

## Report for Malawi Outreach 25<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> September 2014



### Thursday, 25<sup>th</sup> of September 2014

We travelled to Malawi to do the outreach. We got up early and we dropped off at the airport. Where we checked in and flew to Malawi. Our flight was delayed for about 30 minutes due to a technical error so we arrived about 20 minutes later than planned.

This delay allowed us to “fly” through customs and get our bags and be out of the airport first and soon we were greeting Pastors Sam and Edwin in the arrival area. It was so nice to see our fellow workers again and soon we were catching up on all the news

From the airport, we first drive to Pastor Sam’s home because he still needed to pack, as he had go in from a funeral the night before. So after a few minutes to pack, we were off to meet Edwin at Café Delight for lunch. Edwin had gone to exchange the money while Sam and I went to his house for his bags.

After a good lunch and more chatting, we started our long drive to Mzimba, about 280km, or a four hour drive. We had got out of Lilongwe much later than planned but we made good time and soon we stopped in Kasungu, about halfway for a quick leg strength and then we continued on to Mzimba. This part of our journey was done in the dark so it was lots of concentration and very little talking.

We arrived in Mzimba just after 8pm and soon found our hotel, the Mame Hotel (Morning dew). The rooms were adequate and Pastor Sam and I shared a room with two private bedrooms.

Bishop Joshua was so excited that we had arrived, that he asked us to please come to his home to say hello, he has also arrived from South Africa a few hours before us.

So we drove to his home in town, to visit him and his family. We had a good chat and spent about 30 minutes with them before returning to our hotel for the night. We were all tired but happy!



### Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> of September 2014

We all slept very well and in the morning we woke up refreshed and ready for the day’s events. We ate breakfast and then fetched Joshua at home before travelled to the ministry area in Mphongo village about 10 kilometres out of town.



When we got to Mphongo the people from the village had started to arrive and many more arrived as we continued through the day. Many people also came from the surrounding areas.

My first message was about “living a life of Gratitude”. I explained that many of us miss what God wants us to do or what He has done in our lives because we are too busy looking at what God is not doing in our lives, when all along He is doing amazing things in our lives if we look at life through the eyes of Gratitude.

At our first altar call, 5 people got up and gave their hearts to the Lord. Later these number would increase drastically over the meetings. In later meetings even the village chief of Mphongo and another chief would give their heart to Jesus Christ and also be healed.

After 8 straight hours for preaching and teaching with a few breaks, we ended the day’s sessions and we all move to an open field where the outreach would take place. Here I would again preach and then the people would watch the Jesus film. I also took this short break between the session and evangelism, to play with the children and kick a small football around with them, they just loved the attention!

We had a minor problem for the evening because we did not have a video projector at Mphongo to show the Jesus film. Eventually this problem was solved by lending a large television set to show the Jesus film on. We also contacted George in Lilongwe who was about to leave for Mphongo and we asked him to bring a video projector with him to Mphongo.

After preaching an evangelism message and many people responding, it was decided that we should return to our hotel and relax for Saturday's meetings. This was a welcome decision and soon we were saying our good byes and driving home. And after a quick supper at the hotel, we turned in for the night.

### **Saturday, 27<sup>th</sup> of September 2014**

Saturday morning we were up early and ate breakfast and went through to Mphongo. We did stop in Mzimba to buy some cool drinks, and sweets for the children – this would teach us a new method to grow a church, because before we left on Sunday, my “church” grew from 5 members to over 150 members – that is the children's ministry!

Soon we were in the village and all the children were waiting just for me to arrive. We were greeted by the pastors and introduced to some new ones who had arrived overnight.



Soon it was time for me to preach again. I must say that Mphongo had the most dedicated people we have ministered to. They arrived long before we got to the ministry area and we praising and worshipping God so that by the time we arrived we could right into the teaching.

First I recapped on the day before messages about how special they were to God and how God sees them each as an individual and as special, because everyone was called to serve God in His Kingdom.



Now on Saturday I went further in to explaining why God chose us and why He thinks we are so special! The answer is, He wants to use us to reach our family and to produce fruit. This greatly impacted the people.

During the message God would prompt me to call out people and the names of sicknesses and we would pray for the sick who responded. And God would touch them and they would be healed.

Also after each session, I made an alter call and challenged the people to come to Jesus Christ and have their sins forgiven. And each session many, many people stood up and accepted Jesus Christ as their Saviour

After lunch we continued the sessions and God really moved among the people and many more people were saved, healed and restored as I taught on Jesus the friend of sinners.

After the afternoon sessions, I handed out sweets to the children and many children were smiling from ear to ear

Soon it was, then time to move to the outreach area and to preach an Evangelism message but not before the children and I kick a football around and played a bit more. They really loved this, especially the tickling and attention they get from me!



That evening many people arrived for the outreach and I preach a message on the Narrow gate. I explained that the road to hell is a large highway and that people are going down this road because they are not coming through the way or door which according to John 14:6, is Jesus Christ. I challenged them to come through the open door to Jesus Christ and many people responded to this invitation.

Once again the Jesus film was shown and many more came to the Lord. We found out, that the later session after 7pm, drew many more people came from the surrounding villages, who came to watch the Jesus film and we have decided in future to remain in the village much later and rather preach a message after the Jesus film.

## Sunday, 28<sup>th</sup> of September 2014

We woke up again before 6am and were soon getting ready for the ministry and packing our bags because today we would return to Lilongwe after lunch.

After teaching on gratitude and being thankful, I was severely tested when we did not have hot water in our room and I had a nice cold shower, brrrr ☺

My Note pad also was not working because George had lent my plug and so it did not charge overnight, so I had to spend some time just highlighting my notes. To save time, Pastor George went to pick up Pastor Joshua and later return to fetch us.

On our way to Mphongo, we stopped off to buy more sweets from my “church”, the first children’s church of Mphongo. We would still have many jokes and laughs about the stupendous growth of this “church”!



On arrival at Mphongo, my church was waiting for me outside under the trees all expecting their promised reward for coming to church. I had a real surprise for them, marshmallows! Can you believe that none of the people, including adults or children had ever tasted marshmallows? They called it angels foods because it tasted so nice.

Once again the church was in full swing when we arrived, with everyone singing and praising God. And soon I was asked to come forward to preach.

Before I started preaching, the local chief wanted to give me a gift of his staff. So a small ceremony was held to hand over this staff with his name on. He was so thankful and grateful that we came to his village and what had happened to his people. He was especially grateful for his salvation and healing, so he wanted me to have his staff.

He promised to make another staff for his village, just like this one, except that my name would be on it so that they can remember to pray for us and we can remember to pray for them.

Then I started preaching my sermon on the “Great Commission”, I explained that, when we are called of God, we can only be useful or used by Him, when we actually go out and started to live out our calling. I challenged everyone there to go out to their families, friends, and associates and tell them about Jesus Christ and lead them to Christ!

Once again the message was well received and many people, stood up and receive Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour! I then greeted the people.



I then met the children outside to distribute the marshmallows and then we were off, back to Mzimba where we were to greet the church and have lunch before our four hour trip to Lilongwe.



At Joshua’s church I preached a short 20 minute message on being called for a special purpose and then we gave the children some sweets and went into his house to eat a delicious lunch and to have a short feedback and critique session on the pros and cons of the outreach.

Soon it was time to say good bye, and take a few photos before leaving for Lilongwe. We were already leaving much later than planned and the trip to Lilongwe was far, so we were in a hurry to get on our way, so that we could drive to Lilongwe, mostly in daylight.

Soon we were off to Lilongwe, the area was mountainous and very beautiful. Next we stopping at Jenda, to greet the local pastor there for a few minute and stopping to have a cool drink and stretching our legs at Kasungu, which was about halfway.

We arrived in Lilongwe at around 6:30pm and it was dark, but we were singing and praising God most of the way home. We had decide on our way to go directly to Café Delight to eat our dinner and have a short meeting, before turning in for the night.

### **Monday, 29<sup>th</sup> of September 2014**

We woke up again before 6am and got ready for our trip back home. The water was nice and warm and soon there was a knock at the door and breakfast was brought in for us to eat, really good service at the Pacific Ocean lodge!

Then it was time to check out and for Edwin to collect us as we were meeting with Milward to discuss out next outreach to Nkhukhu. We met Milward at City Centre and it was so nice to see him again. He asked us to get into his car and he drove us to the airport.

They had a BIG surprise for us at the airport, Milward had arranged VIP access for us and so instead of going through the SAA checking in the terminal building, we were dropped off at the Presidential and VIP area, where a lady asked for our tickets and passport. And she went to check us onto our flight while we sat and relaxed in the VIP lounge.

Soon she returned and gave us our boarding passes and also our stamped passports, then we said our good byes and we went through the security area and we sat in a garden waiting to board our flight home. We were so humbled and grateful that we have come a full circle in Malawi and we now “officially” Ambassadors for Christ 😊

### **What we achieved**

Our crusade was a major success; we did not know this at the time of going to Mzimba, but this was the first such crusade in the village of Mphongo! So we had the privilege of sharing the Gospel message, for the first time, to many of people who came. Many people had not heard of the good news, that Jesus Christ came to die for their sins, so because of this, almost the entire village of Mphongo came to the Lord and are now saved and serving Christian, including the village chief and another surrounding village chief!

The following where the high lights of the crusade:

1. There were too many salvations and healings during the crusade! What makes these salvations so astonishing, that when you consider that the total amount of people living in Mphongo most of these people are no saved.
2. We have equipped the Malawian church with new tools and I am most happy that so many people we saved and also healed, including two of the village chiefs.
3. The bond between us and the leadership of Holy Cross Pentecostal Church has once again been further cemented and there is total trust and accountability, and together we can serve our Lord in unity and love.
4. Malawi’s Northern Province, has been shaken and will never be the same again! The entire village of Mphongo and the surrounding areas, will never be the same again.

### **The needs**

The need is so great in Malawi, they are so poor. The thing that amazed me so much was that no one had ever tasted a marshmallow, why, because they have no money to buy such delicacies. Those who do not have jobs do something in the hope of earning an income to feed themselves and their family!

We need your help for:

1. Finances for future trips, it cost about \$2,000 for an outreach, I pay my own air tickets and expenses the money goes right into the crusade to pay for transportation, food, accommodation and crusade costs, we have a team of more than 25 people who join us on the outreach and who we feed and accommodate.
2. We want to complete a brand new church in Mphongo. The local politician promised to put a roof the church if the church would build the walls. They did this but they still do not have a roof. They need 90 iron sheets to complete the churches roof, which will cost \$2,000 to complete.
3. Construction of the headquarters of Holy Cross Pentecostal Church, the property has already been developed and purchased in Area 49 of Lilongwe. Their church plans have been approved by the local authorities but now we need finance to build the church.
4. We have an orphanage in DOWA that feed 250 children every day. It was a big step of faith for us and we are looking for others to give between \$50-100 a month to feed the many orphans we have found in the villages.

5. We need your prayers and financial support for Malawi!

Please visit our web site <http://www.xtupie.com/> and feel free to contact me if you want to donate to this ministry, want to go to Malawi on an outreach or you would like me to share at your church about Malawi. We also have a Twitter account, so please join us and receive the Tweets at, [malawi4jesus](#).

God Bless

Martin and Suzette De Villiers (e-mail [pastor@xtupie.com](mailto:pastor@xtupie.com) / web site: <http://www.xtupie.com/> Twitter: malawi4jesus)

