

A Few Short Stories From Sheila...

While we were in Kenya, I mentioned in an email that I had many wonderful stories to tell you when we got home. I cannot begin to tell you how moved Shad and I were to hear the stories that I am about to tell you. There were many other stories that we heard besides these, but for the sake of space I am going to focus on four of them.

I No Longer Want to Die...

The first story concerns the lady that we talked to you about in our report after the project in January of this year. We had just finished a meeting in Nakuru and a lady came to tell us her story. Her husband had left her for another woman and she was on her way to buy some poison to commit suicide. She asked Jesus into her heart that day and said that she now no longer wanted to die but live for God. We saw her while we were in Eldoret this trip, and she was absolutely glowing! She told us that her life has changed completely and now she has found peace and purpose in her life. The change in her countenance was absolutely amazing. She tells everyone she meets about what Jesus has done in her life.



New Christians! Muslim women rejoicing with Ben Bahait

Muslim Lady Runs to Church...

There were two other ladies that we met while we were there (see picture). We did a meeting in an open-air market near Ben's church. After the meeting we invited people to come to the church for follow-up. By the time we could get the vehicle packed and get back over to the church, these two ladies were standing there waiting. They ran the entire way to get there! They were so excited about the decision they had made for Christ and wanted to know more about what they should do to become more grounded in their faith. The lady on the right was a Muslim.

Converted Muslims Risk Their Lives for Jesus...

Speaking of Muslims, we have been supporting 4 former Muslim men who were saved during a meeting Ben did in a refugee camp for Somalis. They have been living in Nairobi in a Muslim community, risking their lives by sharing the Gospel of Christ with their Muslim neighbors. In just a few months, they have grown from one fellowship of 4 men to 4 fellowships in three different areas of Nairobi with a total attendance of 50 people. Please pray for these men and for the new believers as they grow in Christ and share their faith with other Muslims.

Pastor Gives after Losing Everything...

We were in a meeting one day and Ben introduced us to Pastor James Mbugua. During the post-election turmoil in January 2009, Pastor James lost his wife, his home, and his church in fires set during the violence. He was left with 7 children to take care of by himself. But even with all he has had to deal with, he went through the field evangelism training that Ben has been teaching, has started a new church, and now has 20 members in his new church. With all he has lost, James was still so thankful that we came to preach the Gospel in his area to help his church grow, he gave a gift to us – a wonderful Masii milk gourd decorated with beads. I cannot tell you how humbled I felt to accept that gift.

I could tell you many more stories of things that happened on this trip, but they will have to wait until another day and another newsletter! I hope, though, that by sharing these incidents with you, you can get a glimpse of what we see on every project and feel a little of the joy we experience by seeing how God is working through the lives of his children in Kenya. Please remember these precious saints in your prayers as they live in situations most of us cannot begin to imagine. Pray for God's guidance, provision, and blessing in their lives.

30 Days of Non-Stop Evangelism Results in 65,000 decisions for Christ

by Shad Williams

As we approached this project there were some obstacles to overcome – as usual. But, as always, God had a plan, and a very good one I might add. The project was scheduled to begin on June 7, but due to the threat of airline employee strikes, we had to delay by a week. Then, we did not have enough money to do the project, not even close. So we did what any other sane and rational believer would do, we postponed our departure by one week and went without the money, trusting that God to supply as we went. I told the team in Kenya to go ahead and start without us and we would join them when we got there. So they did just that. We arrived in Nairobi on Thursday night, June 17, Sheila's birthday. We checked into our place to stay for the night and when Sheila logged on to check our email we found that God had provided enough money that very day (while we were en route to Kenya) to cover everything we needed for the campaign. Praise be to God Who is ALWAYS faithful. With joy and thanksgiving we flew to Eldoret on Friday to join the project in progress. By the time we arrived, the team had already completed 25 high school meetings, 25 open-air events, 14 film shows and a four-day festival. They had seen over 25,000 people pray to receive Jesus and over 1,000 people were attending follow-up meetings every day.



Singing and dancing to draw in the crowd



Receiving Christ in the street

were there another 40,000 people prayed to receive Jesus, bringing the total to 65,800. Glory to God! I have been doing this ministry for a long time, but I never stop being amazed at the saving power of Jesus Christ. The Gospel is truly the power of God unto salvation. Dear friends, I wish you could stand with us in these meetings and see, for yourself, what God is doing. I wish you could see first hand the expressions on the faces of the students in the high schools and the folks in the market places. I wish you could be there to hear in their own voices the testimonies of people who just received Jesus. I tell you it is thrilling beyond words to see the power of God transform lives. On this project we saw nearly 66,000 transformed forever.



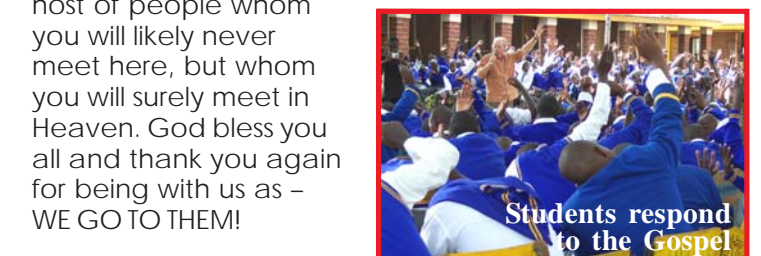
The project team

Now let me say to those of you who prayed for us during this project and to those of you who invested in it financially – THANK YOU VERY MUCH. By your prayers and support you were part of a very big thing – you were part of changing the lives of a great host of people whom you will likely never meet here, but whom you will surely meet in Heaven. God bless you all and thank you again for being with us as – WE GO TO THEM!

On Saturday we took a break from evangelism just long enough to have the 20 year Anniversary. Then on Sunday it was right back at it. Over the next two weeks we preached in another 18 high schools, 48 open-air market places and 20 evening film shows. All this activity required the efforts of about thirty team members every day. It was a big project (over 150 evangelistic events), which required a LOT of planning, coordination, effort, sacrifice and money – but – it was SO worth everything that went into it. In the two weeks we



Sheila speaking to students



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20th Anniversary - GFE Kenya

a time of rejoicing...



Hundreds of GFE workers join together to praise God for 20 years of ministry

a time of remembering...



Shad & Sheila share with the audience some of the history of GFE

1990 - 2010 Celebrating 20 Years of Ministry

by Shad Williams

In June 1990, Sheila and I went to Kenya for the first time since our first trip there in 1975. The project was organized through a local pastor and, to our disappointment, was not very well planned. He just did not understand what we were there to do. But, as always, God had a plan, and part of that plan was our meeting a young twenty-six year old street evangelist named Ben Bahati. We met at a noon-hour open-air meeting at the railway station in downtown Nairobi. He was playing the accordion and attempting to do field evangelism. We knew right away that this young man was the "real deal" and God immediately knit our hearts together. A bond was formed that would soon turn into the establishment of Global Field Evangelism in Kenya. We sort of side stepped the pastor on that project and finished it with Ben and a rented vehicle that came with a driver, named Bernard Kamau, who got saved the first day and has been with us on every project since - all 43 of them.

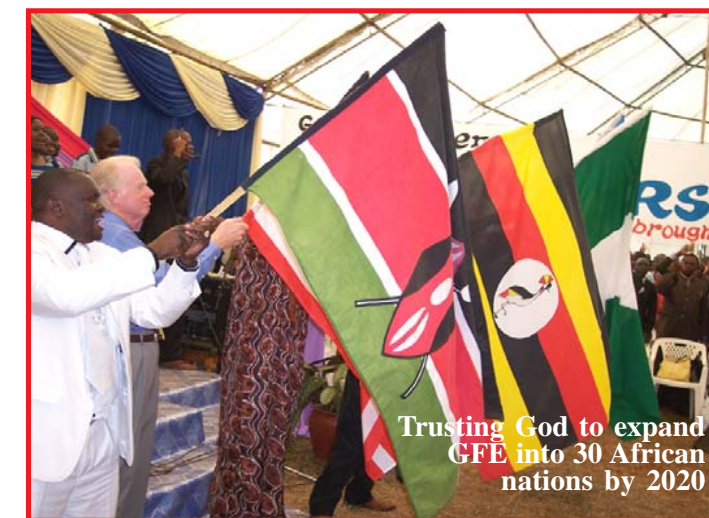
On June 19, 2010, Sheila and I, along with Ben and Bernard, stood before a crowd of over 1400 people and I said to them, "This ministry began with the four people you see standing here, but praise God, it has now grown to hundreds." With that, I asked everyone who is part of the GFE Kenya team to stand. There were over 400 people standing. What an amazing sight to behold.

Team members plus friends and family, had come from all over Kenya as well as Uganda, Tanzania, Congo, and Nigeria. Ben and I met with the GFE leaders from the other countries and together we agreed to believe God to establish GFE in no less than 30 African countries by the 30th anniversary in 2020.

There were many moving moments during the celebration, not the least of which was the awarding of diplomas to 30 new field evangelists who had just completed their course in Field Evangelism. Another awesome moment was when Ben washed the feet of all the GFE team members. It was truly a spectacular day.

Over these twenty years GFE Kenya has conducted thousands of evangelistic events, with millions of people having prayed to receive Christ. Tens of thousands have been discipled and are serving Jesus through hundreds of churches across the country. Today the ministry is multifaceted and involves many people, but the one single primary force is, and always will be, to see people step out of darkness into light. Every member of the GFE team is committed to the single purpose of continuing to expand the Kingdom of God and doing it in the only way that truly glorifies the Lord - by faith in HIM alone. Happy anniversary GFE Kenya. Now - let's go to them!

a time of renewed vision...



Trusting God to expand GFE into 30 African nations by 2020

a time of fun & laughter...



Ben & Mary Bahati receive the Gift of a goat from GFE Team

30 students graduate from GFE Field Evangelism School

a time of worship & praise...



Pastor Daniel, Sheila & Mary join hundreds in praise & worship



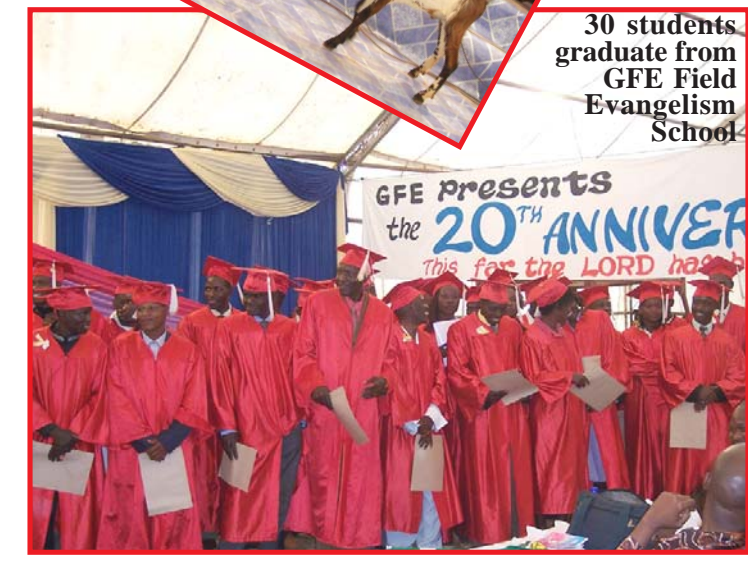
Ben washing the feet of GFE team members

a time of humility...

a time to say Happy Anniversary GFE Kenya...



Every Celebration needs a 35 lb cake!!!



a time of celebration...