



Disciplemaking for Africa

Dear Friends and Prayer Partners,

It has been a long year and we thank God for each of you as you partner with us in the ministry through prayer, giving and encouragement.

We have three outreach reports to give in this letter. Our heavenly Father is concerned for the Nations. Our mandate has and will remain until He returns to make disciples of all Nations. To do this effectively, we, as a faith based mission, trusting God to supply our personal and ministry needs, need you to continue partnering with us through prayer, giving, encouragement and sending teams to teach and help with the practical needs of those we minister to.

As we slow down for our annual Christmas break, I'd like to give a brief report of our last three international outreaches and some local news.

God as been good to us and we praise Him for His faithfulness.

Itala Island, Zambia (21 August—2 September 2011)

**The fulfillment
of freedoms can
interfere with
the fulfillment
of love.**

Rob Booth, from Estes Park, Colorado, joined me to go to Itala Island to minister to the Island and some mainland churches. Shaun Fourie, from Mokopane, joined us as an intern to learn more about practical missions.

We picked up Henry along the way, and after three days journey, arrived at Samfya. We hired a boat and arrived at Itala. We were the last white visitors three years ago that have been to this isolated island in the Bangweulu swamps.

The water being low made some of the travel for those coming from Muwele and Kanana difficult. In places they had to get out of their canoes and walk until the water was deep enough to paddle.

Six churches were represented and our leaders responded well to the teachings from the Beatitudes in the

Book of Matthew. We also did a number of Train and Multiply booklets which have been on-going for a number of years.

Continuity in developing leaders is important through various training aids and the Train and Multiply keeps building on Christ's seven commands. I was however glad to see and hear that the men were making disciples, but a little concerned that the church planting momentum had slowed down.

We had to encourage the men that although disciple making is important, it had to go beyond, to church planting. The danger is that people can make disciples who only focus in the local church and it becomes an internal exercise with no outward impact.

We especially encouraged Henry in this, and shortly

after returning from this outreach, Henry planted a church at Chiandeponde, which had been on the cards for some time. Henry sent glowing reports of repentance and a birth of a new church which he recently followed up and says things are going well. We do need another few boats for our leaders to get around in. If you feel led to give, please let me know. A banana boat goes for around \$2000 currently, plus about \$600 to get the boat into the area from Lusaka. Due to the isolation of these



People from Chisuka arriving at Itala for training



Koos, Shawn Fourie and Rob en-route to Samfya

places the clinics are not well stocked or staffed. We make a request that teams bring extra antibiotics to leave behind, and such things as bactroban, plasters, antibiotic ointment, alcohol disinfecting pads and other basic medical things to help folks. We helped a girl with a cut thumb that had become infected. Another man had been bit by a spider and his arm was terribly swollen. Yep, you have to become Dr. Koos. We shipped the man with a spider bite to hospital to get proper attention. We heard later that he was fine. So many things we take for granted and can treat so easily ourselves by opening

our medicine cabinet at home. In the bush this is not so. There is even an ignorance regarding basic hygiene in areas resulting in infections and skin disease. I must say, I am terribly moved by the plight of these people. You can also send money to buy these medicines. Just earmark it IMD Africa-Medicine. I think we have saved lives through the administration of basic medicines and by taking people out of their situations, from a TB sufferer to snake bite victims and more. Sure we pray, but when we go the Good Samaritan mile it speaks volumes of God's love.

Our trip to Zambia was a blessing.



12 hours on the water to get to Itala from Samfya



Koos' kitchen on Itala island



With our faithful partner in the gospel, Pst Henry Katontoka

Psalm 2:8

“Ask of me and I will make the Nations your inheritance, and the ends of the earth your possession.”

Mt. Elgon—Kenya (16—28 October)

This outreach was undertaken by Rob Booth and myself. He is really my faithful sidekick on many of our trips. I really thank God for Rob and his wife Amy. She encourages him to come on two or more trips a year and she even remembers specific leaders names and says to Rob, “It’s time you visited Ben again or saw Henry again”. This couple is sold for the gospel and live as we disciple makers like to call world visionary, world impacting disciples. This life is not about us and our comfort really. It’s about obeying the Master and getting on our hearts what God has on His. The Nations.... People.....

Psalm 2:8 is a good prayer to pray:” Call unto me and I will give you the Nations as your inheritance and the uttermost parts as your possession.”

Guys, we have got to give it our ALL!

This time together with the men at Taboo, a really isolated village up on the mountain, was so much more than teaching from the Scriptures. I saw and experienced the love of these men in an awesome way. The time I had with Ben Ndiema, our Mt. Elgon coordinator, and John Chesang, our Ugandan coordinator, was amazing. John brought 24 leaders to be trained and their only complaint was that more men wanted to come but couldn't. The Ugandans want us to cover two districts on the Ugandan side of Mt. Elgon next year to train more men. Everyone was eager to learn. In all ± 60 leaders were present. We handled the Beatitudes and people responded to how Jesus wanted us to live

from His manifesto for the Kingdom. Quite a challenge.

Everything went well and after the men had departed, we had a great aftertaste in our hearts of having fellowshipped around Gods word, and just being together.

At the end of our time of training, we had planned to climb Mt. Elgon and had set aside a few days to do this. I'm not as fit as I used to be, and high altitude makes breathing difficult, especially with my asthma.

We set out on Sunday afternoon to walk the 26 kilometers or so to



Rob teaching leaders at Taboo, Mt Elgon



Mt. Elgon Coordinator, Pastor Ben Ndiema and his family.

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the base of the highest peaks. We left late afternoon and steadily climbed, walking over large clumps of grass. This made walking difficult. My breathing became more strained, and by nightfall it was cold and raining. Some of the men remained behind to help me—my head was splitting with a headache and I started to feel nauseous from altitude sickness.

Those that went ahead started a fire and Rob set up the tent we brought. Finally the two men, Kenneth and Moses, carrying heavy packs, made me put my arms around their necks and they kind of dragged me the last kilometer to where the camp was set up.

Their strength became my

strength. Where I lacked their love carried me through. It was amazing. No criticism, no complaining. Just, "Let's help this brother". I really felt humbled. So often we go out to help people, but never really letting them into our experience to help and bless us.

After a good night's rest I was fine, huffing puffing fine, but we saw incredible beauty, not only in God's awesome creation, but in one another as we walked and talked and just enjoyed one another in the wilderness.

What a bonding experience.

Rob and I were really pleased that Evangelist, Nathan Onyango, could accompany us on our trip and every evening had evangelic services where num-

bers of people made commitments too Jesus as Lord and Savior.

Nathan showed different films each night depicting some facet of challenge in life to strengthen the brethren and to draw unbelievers too Christ. We hope that we will work together whenever we minister in Kenya.

I felt burdened to get brother Nathan a generator. He hires one each time he goes out on an outreach and I think it will be beneficial for Nathan to have his own.

We're looking at a \$1500 generator. If any one feels led to help, please send your gift to IMD Africa and earmark it Generator for Kenya.



Our trip up the mountain

Mozambique (25 November—1 December)



Putting up camp at Sabie, Mozambique

Shaun Fourie and I went to Mozambique to pick up on the work we had started in 2004.

Our sponsor had sold his share in Sabie Game Park and

a new investor had taken over the park. It now is a hunting concern with International investors from Norway.

Sandy McDonald, the new South African partner has asked us to continue investing spiritually in the lives of these leaders that have become part of the leadership circle over the years. This we have agreed to do, and are grateful to McDonald Safaris for investing in what the Lord of the Harvest is doing in this area.

It was great to visit Chavanne, Lecongolo, Macacaza and Dindizi villages and to see everyone.

We were welcomed with open arms and the leaders wished us to return to continue with their discipleship.

So please be in prayer with us as we partner with McDonald Safaris to impact this area.

We will keep you updated.



Sunday Service—Chavanne



Meeting with the staff at Sabie game park



Meeting with Chavanne leaders



Meeting with Gumgwe leaders

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LOCAL MINISTRIES

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FARM MINISTRY

Pst. Johannes continues to do a great job on the farms and we are now ministering to a total of 13 farms and 2 businesses, totaling about 1500 farm workers, twice a month. Jeni and I had a meeting with the farmers last Sunday and they really commended Pst. Johannes for his continuity, love and commitment to the people. Many of the farmers attend the meetings as well, and appreciated the way that Johannes ministers to their people, testifying that they are seeing a difference in their workers.

Please continue to pray for Johannes as he gets up really early in the mornings to get to some of the farms that are about an hour's drive. In the winter months this is especially really hard, but he is faithful as anything.

WOMAN'S MINISTRY



Jeni with Woman's Ministry leaders

Our Woman's retreat in September was a real blessing. In South Africa we say 'local is lekker'. Well, this year it was definitely local and I arranged for a long-time friend of mine, Ramsy Shika and an associate of hers, Shirley, who has started a ministry for young married couples, to minister to the ladies. Ramsy worked as our secretary many years back, and Koos started discipling her husband, Fanta. They have now started their own church. Ramsy and Shirley spoke to their hearts and touched on real relevant issues. The ladies had to raise most of the funds themselves to attend the retreat, and we only had around 50 delegates, but it was a blessing to all of us as we shared on topics related to Women of Integrity (In the home, in ministry, in finance, and in relationships) God gave me this topic the year before, and I think it was really relevant for such a time as this. We also had Abrina Seanago share with the ladies on practical issues of woman's health. Abrina, a nurse by profession, shared with the ladies in her own weakness, as she struggled with illness over the last year. Sadly, a month later, she passed away. She was a real inspiration to us ladies as she 'gave' until the end.



Ramsy, Abrina and Shirley

MISSION SCHOOL

Our staff at the mission school worked really hard this year and our new principal, Helen Maime, has proven her weight in gold. She has made an effort to interview each new parent, approx 20 of them, and test 20 children individually for Reading Readiness and 20 more for Co-ordination Development, so as to give them the best advantage for the coming year. She has boldly challenged some parents to stop their ancestor rituals with their children and gently called others to a relationship with Jesus Christ. She has challenged the staff to take up their call as educational missionaries and we praise God for calling her alongside this ministry. I, Jeni continue to Administrate the school, and since we no longer have an IMD or school secretary, this is going to be a real challenge next year. We desperately need short term helpers.



A word with the parents

We have decided to move the whole school to the new church premises in 2012 and this will also hold some challenges, but will help us to establish the school and give us MORE SPACE.... Already God has provided through a local company to drill a borehole for water, and a 6x6 log cabin has been erected for the Grade R class. We will have 60 learners enrolled from Grade R—Grade 3 next year and also have children on the waiting list.

So.....more desks...moving boxes...hammering, painting, and from the beginning....looking for electricity, toilets, shade, playground, (I thought we'd done that already..... :) Anyway, Pst. Ramabu and the day care will be enjoying the extra space for their approx 150 children and the Dept. of Health will be satisfied that they meet the quote of sq meter per learner.. :)

4 of our grade 3's graduated to grade 4 and will be moving on to local schools next year. The parents are begging us to go beyond the Foundational Phase and we had some tears shed at our award giving ceremony.



Christmas Concert



Christian Character Awards

Thank you to those of you who have so kindly partnered with us in this ministry.