in her right hand or bend her right arm. She was severely limited because of the ailment. Now, her hand is strong and flexible. Her arm can bend and flex fully with no discomfort. Praise the Lord! Etenesh is 40 years old. The past four months have been an agonising torment, both her legs having become excruciatingly tender and covered with open sores. She could barely walk and struggled with her daily responsibilities. Her sister invited her to the crusade and she came—already a believer—desperate for a miracle from Jesus. Her Lord did not disappoint, touching her legs in a mighty way. The pain has vanished and the wounds are healing before her eyes. What a mighty God we serve!

Worknesh had been going from doctor to doctor for the past three years and was no better. Her 52-year-old body was wracked with pains. A migraine headache plagued her constantly. She was unable to bend her arms or grasp anything with her hands. She was convinced that she had some deadly ailment—cancer perhaps. Worknesh attended our very first service and Jesus touched her mightily. The agony is no more, the migraine is gone, her arms are strong and hands cooperative. “I have been carrying heavy things with no difficulty,” she testified, elated. “My whole life has changed. I can do whatever I need to do. Jesus Christ is my Lord forever!” Eight months ago, 28-year-old Abay fell from a height of several meters and landed on his left side. The experience had been excruciating and his back and ribs had never fully recovered. Jesus fixed what still needed fixing and Abay twisted and bent on stage—even doing a few pushups—showing off his newfound pain-free state. He was understandably overjoyed. We praise the Lord!



DELIVERANCE

Zewide lost her son four years ago. The grief drove this precious 52-year-old lady mad. She attended our crusade, heard the Gospel message, received Jesus as Saviour and was completely delivered from psychosis. Her mind is now sound and her heart filled with joy. "I am free!" she expressed. "I praise my Lord Jesus!" Nesesse is a middle-aged lady who had been besieged by demonic activity. Her body was burning and her mind tormented. "I vomited during prayer," she explained. "As soon as I had vomited, the burning vanished and my mind cleared." Nesesse also received Jesus as Saviour and dropped to her knees on stage, glorifying Christ her King.





UNITY

On Sunday morning, all evangelical churches in Asella closed their doors so that we could worship the Lord together. What unity, what celebration, what thanksgiving! In fact, our mass church service followed hot on the heels of a government-called town gathering. The mayor had requested the use of our sound and stage set-up to brief the inhabitants of Asella on the state of emergency regulations. We went from state of emergency announcements to King of Glory pronouncements with many receiving the Lord as Saviour. We also awarded certificates and copies of the Amharic version of my book, "Spirit of Fire" to certain key leaders among the pastors and volunteers who had laboured with us. They will have their own ceremony to distribute books and certificates to the rest.

FIRE

During the final service, Tamryn taught on the Holy Spirit following the Gospel message. We then prayed for all believers in attendance to be filled from on high. What an avalanche of divine impact hit the crowd, many being completely overwhelmed by His presence and power as the Spirit filled, healed and delivered. Tamryn had taught very clearly on how to work with the Spirit of God to witness to the unsaved and pray for the sick. We know that these fire-filled believers will go forward boldly, winning their communities for Jesus. We also prayed for the prayer requests that had been submitted during the crusade period and for the nation of Ethiopia, before we concluded our time together.





THANK YOU

Dear friend, your prayers and support have transformed the town of Asella. Thousands have said “Yes!” to Jesus and experienced the undeniable saving, healing and delivering power of the Most High God—even during a state of emergency. Please pray for peace in Ethiopia. Ethiopia belongs to Jesus and together with you, we shall continue preaching the Gospel within her borders and lifting on high the name of Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace. Amen!

