

KENYA MISSIONS TRIP REPORT, 2006



Jambo! Habari? (Swahili for Hello, how are you?)

Praise God for the wonderful trip we had to Kenya. The Lord's blessing was upon us from start to finish. From the time of check in at Melbourne to our return home the Lord has taken care of every aspect of our trip to the beautiful nation of Kenya.

It has been many years since I was able to visit Africa but since the 1980s the Lord has given me a tremendous love for the people, and nations of Africa, so arriving in Nairobi was a rich experience for me. As I stood in the car park at Nairobi airport, my first response was "thank you Lord, I am back!" Due to the generosity of many supporters we were able to bless the pastors and leaders in many ways. One of those blessings was to take a new PA system which we eventually managed to get through Kenya customs after paying a US \$200 'import duty'!

We were met at the airport by Pastor Jacqueline and George Rapando Lutta, and managed to load all our gear into the Land Cruiser and onto its roof. We then drove to the YMCA hostel which was to be our first night's accommodation. The mosquitos welcomed me in their own way by leaving about eight bites on my back which thankfully healed up very quickly. The sights, smells and sounds of Africa hit our senses and were such a blessing.

After a very short night's sleep we began our arduous 8-9 hour journey by road from Nairobi to Khulwanda, in the western province of Kenya. The roads were terrible to say the least with potholes, uneven surfaces, many parts unsealed and animals crossing whenever they wanted! We hit one bump in the road at high speed which threw me into the roof of the vehicle, damaging my neck and shoulder. The pain stayed with me for three days but then, Praise God, I was completely healed. On the same journey, our driver drove into the back of a mini-bus which led to an exciting hour of discussion and argument as the bus was surrounded by hundreds of people curious to see three white men. Eventually an amount was agreed to cover the damage and we were on our way again.

Driving in Africa is always an exciting experience! There are animals on the road, goats running across the road, people walking, hundreds of cyclists, bumps and potholes, but praise God for His protection.

Our journey took us through the Rift Valley which was an absolutely amazing sight and on through Nakuru and Eldoret. We eventually arrived at Mumias around seven pm. This accommodation was such a blessing as it was on the sight of the huge sugar factory and provided motel style rooms, which became our home for the entire trip. We were so well looked after and were able to try some of the local delicacies including Chapatti, sugar cane and sweet potatoes.

On our first Sunday I ministered at Khulwanda End Time Harvest Church, which was a powerful time. All three of us were moved to tears by the response of the people as the PA was brought in and given to them. There was wild clapping and cheering which lasted for at least 10 minutes. The simple joy and exuberance of the people was challenging to say the least. In the meeting dozens of people made fresh commitments to follow the Lord 100% and many were prayed for, receiving healing and freedom from fear.

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One baby was healed instantly from fever. I also prayed and prophesied over the pastors as the Holy Spirit flowed freely amongst us. The same day we visited an orphanage run by End Time Harvest, and also bought various items needed for the practical running of the Crusade.



The pastors and leaders conference started on the Monday and praise God for over 400 registered. Some were unable to come due to lack of finances but many travelled for at least a day in order to be able to attend. The response at every meeting was outstanding and in the first session over 100 came for prayer to deal with pride and areas of their own lives. As we finished the first meeting torrential rain poured down and very quickly the marquee was flooded. Later in the day the roof collapsed and we had to cancel the meeting plans for that first night.

On the Tuesday the rain had stopped and we were to begin a pattern of rain from around 3:30 – 5:30 every day. Thank you to the many who prayed about the weather as we were able to continue with all the meetings as planned. However, for a couple of days we had to hold the meetings in a smaller church building which generally could only hold 150 people, but we managed to cram in at least 300 people!

Every morning I taught the pastors on various issues, including discipleship, anchors to hold us in the storms of life and understanding and moving in the authority the Lord has given us. (These sessions were opened up to whoever could attend!) The night meetings were times of outstanding outpouring of the Holy Spirit. So many testimonies of healing were received, along with many people being saved and set free from various problems. On the Tuesday night many were healed of back pain and stomach problems. A lady was healed of earache and nausea. Another lady who had for year's endured blurred vision was able to easily count the numbers I held up.

During the Wednesday morning teaching seven people were saved, including one government official who happily came to the front to share what had happened. Also one man had been passing by intending to visit the local witch doctor. Hearing the music and teaching, came into the building and was wonderfully saved and physically healed. In the second session of the day the Lord had me challenge many regarding sexual sin and many of those present came forward for prayer and deliverance.

The afternoon sessions were generally taken by Simon and Tim. Simon spoke wonderfully in two sessions, giving his testimony and sharing on areas of youth ministry. Tim also shared his testimony and took one session where he just led the people in praise and worship.



In almost every session and meeting people were saved and healed in dynamic ways. It was exciting to hear that every denomination of church was represented at the meetings, which had apparently never happened before in that region. Invitations had been sent to every church and religious group in the area, including the Muslims and we did have many Muslims in the meeting. Initially they were reluctant to respond publicly but, praise God, several were saved during the week! Apparently the whole area was abuzz with all that the Lord was doing, and day after day the numbers attending increased. On the last night I believe there were around 600 people in attendance.

Alcoholics were set free, many were healed from nausea and ear aches. On one night 25 people were saved and on the final night we had 65 people saved including a number of Muslims. One dwarf woman who had been working as a prostitute and had two illegitimate children came to the meetings and on her second visit gave her life to the Lord. Her public testimony was outstanding and the crowd responded with wild praise for several minutes.

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There were times where we had to break demonic powers over many who had been worshipping ancestors, serpent gods, and all sorts of other gods. Every day we received testimonies of instantaneous healings and deliverance with clear manifestations as people were set free. One older man shared how his back had become increasingly painful, but then proceeded to dance wildly to show everyone how the Lord had healed him.

It was amazing, as we prayed for people, to see how the power of God flowed so easily upon them, and many times they would hit the floor under the anointing but were totally unconcerned with their surroundings as God did a mighty work.

On the last night the place was vibrant from the outset and in the middle of my sermon I had to stop preaching and we began to dance and praise God for a long time, before I finished my sermon. At the end of that meeting we saw 65 people come forward for salvation and countless numbers healed in many exciting ways. Pain left bodies, fevers instantly disappeared, and dozens were freed from fear. One man whose eyes were very weak and couldn't read as a result testified how his eyes had been completely healed and he was now able to read the bible comfortably.

We were told by many that there had never been such an outreach and event in this region of Kenya, which had impacted so many people.

On the final day I ministered at Bungoma End Time Harvest Church and again the Lord moved powerfully touching many lives. I spoke briefly to the youth, and then we had the main public meeting where I ministered and shared the Word, praying with many people for healing. I was then asked to pray over and dedicate 26 children and then pray over 10 new converts who had been water baptised that morning.

As we flew from Kisumu to Nairobi that night our hearts were rejoicing over all the Lord had done, and at the same time saddened that we were leaving, after what had seemed to be such a short trip. I had been asked if we would continue the night meetings but knew in the Lord that this wasn't to happen on this trip. There is no doubt I will return to Kenya next year by the grace of God, as the Lord has joined our hearts with some of the key leaders in that region of Kenya. We will doubtless work together for the advancement of the Kingdom of God in the coming days.

Throughout the whole trip the team was so aware that many, many people around the world were praying for us and we thank you for your faithfulness in supporting us as we trained many leaders and saw the Lord work hundreds of miracles. To all those who gave financially we want to thank you and will be sending a separate note to you.

I can honestly say on behalf of the team that not only were we impacted by what the Lord did in so many lives, but also by the way He challenged us with the simple enthusiasm and commitment of the many people we met during this visit.

Thank you (*Asante*) again for your loving support and we look forward to all that the Lord will do in the future with our relationship with the Kenyans.

Love and blessings,

John (For the team)

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