

Report for Malawi Outreach

26th to 30th April 2012



Tuesday, 24 April 2012

Suzette and I left for Malawi two days earlier than the planned outreach to spend two days at Lake Malawi and also because of the long weekend in South Africa.

Our flight was full and there were only 5 business class seats open and no economy seat open on flight, this was because of the long weekend and people returning to Malawi to be reunited with their families.

We arrived at Lilongwe airport later than planned because of a 45 minute delay at OR Tambo airport due to the very thick mist at the airport! When we left South Africa it was cold and wet, but once in Malawi the weather was perfect.

Once clear of customs and passport control, we were met by three excited pastors, Pastors Sam, Edwin and George, all smiling and happy that we were back in Malawi again. All the months of planning had boiled down to this first meeting. We were here in Malawi and reunited with our friends again!

After a drive into Lilongwe we headed straight for Café Delight to have a short meeting and lunch together. We were all glad to be together again and excited to see what God was going to do during this crusade! We chatted and made jokes as we got time to get reacquainted.

During our lunch we discussed the crusade and all the arrangements that were planned. We also converted the finances for the crusade and then Suzette and I were off to Lake Malawi, specifically the Lake Side Hotel.

After a two hour drive to Salima we arrived at our hotel, but we were in for a huge shock, as we were shown our room! Now Suzette and I are not fussy and when in Malawi you cannot be too fussy about the accommodation but this room must have been the worst room available in Malawi, it was just uninhabitable.

The floors were cracked, the room stank and the beds were dilapidated, we just said this is not acceptable and turned around and walked out.

We decided to drive to a nearby hotel called the Livingstonia but their prices were VERY excessive, \$250 a night. So I said to Suzette, that we could rather use that money for the outreach and we decided to rather go back to Lilongwe and stay somewhere cheaper. I was not happy about this situation and the prospect of driving all the way back to Lilongwe.

With lots of prayer and careful driving we negotiated the road back to Lilongwe. In itself this was not dangerous but we had to be very careful of pedestrians, bicycles and animals. To make matters worse my Malawian Cell phone had no coverage, so we could not contact George or Edwin! I managed to send an SMS from my South African cell phone letting them know that we were returning back to Lilongwe. And that we were heading for the De Villiers hotel (the guest house where we usually stay at)!

We arrive safely in Lilongwe at about 8:30pm and as we turned off Blantyre road, there was George and Edwin waiting for us. They got into the car and drove us to the Pacific hotel because the De Villiers hotel was not available.

Although this hotel was expensive we were so tired by now that we just wanted a place that was clean and tidy to spend the night. This hotel was real very nice and we paid a lot for the two nights but it was worth it and far cheaper than the hotels at the Lake!

So our first day in Malawi was not too good but at least we had a nice warm bed and we managed to get a Naan bread from the kitchen, for supper and two bottles of coke. We really were not too hungry and Suzette and I ate our food, talked a bit and then went to bed!

The next morning we were woken up early by the kitchen staff making breakfast and also the people checking out of the hotel! Boy these people were noisy, eventually we decided to get up and have breakfast!

The time at the Pacific hotel was spent relaxing and going over my notes and relaxing. We also managed to spend time together and visiting with our friends from Malawi, both Thomas and his wife, and George and Edwin visited us there!

Thursday, 26 April 2012

On Thursday morning, Edwin and Sam fetched us and took us to the Discount Lodge in Area 10. This was a very nice place. A very BIG house and everything was clean and tidy. Once again the "De Villiers Hotel" was full and they were not able to accommodate us until Saturday which gave us something to look forwards to.

The pastors, left us there at the Discount Lodge to rest for a few hours before we would leave for Kanyenje. Little did we know that there would be no afternoon rest either because once again the staff made a lot of noise!

At around 3pm, Pastor s Sam and George collected us at the Discount lodge and we drove to Kanyenje for the start of our crusade.

Once we arrive at Kanyenje the people we so excited to see us and arrived in groups singing hymns on their way to the school where we would have our meetings.

Unfortunately the truck with the ministry team and sound equipment was running later due to some problems with starting the engine, so they would arrive much later.



There were many children at the school who had heard that we were arriving and came to see us. We were most probably the first white people they had seen so close. They were scared but very inquisitive and I played a game with them which caused them to shriek with laughter!

Due to there being no sound equipment, we decided to minister to the children who were there by telling them the dramatized story of David and Goliath with all the action and "props"! I told them the story and George translated. Soon there were screeches of laughter as we told the story. At this time the adults started coming closer too to hear the story.

After the story we had our first altar call and more than 169 people responded to the altar call and gave their hearts to Jesus Christ!

A local band from a local village started playing music and the people started singing Gospel songs. After a while we decided to do the evening crusade without any amplification and so I preached a Salvation message to the people in the pitch dark with a few touches giving us some light. At the end of this message, I once again invited the people to come forward if they wanted to accept Jesus Christ as their Saviour.

Another 98 people came forwards and prayed the prayer of Salvation and made Jesus Christ, Lord of their lives by praying the sinner's prayer.

Shortly after this the truck arrived and the people started pitching the tents for the crusade and we left for home after a very fruitful day where more than 265 people came to the saving grace of Jesus Christ and made Jesus Christ the Lord of their lives by accepting Him as their personal saviour!

We drove back to Lilongwe praising God and we prayed for at least 30 minutes no stop while driving home, just Thanking him for all that He had done and would still do!

Friday, 27 April 2012

On Friday morning we rose early and were on our way once again to Kanyenje. We stopped to give a few people from the church a lift to the outreach. After about two hours, we arrived at the school grounds at Kanyenje school!

The children of the school were buzzing with excitement. Mzungu...Mzungu! (white man) they said to each other. There was total chaos at the school and soon the head master allowed the children to go home early! All these

children excitedly joined our services, and many were led to Christ.

The first session was taken by George who preached on, "Keeping the fire of Revival burning". I had requested that the pastors also preach messages at our outreaches as this gave me some time to rest and also gave them more credibility among the people and practice as they preached – Malawi for Jesus is a group project and so I want everyone to share the load together.

The second session, I preached about prayer and praying. How to speak to God and how to hear the voice of God. After the session I invited anyone who wanted to receive Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour to come forward and 91 people responded!



Next we broke for lunch but I was not too hungry as I had eaten something the previous night which did not agree with me! So I sat with Suzette and the pastors while they ate!

The third session, I preached on reaching out and leading people to the Lord. I once again made an alter call and 28 people responded.

After this they got all the people together and they did a Jesus march down into the village. We put the band on the back of the

truck with the sound system and off we went on the Jesus march. The people stood along the main road and watched as we went by and then followed us back to the school grounds.

That night I preached the outreach meeting from the back of the truck (a first for me) and many people came to the saving grace of Jesus Christ and made Him, Lord of their lives. We counted 189 people who came forward but many



who put up their hands did not come forward and give us their names! After this we headed back to Lilongwe to for supper and some much needed sleep . On our way home, we stopped at a Steers take away for food but I said that it was too expensive for just us to eat as the pastors planned and that we should rather head down the road to Café Delight we were could afford for everyone to eat something. Which we did and we all enjoy something to eat and drink!

Saturday, 28 April 2012

We were up and packed early on Saturday morning as we checked out of the Discount lodge and headed to the De Villiers hotel. We greeted Willie and he took our bags as we drove off to outreach at Kanyenje.

Today we were most excited as God had already brought 573 people to Christ and we were expecting many more people to arrive from the various church districts. We were also looking forward to meeting up with our friends and pastors form Kasungu who had arrived later on Friday evening.

After many jokes and a two hour drive we arrived at Kanyenje and one could see that there were many more people than any of the previous days! The people were already praising God and worshipping Him when we joined the service.

The first session was taken by Pastor Edwin who also preached on "Keeping the Fire of Revival burning", we were all so bless by his and George's message son this topic.



I started the second session, preaching my first of two sessions on faith. I explained what faith is and how it works. I also explained that every person was give according to Romans 12:3 a measure of Faith and that was primarily so that we would have enough faith to believe the message of Salvation and so that we could be saved.

I invited the people to use their measure of faith and accept Jesus Christ as their Lord and Saviour and 219 people came forward for salvations.

After lunch I continued with the third session teaching about faith and this time I explained how a person goes about getting into faith. I also explained more about the measure of faith given to us and once again made an alter call and 146 people came forward to receive Jesus Christ as their Saviour and Lord.

By this time our presence in the community has become widely known and people from all over come to the tents to hear what we had to say to them. Many people sat in the tents but many people sat around outside of the tents, in the sun, listening to the Word of God being preached.

One must understand that there is no electricity in these rural areas and so the sound of music draws people and they come to be entertained because there is nothing else to do! They do not have televisions and other forms of entertainment so whenever there is some sport being played like soccer and netball or a ministry team coming to visit them or there is loud music they come!

We did not have an evening crusade because there was a crisis with the food. We had planned on feeding about 4,000 people a day and had enough food for this but the food stock was running low because there were more people to feed than we had planned. We decided to show the Jesus film early and another 50 people came to Salvation.

We left a little after the Jesus film started and travelled back to the De Villiers Hotel where we all ate a meal together and praised God for the 415 people who came to Christ during this day. We were already close to 1,000 decisions for Christ, each one individually counted, there were many more that never came forward and so we did not record their numbers.

I am very particular about our suppers. I want all my pastors there and we take this time to eat together, chat and build strong bond and friendships. I believe that our unity and trust which is built up during these meals is very important and so I try to have as many times when we as a group (Apostles Sam, Oupa George and Larsen as well as Edwin, George, Suzette and I), can spend quality time together around a meal. It really builds strong bond and trust between us and we really enjoy these times during our crusades.

Sunday, 29 April 2012



Sunday morning was another early start! We laughed as people from our church in South Africa, sent us a BBM's and SMS's, which said we must enjoy our holiday! This certainly was no holiday with us getting up at 6:30am and getting into bed after 11pm, we were tired but happy.

After a lovely breakfast that only Willie can make, we drove back to Kanyenje for what Suzette and I thought would be a short day but.

how wrong we were. As we waited for the Paramount Chief Chiwere to arrive many choirs sang to us. This was really very good and we enjoyed the singing. I also got chance to speak to Genesis Banda, the pastor of the church we help build in Kawamba in December 2011. I asked Genesis how many Salvations he had, had in his church since December 2011, he replied 219! I then asked him how many members he now had in his church and he said 219 and then he explained that he expected to double the size of his church by December 2012! All I can say is WOW! Praise God we assisted in getting his church finished, the fruit is amazing!

Many chiefs and tribal leaders started arriving and then the Paramount chief Chiwere arrived! Everyone was happy to see him and his presence confirmed his approval of our being in his kingdom! In Africa one realises the high rank of an individual by the respect they show the person. When Chief Chiwere arrived, all the tribal leaders and chiefs of the area stood up!

My topic for the Sunday service was about "faith and healing", but I had a distinct impression to share a short message on our worth to God, how God sees us as extremely valuable. So when I went forward to preach I welcomed the chiefs and especially the Paramount chief Chiwere.

I explained how valuable we are to God and that he sent His Son to earth to die for us because of our inheritance value which God had for us. I went further by explaining how money really is a piece of paper, but it did not matter how dirty,

uses, abused or spat on money was – it has an inherent value. I asked the people who wanted to accept the plan God had made for us because we are so valuable and 355 people came forward, including many of the chiefs and tribal leaders.

After this I preached about the measure of faith and how God not only gave us a measure of faith to trust in Jesus Christ but also to believe Him for His healing again we made an appeal for anybody who wanted to accept Christ as their personal Saviour to come forwards and a further 46 people came forward.



We then called all the sick forward and I invited all the pastors to help me pray for all the people! There were many, many people who were healed and demons were cast out.

After this the pastor's came forward to Thank everyone for coming. Many of the Chiefs came forwards and Thanked us and praised us for coming to their area. Even the headmaster invited us back anytime and he would give us the school grounds for the outreach.

After we had prayed for the sick, we had communion, this was really a moving time and so beautifully done. There is so much respect and honouring of God and the emblems of communion. It was our first communion service during any crusade and it was so special, I will remember it forever. We just thank God that we could witness this and be a part of this God honouring event!

After the communion Edwin started all the Thanks and I was invited to say Good bye, I was emotional and thanked everyone, especially God for what He had done and I promised to come back.

After I was finished, the Paramount Chief Chiwere was invited to speak to the people. He was so thankful that we came and invited us back any time to preach the Gospel. He even started preaching to his own chiefs telling them to love their own people as the church was doing. He also gave us a piece of ground to build a church right next to the main road.

After this I personally went to him and thanked him and shook his hand and the meeting was closed.

Soon the tents were coming down and everyone was packing up and we were saying our last good byes. I played a bit with the children who had by now become accustomed to me and were not so scared of me anymore.

Soon we too got into our car and travelled back to Lilongwe. We arrived at De Villiers hotel at 7:30pm and were given an hour and half to rest and wash before supper and our final, post evaluation meeting.

At 9pm the pastors arrived and we ate a wonderful meal together. We chatted and laughed but too soon supper was over and we assembled in the sitting room to discuss the crusade and any problems or issue we might have. Also this would be a time of feedback and evaluation of the crusade to see where we failed and where we could do things better..

Everyone was in agreement that this was truly an amazing time where God did many mighty miracles. Everyone was happy with the logistics and planning and although there were a few small problems which were beyond our control, there were all overcome by us joining together and solving them together as a team.

The overall impression was a job well done! This outreach truly exceeds, all our expectations and was once again it was a huge success, for which we were so grateful to God for all the people came to Christ, many were healed and at least three people were freed from demonic oppression .

After that we took a few photos. We said our good byes. We would not see George the next day when we went to the airport as he had to work so it was an emotional good bye to him. Suzette and I got into bed after 12pm and slept till 6:30am when we got up and completed our packing, before going for breakfast.

At 9am Pastors Edwin, Sam, Larsen and Oupa arrived to take us to the airport. Thus we had come to an end of another successful outreach where more than 1,389 people had come to the saving grace of Jesus Christ and made Him the Lord of their lives.

Closing comments

One cannot put a value on a soul lead to Christ but every cent spent on this crusade achieved a wonderful harvest of souls, healings and people set free from demonic bondages.

What amazes us that not one of our outreaches has been the same and God has moved in different methods and ways each time. We are so excited about what He is doing and that He is using us to bring the Gospel to the people of Malawi! Praise God!

We have committed to completing the two churches in Kambuli and Kanyenje. As you may know, the local church, makes all the bricks and does all the building. They also provide the cement for the foundations, slab and building. We get involved by providing everything for the roof, beams, wire, nails, ridging, iron sheets and treatment for termites.



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