

Harvest Time

Revival Fire Ministries

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The Work of Evangelism changes lives everywhere.

Loutété 23rd-28th March 2010 Republic of Congo

I arrived in Brazzaville on Saturday at 9:30 in the morning, and went straight through to domestic departures from where I connected with the local flight to Nkayi. At Nkayi, I was met by Pastor Christian and Pastor Roger, and we all drove to Bouansa in the little blue Land Cruiser, which was rather a squash with six in the back and all the luggage. What with the bumps and the dust, I was so glad to be in the front seat! We stopped in Madingou, where a mother and daughter came to see us. The young daughter had suffered with a terrible skin disease, and I clearly remember having prayed for her. The mother had taken her to all the doctors in the main cities, but she was not cured. Now, she was so happy, as the disease disappeared soon after prayer, and today she has perfectly smooth skin.

In Bouansa, I preached at Pastor Christian's Church. He told me how his congregation had doubled since the crusade there in September 2009. One man stood up to testify how he had been a drunkard and womaniser but was fed up with his life. He wanted to change, but did not know how. On the first night of the Bouansa crusade, he was gloriously saved and delivered. He said, "My whole life is different, now that Jesus has come into my life".

I returned to the hotel only to be met by five or six drunkards. They all wanted prayer. Well, I preached a short message to them on their need to be saved. Conviction fell and the beers started to disappear – some under the table and others discreetly taken out of the room. The little group bowed their heads and hearts and called on the name of Jesus. This was in the hotel bar!

The technical team hired one of the very few available trucks. It looked like an old World War II truck; the windscreen was long gone and it was dripping oil as they were loading. On the short journey, they broke down and had to change a wheel bearing by the side of the road. After



several hours in the intense heat, they were glad to get moving again and arrived in Loutété safely.

Tuesday 23rd The team was just completing the final touches to the set up and needed some extra cable to connect to the local power connection. A local brother volunteered to drive, but on the way back to Loutété, he drove the Land Cruiser into a huge ditch – it tottered and rolled over onto its side. Fortunately, no one was hurt and the damage to the car was only cosmetic! A passing truck stopped, pulled it upright, and after refilling the oil, they continued on their journey.

Tonight, I will speak to the many dignitaries at the Banquet. The Gospel is the only hope for Congo. The moral decline and the worldliness cannot be cured by any other means. People often ask me, "What tangible help are you bringing to the folk of Loutété? There are so many real issues and real needs, we need real solutions". Is the unseen Gospel a real solution? Yes, a thousand times yes! Just because it cannot be seen, does not mean that it is not a solution. Some of the most powerful forces in the world cannot be seen with the naked eye. Electricity or radiation cannot be seen, and yet exposure to radiation can be fatal. Just consider exposure to the sun's radiation, how dangerous that can be, and yet it cannot be seen. Exposure to the Gospel recalibrates hearts, awakens consciences, destroys unbelief and is the greatest faith builder. The Gospel is God's message of love written to mankind, and it does more to help man's condition than any other means. When the Gospel is proclaimed under the anointing of the Holy Spirit, it becomes an event in God's calendar.

Day 1 The seminar was held in Fepaco Church, and it was a good sign to see the church packed, as well as people standing at the entrance listening. The word fell on fertile soil. I could feel the congregation pulling on every word. What a wonderful meeting. They saw their potential to reach their city, and I am sure many will step out to reach the people around them with the Love of Christ.

The Crusade started well. It was hard to gauge just how many people were present; nevertheless, it was a good turn out. People stood near and far, but that did not matter. Our powerful sound system carried the message across the entire area. The Gospel message arrested people in their tracks; they stood and listened intently. When I gave the altar call, it was not difficult, because the Holy Spirit had already convicted almost everyone of their need to have their sins forgiven and nearly every hand shot up. Just a little of heaven's joy came upon me to see multitudes coming out of darkness into His glorious light. It cannot be matched by anything this earth has to offer.

God confirmed His word by healing the sick. I love the openness of the people. A mother had taken her little girl to Pointe-Noire on the coast, to be treated, because she could not pass water without severe pain. After prayer, the little girl testified how she had tested herself and all pain had gone. Yet another lady had a growth on her leg that simply disappeared. Jesus is indeed alive!

Day 2 Flashes of lightning all around. It looked like rain was rapidly approaching, but God gave us the victory, and the meeting was not disturbed at all. Again, great numbers responded to the clear Gospel message. During the prayer for the sick, I felt impressed to pray for someone suffering with asthma, and later a man came forward to testify that Jesus had totally healed him. As



the lightning flashed, I could feel prickles of current all over my body. I know however that the real power was not the lightning but the anointing of the Holy Spirit working so powerfully touching and transforming lives.

Day 3 A rowdy crowd had to be silenced a few times. I said, "Jesus is here. Do you believe it? Then why don't you reverence Him, and show respect for His word and be silent". I preached a very straightforward and convicting message and the people

heard it gladly. The local radio station is giving daily reports and inviting people to the meeting. The Lord healed one of the well known drivers in the city. He said that he came to the meeting because his wife had given him one of our follow-up books. To his surprise, Jesus touched him right in the crowd, and he was instantly healed of pain in the stomach.

Day 4 Saturday The wind began to pick up and black and grey clouds hung overhead. It was already drizzling, as I made my way to the meeting.

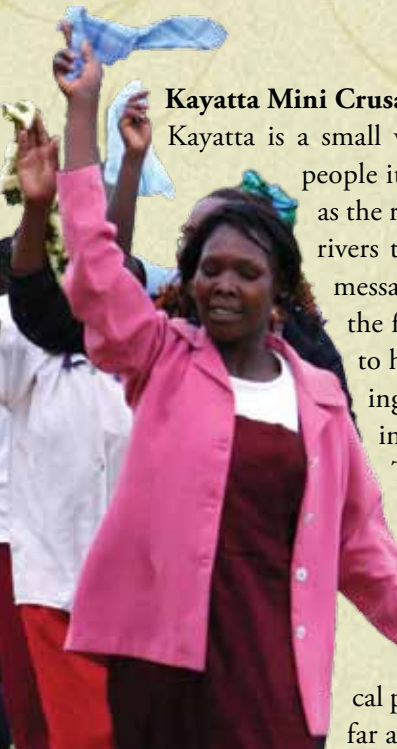
It increased and increased, until the stage was completely wet. Would I be able to preach and hold the attention of the people in this rain? Well, the moment I took the microphone, the Lord gave us a calm – the rain stopped, the crowd picked up, and we had a wonderful harvest of souls. There are just four churches in this town with a sum total of 200 believers. Already, we have seen over 1,300 registered decisions for Jesus. Indeed this is harvest time.

Final Day Sunday We have clear blue skies this afternoon, and it is very hot and humid, but this did not seem to stop the people coming. A huge crowd gathered to hear the Gospel. The Holy Spirit was indeed present exposing the error of the godless view of sin, and convicting of righteousness and judgement. In the altar call, there were very real salvations. A young lady passing by scoffed at the meeting and the word going forth. Well, someone gave her a follow-up book and, as she read it, a scripture convicted her! She said, "Oh, it's true what was being preached at the field. I have been wrong". She gladly surrendered her life to Jesus. In total, the counsellors recorded over 1,614 decisions, which is remarkable, as the total sum of believers in Loutété was, at the start of this Crusade, around 200. That means each church can grow up to 9 times with an additional 400 new believers in each church! Oh, pray with me for the 'new believers meetings', which the Pastors are beginning this week.

Thank you for standing shoulder to shoulder with us to reach this city.



Mini Crusade Ukambani Kenya 2nd-7th February 2010



Kayatta Mini Crusade

Kayatta is a small village of close to 800 or 1000 people it's a place of dry river beds. Just as the rain fell unexpectedly causing the rivers to flow once again. The Gospel message triggered a flow of people to the field about ½ of the village came to hear the good news. It was amazing to see young and old alike making a full surrender to Jesus Christ. The Morning seminars stirred up the body of Christ to get busy and do the work of an evangelist. YES mini crusades can work! This was a good test to iron out logistical and technical problems before we head out into far away remote places.

We now focus our attention on The Republic of Congo. The Planning is well underway and our technical team flies on 18th February to Brazzaville to set up in Loutètè. We have been in correspondence with Michael Mogga our good friend from Southern Sudan. Provisionally dates have been set for 4 major City wide Meetings. Please remember us in PRAYER

As William Booth of the Salvation Army sent out his famous one word greeting that simply read "Others". This best describes our heart. We give our all so that Others can hear and Come to know Jesus Christ **Personally**.

John 10:16 I have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also. They too will listen to my voice, and there shall be one flock and one shepherd.





The Work of Evangelism changes lives everywhere. 923 Registered Decisions

Mindouli 8th -12th December 2010 Republic of Congo



On the first day, as the nearby school was dismissed and just as we were starting the meeting, almost all the children came directly to the field and took their places. More people arrived and we had roughly 2,500 people. I was told this was the very first crusade in Mindouli. No one had ever been here before, not even local pastors, as it was simply not possible with all the previous rebel soldier activity. Now, however, there was peace, and God has opened a door for the Gospel. In a single night, almost half the population responded with a resounding yes to Jesus.

One Pastor testified how that, as this was such a hard place to live and minister in, he had decided to leave. But, during the Fire Conference, the Lord spoke to him and encouraged his heart to stay and not to give up.

The crowd was so excited to see the power of God heal the sick. Shouts of joy filled the whole field. A sorcerer was sent to "block" the crusade with his hocus pocus, but God's Spirit touched this man, and he surrendered to Jesus. "God is stronger than witchcraft", he told us, as he accepted Jesus as his Saviour.

On arrival, I found that our generator had not yet arrived, because no one could lift the almost one tonne load onto the train. Finally, 30 or so strong men came and just lifted it! Then, at 4 a.m. in the morning, Roger rallied more men to offload it. However, in the dark, one man somehow got his finger trapped between the train and generator. Pastor Djido prayed for him, and later took him to the hospital. The Lord must have protected him, because the injury was not serious, and he is now making very good recovery.

Even with a secular music concert in the main street, we still had an increase in the numbers. One night, the Lord worked convicting and touching even the hardest. An habitual drunkard and prostitute was touched by the power of God. When she came forward to testify, she said, "I have never prayed or gone to church, but tonight Jesus has won my heart. I



want to serve Him. I have decided to follow Jesus".

Sunday was the climax – the crowd really understood the Gospel. There were shouts of joy as the word of God was going forth.

Luke 15:10 Likewise, I say to you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.

God gave us good weather over the entire week, and not a drop of rain fell. Yet, no sooner had we packed up, and carted all the equipment off to its local storage until the next meeting, when the heavens opened and it poured down!

It was time to return to Brazzaville and fly back to Kenya. At midnight, we hurried down a very muddy path to the train station. Eventually, the train arrived; I quickly calculated that we could just make it to Brazzaville in time to get our flight. Although the train was already packed to capacity, I was happy and prepared to stand in the aisle of the overcrowded train even though it was going to be a five hour journey. Suddenly, to my surprise, a soldier stood up and greeted me, "I remember you from Nkayi; you preached the Gospel to us. Man of God, please take my seat". I was so blessed. The train, however, kept stopping and waiting for thirty minutes, then an hour, until finally, news came that there had been a derailment of a cargo train ahead of us, and we would be stopping at the next town. Hundreds of people got off and ran to three waiting taxis and packed them to capacity, the chances of making our flight in Brazzaville were waning fast.

Nevertheless, even in this almost impossible situation, the Lord was still in control. A pastor in the city found a taxi and brought it to the train station. We filled the car and then drove to Brazzaville, probably faster than safety would allow. Having got to the airport safely, we found ourselves to be the last ones to check in – with only moments to spare. The Lord had been so good to us.

Mindouli has only three Pentecostal Churches with a total membership of approximately 200. The small band of 30 counsellors worked hard to register 923 new decisions for Jesus, and I truly believe that our efforts will open the door for many more to follow in the future. Jesus healed, delivered and saved. Unfortunately, two of the churches have no meeting place, they simply meet under the trees. I priced up how much it would cost to build them a roof 15x9 metres under which they could meet. For only \$800 or just over £500 we could build a roof. If you would like to help towards this please do contact us.



Yambio Crusade 26th - 30th May 2010



Revival Fire Ministries returns to Southern Sudan after 8 years.

Oh to be back in Sudan and see some of the folk we had met during our 2002 meetings. Do you remember me I was just a young boy when you came with the tent, I am now serving God. Or the lady who was totally mad roaming around the town of Yambio naked living off the very limited garbage people would throw out. What a burden she was to her children what a nuisance she was in the town but back in 2002 The Lord touched her in the tent meeting and she was totally restored of madness of mind. Now years later she was still praising God for the wonderful miracle.



The first day's meeting coincided with the inauguration of the new governor. We started soon after these celebrations had finished, which resulted in many of the crowd just coming over to attend the Gospel meeting. All was going well when suddenly what seemed out of nowhere a cool wind began to blow heavy black clouds soon seeped over and it poured with rain just as I had taken the microphone. People scattered and took cover in every possible place while Charles my interpreter and myself just stood on the stage with an umbrella for 30 minutes or so as it passed. To

my surprise very few people had left. The crowd even grew. I preached a very clear Gospel message which touched many hearts. The Lord had given us a huge harvest of souls coming into the Kingdom many hearing the Gospel for the first time and many also re dedicating their lives to the Lord.



Every night seemed to grow and grow. It's hard to get a clear figure of the new state of Yambio Headquarters but we estimate the town population to be approximately 20 to 30 thousand people. What was remarkable that the Lord drew most of the population to the meeting on Sunday? After an hour or so of jubilant praise and singing I took the microphone and started to preach the Gospel, suddenly the crowd beginning to scatter. Another fierce storm was rapidly approaching! We prayed asking the Lord to hold back the rain and the Lord totally stopped the rain, this was a real sign to the people that Jesus is alive. Most of the crowd returned and the Lord moved seeking and saving the Lost.





Another touching miracle was a man partially blind he could not see more than a meter or so but the Lord touched him as he sat in the crowd and his eyesight was completely restored. He was amazed to see! What was remarkable he read from a bible with tiny print I could not even see! Later we discovered this man was a prisoner and had somehow been loosed from prison to attend the meeting.

Shireen went into the prison and spoke giving a strong appeal to the 70 or so prisoners to surrender their lives to the Lord. I sensed the Lords love and compassion for them as they repented of their sin as most came forward and knelt down some of them were in chains hand and foot. I pray the Holy Spirit will work deeply in their hearts breaking every spiritual chain.

The Lord helped us in a marvellous way with a driver and already the truck and Benson are in Maridi. Please remember us in prayer for the Maridi meetings 23rd -27th June. The message of the Cross changes lives forever. The Gospel is eternal but we don't have eternity to preach it. Now is Sudan's time.

thousand years later, we are still reaping, and bringing in the harvest. Will you join us, and support our efforts? Only you can make that decision; only you can make that difference.





Maridi South Sudan 23rd to 27th June

Sudan is indeed a ripe harvest field and a fertile ground. I believe the answer is for men and women, boys and girls to hold fast to The Word of God and not let go; to do and to practise what they know and have heard. Since our last visit to Maridi in 2002, only one other gospel meeting has taken place, but there has been much development in the town – piped water to distribution points of rows and rows of water taps are dotted all over the town; by December there will also be electricity, and mobile phone networks are in operation. The greatest need remains for the BREAD OF LIFE TO BE BROKEN among the people.

We had a small taste of the effect that the Gospel can have on a people. I was told that in the Dinka culture, it is very much an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth, forgiveness is considered a weakness. So usually, when someone is harmed or wrongly treated, strong revenge is planned. As God's Holy Spirit moved in saving and touching lives, a man came up onto the stage to testify how he had surrendered to Jesus. At home, the Lord then convicted him about a severe disagreement that he had had with someone, which caused great bitterness in his life as the two parties had not talked in years. And so he began to reason, "Why should I not forgive that man who did me great harm". He realised that he was truly forgiven and now he wanted to forgive in return, so he said, "I now release this person".

On Sunday, the crowd swelled to close to 10,000, and at least three quarters of the people indicated that they were sick when we asked, "Who needs prayer?" As Robin Aim, the Cathedral Bishops, and myself moved among the thousands of sick, laying hands on them, our hearts were moved with compassion at the dreadful state of some of the people. There were

literally hundreds of blind people, and oh so many sick children.

On one of the days, during ministry, the Lord instantly opened the eyes of three women standing together. The deaf also heard as Jesus truly moved. One moving testimony concerns a lady who travelled 65 miles to the crusade. She had heard that God was healing and she came in great faith. Her hands were so weak that she could not feed herself and she could not even take a bath! The Lord rewarded her faith, and she went home strong. She was able to feed herself and also carry a basin of water for a bath! The Lord had completely healed her.

As I gave the call for salvation, it was wonderful to see how the Lord touched hearts. Almost the whole crowd responded. There were multitudes of salvations, healings and deliverances. The Holy Spirit ministered and filled many.



Daily Leaders Seminars

I shared the daily teaching seminars with a missionary friend, Robin Aim, who heads up AfriLift here in Kenya. Robin taught and ministered on "How to hear the voice of God", which caused the leaders to hunger and desire more and more to hear the voice of the Lord.

Fruit that remains

In 2002, we had a notorious man get up and testify how he had been addicted to alcohol. I remember him saying the taste had gone and that he did not want it anymore. I wondered if this was still true. As I walked into the Church on Sunday, there he was, still faithful, and still serving the Lord. This was a true salvation.

Bishop Justin Badi writes.



Dear brother in Christ Evangelist Roger West

Grace and peace of God to you.

On behalf of the churches in Maridi and the entire people of Maridi, I would like to convey our words of thanks and appreciation for your ministry and especially the work done in Maridi. We have seen that the Lord has really used you to revive the church in Maridi. The situation in Sudan has made many people to stay with bitterness in their hearts and always planning for revenge. But I am glad that, through your ministry in Maridi, the Spirit of God has cleared this evil spirit of revenge and violence from the hearts of many people. I personally received two people who came to confess that they had forgiven those who offended them. There many other stories of people who have come to our pastors in different churches. We really thank God for such healing and the physical healings that many people received. The power of the devil and his kingdom was brought lower and lower as people surrender their charms, and those bewitched were released and healed from their troubles. The Gospel message is being uplifted higher and higher. People now have a fresh interest to listen to the local evangelists and preachers. Thank you, and may God continue to work through you for the expansion and advancement of His kingdom in the world.

We are in a critical moment in Sudan. We very much need your prayers and presence in Sudan to encourage and mobilise the churches to God in prayers and confession. We look forward to receive you again this year and next year in 2011. Greetings to your wife and may God bless all your ways.

Once again thank you

Yours in Christ

+ Justin Badi Bishop of Maridi





Yei Gospel Crusade Southern Sudan. 28th July - 1st August 2010

The seminar started with Pastor Jack Haynes and Pastor Don Matheney. The Word of the Lord was simple and profound, how to change from a mission field to a Mission Force. Too long has Sudan seen herself as a mission field, but now they are beginning to rise up and become what the Lord has called them to be – a mission force. An outward focused Church and not inwardly focused. A Church not looking to what they can get but what they can give.

On Wednesday, just before we were due to start, there was rain! My heart sank and I thought that the meeting was going to be rained out. But God was ever faithful. The rain ceased and the weather cleared just before I was due to preach, and the people seemed to arrive from everywhere, around six or seven thousand of them! The openness of the people blessed us, and we saw multitudes make a first time decision for the Lord.



Pastor Jack Haynes ministered powerfully on Thursday night, preaching a message to a responsive crowd of seven thousand or more. What was remarkable was that all around the city of Yei, it was raining heavenly, yet the Freedom Square was perfectly dry! Not a drop of earthly rain fell, only the rain from heaven that wets the soul and quenches man's greatest thirst.

Pastor Don Matheney preached a powerful message on the cross of Jesus on Friday night. When a large wooden cross was erected on the stage, a holy hush fell over the crowd. Some people covered their faces with their



hands. When Pastor Don hammered a huge nail into the wood, tears were flowing as a realisation that it was our sin that put Jesus on the cross. He then named several key sins, which he had the people write down on a piece paper and tick them if they were guilty of them. Joy flooded hearts when everyone tore their paper into little pieces and threw it into the air. Revelation and understanding seemed to come to the whole crowd that their sins had been forgiven and taken care of.

Colossians 2:14 He cancelled the record of the charges against us and took it away by nailing it to the cross.

It was my turn to preach on Saturday – I preached clearly on the blood of Jesus. One point that I felt needed a specific emphasis was how we have been given boldness to enter into the Holiest by the blood of Jesus. A new and living way is now opened for us. Fellowship with the King of kings was now possible by the blood of Jesus. We have been given access to the throne of grace so that we can find help and obtain mercy in a time of need. Multitudes realised that they still needed their sins washed away and responded to the message. As the meeting was drawing to a close, black clouds began to hover not far from where we were, and just as we finished, a powerful wind swept across the field bringing with it a heavy downpour. As I began to walk back to the hotel after the meeting, I noticed that the wind had swept the field clean of the thousands of torn up lists of sin. To me, it was a picture of what had happened in the spirit moments before, as souls that were filled with sin were swept clean by the power of the Holy Spirit.

We introduced the pastors of the city and invited all the new converts to go to church on Sunday. Multitudes responded.

Those who had called on the name of Jesus for the first time were invited to a special meeting at which I encouraged them with foundational teaching and instruction. Then on Monday morning the local Pastors taught on water baptism and baptised 250 new converts in the river Yei.

One healing that touched my heart was that of an old lady who had crawled on her knees since 1999. Her knees looked like



Healed after crawling on her knees for 11 years



Sunday Night



Yei Prison

leather. Jesus touched her and healed her, and she was able to stand up and walk for the first time in 11 years!

A gangster and thief testified how he had surrendered to Jesus and was no longer going to continue in his former lifestyle. Truly God moved in Yei touching multitudes and setting many free.

We also visited Yei prison giving out care packs and food to each prisoner and all the wardens. The whole prison was present, and they sat to hear the gospel. Some of the young men were in chains, and there were a few mothers with nursing babies. Hearts now open responded to the word of God.

On Sunday, there was not a cloud in the sky, as the hot sun beat down on our heads. It seemed for a while that the Sunday meeting would not be well attended, because it was simply too hot. But the moment it cooled down, close to 15,000 people flooded Freedom Square. I preached a very strong message on full surrender and commitment. People understood and the Holy Spirit seemed to empower every word. All over the field, people

responded to the message by surrendering their whole life to Jesus Christ.

In the five days of meetings, a total of about 43,000 people called on the Name of Jesus Christ.

Thank you, our friends and partners, for your prayers and help, which enabled us to take the Gospel to Southern Sudan. I had hoped to leave our truck and equipment in Sudan in preparation for next year. However, due to some customs restrictions, we had to take it back to Kenya. As I write, Benson and Alex are already passing Kampala and heading towards the Kenya border town Busia. We are praying that peace will prevail after the Sudan Referendum, and that we will be able to return early next year. Also, we are looking at various other possibilities. Indeed, the harvest is ripe and the labourers are few. We still have much to do.

We will have all eternity to celebrate our victories, but only one short hour before sunset to win them [Robert Moffat].



Yei South Sudan approximately 43,700 people hear and respond the Gospel

Sibiti Gospel Crusade Southern Sudan. 28th July – 1st August 2010



I got up early and went to the field to pray, but was soon side-tracked with the many things weighing on my mind that still needed checking out and doing. Muraguri arrived and we were able to sort out all the technical details. Well so we thought ... Moments before the meeting was due to start, Mura called and said that the mixer desk was not working. I walked over to the field and was amazed that I just knew what to do! This was surely the Holy Spirit. For some reason, I just looked for our spare power cable and plugged it in – and there we were, back in business.

Later, when I took the microphone, I preached a very clear Gospel message to close on 3,000 people. I was surprised at just how many young people were present. There was a very good response to the Word – no resistance, God had won their hearts. Hands instantly were raised confessing their sins and receiving cleansing from all unrighteousness.

The 60 or so counsellors went to work with the follow-up books – recording decisions and giving the book to as many as they could. We recorded 1434 decisions for Jesus.

I prayed a general prayer for the congregation – speaking and proclaiming healing over the multitude. Many people were healed of back pain, knee pain and related pains that hindered them walking. They testified how they were now pain free, and were able to bend and walk. One young man took his spectacles off and said he could read without them! We tested him, and yes he could read!

One night, quite spontaneously I began to speak about making a total surrender to Jesus. Say yes to Jesus and No to the devil. I challenged people to put their faith in Jesus Christ exclusively, and to remove any witchcraft fetishes and throw them into a huge 200-litre drum that we had standing in front of the platform. There was a great release of joy as we burned the first few that were put in. I had the recognised pastors come down and pray for the sick with me. We also announced that the new believer's class would begin today and then on Monday we would take those who had attended the course down to the river for water baptism. There was a handful of healings, in particular, one bedridden lady, who was suffering with typhoid fever, got up and came to the meeting – she said she felt strength flow into her and was able to stand up.

It was also wonderful to see young people filled with the Holy Spirit and speaking in new tongues. One remarkable testimony of a true decision to follow Jesus was from a person who had received a large amount of money knowing that it was not aboveboard. The Lord spoke to that person and the money was returned!

