



A VISION FOR THE MASSES - A HEART FOR THE ONE

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The first thing I heard from the Lord when I assumed the leadership of Global Renewal this past January, was one simple phrase, "A vision for the masses, a heart for the one." That phrase has remained prominently in my heart and mind ever since. That is what helps us remain balanced as we preach to larger crowds and as our vision continues to grow. It really is all about the one, the one lost sheep that wandered away from the 99. As a ministry we are passionate not only to see masses come to Jesus, but to see individual lives transformed by the power of the Gospel. Every life is worth it! My June trip to Uganda was a beautiful combination of reaching the masses and caring for the one.

Our trip began with preaching in the church of the acting Superintendent of the Ugandan AG. It was an incredible service. We had an altar time that lasted over an hour where people were healed, delivered, and about 15 people were baptized in the Holy Spirit. The following morning we embarked on an all-day drive to a refugee camp in North Western Uganda called Bidi Bidi, the largest UN refugee camp in the world, and the site of our crusade. The crusade was very successful with a few thousand people in attendance over the course of the three day crusade. We saw many refugees make a decision to put their faith in Jesus!

Each morning we would go into the neighboring city of Yumbe to preach the Gospel on the streets and pass out Bibles. This was my favorite part of the trip. Yumbe is almost 90% Muslim, and because of a rocky history with the other Ugandan tribes, has remained incredibly undeveloped. The vast majority of people still live in small mud huts with grass roofs, and the only big buildings that I saw were the school and the central Mosque. On the first day, the Lord unexpectedly opened the door for me to stand directly outside that central Mosque and proclaim Christ! I began witnessing to one, a Muslim man and praying with him, when a crowd began to gather. We started passing out Bibles as the crowd grew bigger. Once we had a good crowd, I stood up and began to preach right out front of the central Mosque in a Muslim city. Right there, in front of a multitude of people, I got to lead multiple Muslims into a relationship with Jesus. The next day we were invited into the neighboring Muslim school, where we distributed Bibles, shared the Gospel, and lead several of the students into a relationship with Jesus. Rarely have I experienced such an openness to the Gospel. We are now working toward planting a church in Yumbe! There are already people there who are beginning a small group, and the official launch is planned for next June. What a privilege it is to bring Christ to the nations!



Preaching at the Crusade



Preaching on the Streets of Yumbe



Beginning to walk again!

A Heart for the one

The Lord opened many doors for us to be able to minister to broken individuals, as we walked through the town of Yumbe and the refugee camp. There is one story however, that I believe beautifully illustrates the heart of God for the one.

On the second night of the crusade, I had finished preaching and was standing off to the side with the other two main leaders and organizers of the crusade, while a Ugandan preacher was ministering on stage. As we were standing there, a young man came to the three of us and said, "Please can you pray for my sister!" To which we enthusiastically replied, "Of, course!" I assumed that the girl was somewhere at the crusade, but as he lead us into the camp I quickly realized that was not the case. We ventured further and further into the camp, wondering how far we would be going, and if the three main leaders should be leaving the grounds of the crusade with about 1,000 people in attendance.

As we walked, the young man explained that his sister had been ill for months, and that she had to be carried to the bathroom because she could not even stand. We finally arrived at the hut that they lived in and the little girl was carried out to us. We gathered around her and began to pray. Initially, she did not notice any difference and we had to choose, do we go back to the crusade, or continue praying over this little girl. We stayed and continued praying, preaching,

and encouraging her. I still had thoughts that maybe we should be back at the crusade, but we knew that in that moment, it wasn't about the 1,000, it was about this one little girl. By the time we left, after almost an hour of prayer, she was beginning to walk again. Over the course of the next few days her strength returned to her and the sickness left!

As we arrived back at the grounds of the crusade, one of the armed guards ran up to us with his ak47 hanging at his side, and loudly proclaimed, "I am born again!" after asking what he was before, he joyfully replied, "I was a Muslim, but now I am born again." What an amazing reminder that as we care for that one lost sheep, God is fully capable of taking care of the rest.

The Next Trip

In just a couple of weeks I will be leaving again for Asia. I will be spending the week with about ten, hand-selected young leaders who are ready to plant a church. The purpose of this trip will be to train and prepare these leaders to launch this coming April. We plan to have a large central Gospel crusade in April, and out of that meeting launch all ten churches at once. Our goal is to provide each of the young leaders with at least one bus that they can fill with non-believers from the neighborhood where they will be planting a church, and bring them to hear the Gospel. The bus ride there and back will give them the opportunity to meet them and get their contact info for follow up. The final day of the meetings will be held in their individual churches where they will preach the opening service. Please pray for this initial time of training all the way up through the launch planned for April 2019.

Thank You

As always, we want to take a moment to thank all of our incredibly faithful partners. The Lord continues to open doors for the Gospel around the world, and it is your prayers and support that empower us to walk through them! Thank you for all that you do!

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