

NARRATIVE REPORT OF THE KIKWIT MISSION IN PARTNERSHIP WITH CAPE TOWN 2010, CARRIED OUT FROM June 13th to 20th, 2010

Introduction:

Dear Prayer Partners,

Thank you so much for your precious prayers and sacrificial financial donations which helped us in accomplishing our mission to Kikwit. We give the glory to the Lord.



From left to Right: Leonard Kiswangi (AE DRC Team Leader) and Emmanuel Maennlein, (France Evangélisation) working in partnership in the Kikwit outreach mission.

Mission Set Up and Discipleship training

We organized the first trip to Kikwit to share the vision with the church leadership and provide training for counselors and intercessors. This mission was very successful. 45 senior pastors and other church leaders from various denominations were trained and they invited African Enterprise to undertake the mission in accordance with the Cape Town 2010 vision. Then we trained them on the Discipleship training Manuel, on the Decision form and the expected contribution of the local church in such a partnership endeavor. Some practical observations were also given related to the different aspects of the city wide evangelism. This exercise took place from 17th to 22nd march, 2010.

We visited Kikwit the second time from 28th to 30th may, 2010 for set up arrangements with the steering committee and sub committees. Then, we put together the anticipated budget for the mission and planned for the second training session for counselors and intercessors. The third set up and training mission was carried out from 10th to 13th by the associate evangelist Jacques Luwaku and Ephraim Kiswangi, respectively as associates in charge of training and prayer mobilization for this specific mission. 125 people, both evangelists and intercessors were trained and equipped for the mission. During the proclamation 50 intercessors kept the 'upper room' prayers day and night; and the rest of them worked as counselors and ushers.

Thanks to a copy of previous decision form we had at the office, we made 5000 photocopies and 3000 copies of everyone wants answer which helped us then and even for the follow up phase to be organized.

Proclamation Phase of the Kikwit mission



(1) Emmanuel's aircraft arriving in Kinshasa,

(2)Left to right: Col Kalondji , military Chaplain in charge of the security sub commission, Bishop Joseph Mandongo Chairman and Co-coordinator of the mission and host of the mission, Felly Practical arrangements committee, Mrs. Mayensi, Intercession coordinator, Reverend ... Discipling, Evangelism and Training committee.

The proclamation phase of the Kikwit mission took place from 14th to 20th June 2010. At the arrival of the international Evangelist Emmanuel Maennlein in Kikwit, the steering committee chaired by Bishop Joseph Mandongo, President of the provincial synod of the Church of Christ in Congo mobilized Christians

from different partner churches to welcome him from the airport to the guest house. A motor caravan was organized throughout the city for publicity and mobilization purposes.

We immediately met with the local organizational committee, prayed together and briefed everyone on the mission. Right after that, we paid a courtesy visit to the city hall whereby the deputy Mayor presented us a warm welcome address at his office. Wishing us a safe and pleasant stay in Kikwit, he promised to come along side and assist as much as possible for the success of the mission. As promised, the deputy Mayor came at the opening meeting and once again addressed the meeting with nice and encouraging opening remarks.



(1) From left to right, (steering committee at the mayor's office); Past Jacques Luwaku, Associate Evangelist and Mission Administrator, Mrs Mayensi, Intercession Committee, Past Nathalie Mangila Discipleship/Evangelism, Leonard Kiswangi Mission Coordinator (AE), Col. Kalondji security, Emmanuel Maennlein (Guest speaker), the Deputy Mayor of Kikwit, and Bishop Joseph Mandongo Chairperson of the Executive Committee. (2) Emmanuel is visiting the deputy Mayor's office.

Church Leadership training: 15th to 16th June 2010 from 9:00am to 12:00

The Proclamation phase in Kikwit started with the church leadership training on World Evangelism presented by Evangelist Emmanuel. We gathered 300 pastors and other church leaders the first day. On the second day a fewer showed up due to the funerals and other arrangements for the afternoon event (264). However, the attendance was quite beyond our expectations (we planned for 120-150 church leaders). The training was more on the World Evangelism being priority number one of the church.



(1) Emmanuel (left) training church leaders (right) being interpreted into Kikongo by Mr Turibuni

In addition to the international evangelist Emmanuel, we were joined by one of the famous gospel artists from Kinshasa, Matou Samuel with ten of his Singers. This occasion being his first time to come to Kikwit, many people urged to see him and the news spread out very fast in the city. We then organized another motor caravan to enhance mobilization. They were very instrumental in this mission. Glory be to the Lord.

So, in spite of the big attraction of people by the FIFA World Cup, the Holy Spirit helped us to make the breakthrough. Another distractive factor was the death of the uncle of the Chairperson, Bishop Joseph Mandongo which caused him to organize funerals at his home. Also, on the same day another staff member of the steering committee in charge of the financial sub- commission lost his aunt and funerals were organized at his house. Very challenging indeed, but we trusted the Lord and carried with the mission.



(1) Leonard introducing the Gospel artist Matou Samuel and his musicians in photo

During the opening rally, more than 7000 people gathered to hear the Gospel of salvation in Jesus Christ. According to the statistics given to us by the ushers more than 1000 people came up front in response to the alter call made by Emmanuel. After assessing the filled in cards it was indicated that 700 people were identified as first time converts and classified for follow up. 250 backsliders rededicated their lives to Christ, and many others received the decision forms but are yet to be assessed. Also, when Emmanuel prayed for those who needed healing and deliverance from various sicknesses many came forth but it was difficult to have the head count.



Emmanuel preaching in photo and below different groups of people during the outreach

Days two and three of the proclamation phase, 17th and 18th June, 2010

Crowds came increasingly bigger: 8,500 and 15,000 respectively on day two and three. Emmanuel preached and made altar calls. We distributed decision cards to 2000 people who responded on the two days for the first time commitment to the Lord. As usual, some rededicated their lives to Christ.



Other photos of people during the outreach whereby people receiving the Lord and their healing worship with hands lifted up.

Emmanuel Maennlein, our international evangelist and partner preached on the main venue and Leonard Kiswangi, AE DRC Team Leader and Co-organizer of the mission preached at the Nursing College (ISTM/Kikwit) on Friday 18th from 11:00am to 12:30am. 418 students and 7 academic officials were reached out with the message of salvation. 400 decision forms were distributed to those who accepted the invitation to become Christians. The University chaplain was given the mandate to carry on with assessment and follow up. We organized another meeting at Educational College (ISP/Kikwit) on Saturday afternoon after having seen Emmanuel off at the airport. 700 students and some university chaplaincy members attended. The artist Matou Samuel and his singers played the Gospel music and Leonard preached. We made an alter call and many gave their lives to Christ. Some were prayed over for healing and other divine interventions.



(1) Leonard preaching at the University.

(2) Several students giving their lives to Christ.

Another activity, in the framework of Deed aspect of the ministry we realized during this mission was the visit at the central prison of Kikwit. We brought some food stuff and soaps to the detainees, who are in very inhuman conditions. 136 men and one woman were in the prison when we visited them. But what a pity indeed! 50 adults stay in a narrow cell with no bed and no food. We brought them the message of hope and salvation in Christ. We prayed with them and spoke to the prison officials.



Prison ministry in Kikwi, Emmanuel praying for prisoners

Stories and testimonies

Apart from the miracle of salvation, many people were physically and spiritually healed by the Lord. The first story that touched us was about a 18 years old lady by the name of MAMY came with her mother and she was crying but making the kind of noise that resembled the cry of a furious dog. Her father

died 4 years ago and since then she became dumb and could not bear the crowd of people. She did not want to attend such a meeting, but intercessors asked her mother to come with her. Emmanuel and Leonard prayed for her. She was delivered. She started rejoicing with others and could no longer make the doglike noise. Reverend Pierre Mumbambi, the deputy co-coordinator of the mission is doing follow up on her for her complete restoration.



Ephraim Kiswangi prayed and distributed decision forms below

The second story is about Claude Giova, a university lecturer but who has been sick a year and a half. His has got a swollen leg and could not put on his shoes. He has just come back from Kinshasa where doctors tried to treat him but no success. When he heard that we were preaching and praying for deliverance of asked his younger brother to take him to the meeting. Emmanuel prayed for him and he came back as we were closing our mission that evening and witnessed that he was healed and able to put on his shoes. But he wanted to keep in touch and that we could continue to support him in prayers. We referred him to the Assembly of God close by where he leaves. Reverend Kibala is currently following up and very encouraged for the progress he has made in the week after the mission.

The third story is about a university student who was suffering from very bad pains in his leg two years ago and could not walk correctly. But for the first time now he was miraculously healed and came to witness this publically, while jumping and dancing with both his legs upright. Praise God.



A student from the educational college, standing and jumping after having been healed from severe pains in his legs.

Last but not least, is the testimony we received from the City Deputy Mayor who confessed being a member of 'GRAHAL MESSAGE' but who was not at ease when hearing Emmanuel share about the value of life in Jesus. Then he wanted to carry on discussing with us and learn more of Christianity. Beyond that he wants to learn and be prayed over by AE. We promised to keep in touch with him through the military chaplain who introduced us into this prison and would pray that God provides so that we can bring a more significant contribution in improving life conditions in this prison, even if it is just going to be for one cell at a time and for some office stationeries. Hopefully this can make quite a difference.



The mission Team

Conclusion

We would like to praise the Lord for his intervention in this mission. He has proved bigger than our limits. We would like to appreciate the partnership and harmonious collaboration that characterized us, both the local team and the international evangelist. We are grateful to the IPB for the financial and prayer supports.

Pray with us that the follow up work will help consolidate the faith of the newly born Christians. Also, pray that those who have rededicated their lives to Christ be encouraged and put under conditions conducive for their restoration and growth in Christ.

Humbly prepared by Leonard Kiswangi

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