

AFRICAN ENTERPRISE KENYA

Molo Mission Report: June 24 – July 4, 2010

The Molo mission started on high note on Thursday, June 24, 2010, when missionaries started arriving from different parts of Kenya. The missionaries were divided into various local host homes.



The missionaries gathered at the missionaries base for instructions

Friday was a bright day, though the night was cold. The missionaries gathered at the mission base for a devotional led by Rev. James Karanja, the Chairman of the Molo mission. He read Psalms 37: 3-6 – “Trust in the Lord and do good; dwell in the land and enjoy safe pasture. Delight yourself in the Lord and he will give you the desires of your heart. Commit your way to the Lord; trust in Him and He will do this: He will make your righteousness shine like the dawn, the justice of your cause like the noonday sun.” He said that as we reach out for Molo we need to trust in God.

Orientation

Pastor Kitonga took the missionaries through a time of orientation. He talked about the culture and socioeconomic status of Molo. He said the town of Molo has a population of 25,000 and only 5,000 go to church. There is high rate of unemployment, leading to crime and alcoholism. With only 20 Ksh one can get drunk. Yet with the level of poverty in Molo, even this is a high price to pay.

It is noteworthy that Molo District has made news all over the world. However, this is not for good reasons but is due to tribal clashes, which occurred in 1992, 1997, 2002 and 2007. People are still traumatized. While they once had much, the clashes left many poor. Many families with 3 to 4 children now share a single room. They are scarred and bitter. Many people came to Molo town having lost their children, husbands, and wives. While some were Christians before, they backslid, saying that God had forgotten them in their suffering.

Cleaning Exercise

The following day, Saturday, the Chairman of Molo Pastors Fellowship, Rev. James Karanja, led the missionaries to the county hall where he commissioned the missionaries to clean the town. This was to symbolize the cleansing of people’s hearts. The missionaries were divided into two groups. With rakes, brooms, and machettes, missionaries enthusiastically went about cleaning the city. At the end of the exercise, all the missionaries congregated in one place where they sang and danced for the Lord. Prayers for various items were offered to God. After walking 2 Kms back to the mission base, the missionaries were divided into seven zones for ministry.



Launching rally, at the county hall



The missionaries involved in cleaning the city



Preparing to sweep the city

Launch Rally

After attending various churches in the area, the missionaries gathered for the launch rally, which was one of a kind. The presence of the Lord was evident as people sang and danced. In attendance were pastors from 30 different churches. The church overflowed with people, many not even able to get inside. It is estimated that approximately 1,500 people came, the biggest crowd African Enterprise has ever seen in a launch rally. The Chairman, Rev. Karanja, gave a short sermon from Isaiah 54: 1 – 5. The service reached its climax when Rev. Karanja presented the Missions Coordinator Rev. John Shikuku with the key to the city. We joyfully celebrated the involvement of missionaries from various parts of Kenya, including Nairobi, Ngong, Kerugoya, Meru, Nakuru, Lodwar, and Voi. We are also happy to report the commissioning of several international missionaries, including Carissa Dyck and Ryan Schroder from Canada, Steve Wingfield, Pete Lulusa, and Jonathan Lenning from the United States, and Mboni Sikitoka from the Congo.



Rev. Shikuku was given the key for Molo Mission



Chairman Rev. Karanja preaching



Visiting and local missionaries at the launch

Person-to-Person Evangelism

On Monday morning, the missionaries were sent out into the community (divided into seven zones) in groups of three. They set out going door-to-door with the Gospel of Jesus. In the afternoon, the missionaries brought back reports of both hardship and celebration. One of the major challenges is false religion, especially Nominalism, Cultism and witchcraft. Despite such obstacles, at the end of the day, 147 people surrendered their lives to the Lord.



Person to person evangelism

Leaders Dinner

Our leaders dinner began at 8 pm with well over 60 leaders attending. The chairman opened the meeting with prayer and then welcomed Rev. Shikuku to talk about the work of African Evangelistic Enterprise. Rev. Tom Otieno introduced the guest speaker, Dr. Steve Wingfield from the United States.

Dr. Wingfield spoke about blessings. He noted that in the Bible, God told Abraham, "I am going to make you a great nation, and all nations of the earth shall be blessed through you." From the blessings promised to Abraham, He has redeemed us, and we are now a part of that great nation. We are blood brothers in Jesus. He urged us to remember that God has blessed us to become a blessing to all those with whom we come into contact. He said we could bless others through touch, words, and helping others reach their full potential.



Later on during the dinner, District Officer, Mr. David Juma spoke on behalf of the mission's guest of honor, Mr. Julius Kavita, the Provincial Commissioner. His speech dwelt on the importance of the local church in its community. If people are following Christ in every area of their lives, they make better husbands, better wives, better children, and better neighbors. This leads to a better community. "The church plays a crucial role in helping people pursue the Lord in all of these things," Mr. Juma said".

As the missionaries went out on the second day, they met with all kinds of challenges. One group met with man who wanted to commit suicide but, after some good counseling, he ended up surrendering his life to the Lord. Other challenges encountered included false religion and backsliding. At the end of the day, there was more reason for rejoicing, as 249 people received the Lord.

School Ministry

Throughout the mission, we have had ongoing school ministry opportunities to over a dozen schools in the community. In total we ministered in almost **30 schools and 600 students** came to the Lord. Led by the Foxfire ministry team, people gave talks on topics such as peer pressure, time management, career development, and sexual purity. In addition to student ministry in the schools, adult leaders also met with and encouraged the faculty and staff of the various schools through preaching on relevant topics. The Lord was faithful in using this ministry to point students, primary and secondary schools alike, toward Him, some even giving their lives to Him for the first time.



The Team Leader, Rev. Tom Otieno preaching to students

Priscilla Muchiri talking to the Student

Professional Forum

At 5:30, we hosted 65 leaders from a wide array of professions for a special time of encouragement. Rev. Karanja, welcomed the professionals and opened the meeting with a word of prayer. Rev. Shikuku gave a short talk about the African Evangelistic Enterprise. Then Bishop Kabachia, one of the AEE Board members, was given a chance to greet the audience, and he reminded them that God has specific work for them wherever they are. He then introduced Dr. Steve Wingfield to give the main address.

He said if the leadership in Molo is corrupt or not following Jesus, then it would not succeed. God has called us to be builders; he is looking for a man who can make a difference by fulfilling the purpose the Lord has for him in the position God has placed him.



Dr. Wingfield addressing the audience



Bishop Kabachia greeting the attendees



Professionals enjoying refreshments at forum

Other special meetings

There were several other special meetings that took place during the period including - Pastors wives, men's forum, youth rally, children's rally, couples forum and the women's forum.

Testimonies from the field

In one of the Roman Catholic Church sponsored schools, where our team ministered, 52 girls came to the Lord. Among them was a girl who was initiated by her parents into devil worship, she became very uncomfortable after the preaching and started to point out other girls she was trying to initiate into devil worship. Some missionaries were called in immediately to conduct prayers.

A convicted criminal gave a testimony in one of the devotions of how he had turned his life to the Lord during the Molo Mission. When the missionaries met him and shared with him about the love of God, he remembered how God spared his life and he surrendered his life to Him. He told the attentive crowd how he escaped from prison and how the police tried to shoot him but God delivered him because He has a purpose for his life. He said he was later arrested and served his full sentence and now he is a free man.

During a door to door campaign a group of missionaries encountered a witchdoctor and witnessed to him and he surrendered his life to the Lord. The pastors in Molo are following up on him.

Final Rallies

The final rallies took place at Molo stadium on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Dr. Steve Wingfield was ministering. On Sunday, during the final rally, the stadium was filled with many people from all walks of life. We are happy to report that we reached **9,500 people and a total of 1,400** people came to the Lord during the one week of proclamation. To God be the glory.

Regards,

Rev. Tom Otieno
TEAM LEADER

