

IGANGA TOWN MISSION 2010-REPORT

As part of “Mission Africa” events, the Uganda team conducted an evangelistic campaign in the mid eastern Ugandan town of Iganga running from July 4th-11th 2010 under the theme “DO YOU WANT TO GET WELL”-John 5:6. The mission was conducted along the *stratified evangelism* strategy-whereby people are reached in their natural social situation or strata for example students were found at school and prisoners in the prison cells the sick in the hospitals, market vendors at their market stalls and policemen in their barracks! It is a fantastic approach!

The purpose of this mission was twofold: to equip the Iganga churches with the leadership skills and discipling capacity, and to preach the gospel to the residents and visitors of Iganga town.

Partnering with 50 churches in Iganga the mission preparations started with trainings which included:

(i) Counselors Training

Here a total of 70 counselors from 50 different churches were trained who were used to nurture and receive new converts during the mission week and even after. These would be the trainers in their respective churches,

(ii) Intercessors Training

75 intercessors from 50 different churches were trained and equipped to pray for both the mission and the church of Christ. These intercessors played a big role during the mission week and after.

(iii) Evangelists' Training

70 local Evangelists were trained and equipped to do work of evangelism,

(iv) Praise and Worship Training

A mass choir of 50 people was raised and trained. This mass choir became the main mission choir during the 4th -11th July proclamation week. This was in addition to the difficult work that went in the formation, empowering and co ordinating the Mission Steering Committee and the various committees and networks that made the execution of this undertaking possible

All these trainings brought a sense of unity among different denominations and churches in Iganga town which unity was not the case before. One pastor remarked that it was the first time many Pentecostal pastors were sitting together in the same room with Anglicans!

The mission also organized Pastors' and their spouses' dinner instead of the civic leaders' dinner prior to the proclamation week. A total of 100 pastors' and wives attended. Again it was reported that this gesture brought a sense of togetherness among pastors which was not originally there.

The proclamation week of evangelism started on the 4th July with preaching in different churches in Iganga- Pentecostal, Baptist, Anglican and Chapels. The rest of the week, the teams traversed the width and breadth of the town in, schools , hospital

ministry, streets marching, open air rally at Mugadya grounds and community work! The evangelists and local pastors turned into painters on Saturday 10th July and painted the office block of the Iganga police station, and later in the afternoon went for prison ministry and the school of the blind. The police station had not been painted for ages-the OC remarked!

As the painting was going on, sharing of the gospel with the officers on duty that day was going on as well. Five police officers received Christ there and then and they became part of the harvest that afternoon. As the cream and black paint covered the ugly spots of the walls, the blood of Jesus washed away the ugly spots of sin of the five policemen that afternoon!

The link evangelist of this Mission Africa outreach was Dr. Thomas Fortson from U.S.A. He was accompanied by his brother in law Rev. Melvin Allen and it is these that facilitated the painting and they even bought tyres and a battery for the Iganga Hospital ambulance which had been grounded. We really appreciated their contribution to the mission.

Joining us from the Kenyan mission field was Jonathan Lenning-son of Songe Chibambo's counterpart-Scott Lenning! He became the mission cameraman!

School/ Institution	Total number of students	Staff members	Gave their lives To Jesus
Living Hope Primary School	298	12	44
Bulingo Primary Sschool	169	10	163
KasokosoPrimary School	1100	33	230
King of Kings Junior School	200	11	37
Igamba Primary School	900	26	263
King of Kings Secondary School	500	30	31
Busoga University	-	-	31
Iganga Children Center	500	22	26
St. Agnes Primary School	100	13	40
Iganga Hospital	-	-	6
Iganga Comprehensive Secondary School	200	18	39
Iganga Town View S.S.S.	700	27	33
Bishop Wills Primary School	900	27	560
Iganga Boys' Primary School	800	29	769
Nakavule Primary School	300	23	132
New Grace Primary School	700	25	187
BuckleyPrimary School	480	24	174
Savanna PrimarySchool	250	20	35
Iganga Girls' Secondary School	1200	57	312
Iganga Girls' Primary	400	-	122
Iganga Local Gov't Prison	200	32	17
Iganga Progressive Academy	1205	26	31
Iganga Police	-	-	5
St.Peters C.oU.	-	-	25
All Saints'	-	-	10
Igamba C.oU	-	-	13
St. James Bulibundi	-	-	4
St. James Buseyi	-	-	26
Nakavule Chapel	-	-	26
Bukoyo C.o.U	-	-	16
Bishop Willis Teachers' College	400	-	122

Open Air rallies- 5 Meetings and 442 registered first time commitments

A total number of converts was **4,427** people.

A testimony to mention was of the Deputy Headmaster of New Grace Secondary School who was a Muslim-he had a long discussion with Evangelist Tom about Islam and Christianity and later gave his life to Jesus!

In all these meetings there was a time of praying for the sick and those who were hurting after the end of every session-many people were healed, delivered from powers of darkness and were set free in the name of Jesus.

We thank God for delivering our brother Jonathan Lenning from possible danger-he was at the venue of the second bomb blast in Kampala with his American friends for supper and to watch the finals of the world cup-having just come back from the mission field that very evening! He was unhurt.

Appreciation

We would like to take this opportunity to convey our sincere gratitude to all our esteemed supporters and partners for making this mission possible. Special thanks to the partners: The Navigators, OFF-TU MISSION Band and the Associate evangelists.