



# Summary and Analysis of the GREAT COMMISSION CAMP 2016

*Reclaiming the Nations for Christ*

**Held at Back 2 Basics Bush Camp**

**1st – 6<sup>th</sup> January 2016**



## **The Great Commission Camp (GCC) included:**

4 PT Sessions, 5 Adventure Activities, 4 Practicals, 3 Hikes, 5 Devotions & Sermons, 4 Bible Drill sessions, 5 Films, 20 Lectures, 3 Outreaches, 3 Just-A-Minute debating skills games, a workshop, 5 discussion group sessions and a Variety Concert.

We had 13 speakers, including 3 guest speakers, 2 of which, Don McAlvany and Al Baker were from America.

## **Response Forms**

### **1. Which publications do you regularly receive and read?**

Frontline News	14	Christian Action E-mail list	7
Frontline Fellowship E-mail list	10	Reformation Society E-Mail/list	6
Christian Action Magazine	9	Christian Liberty Books E-Mail/list	5
JOY! Magazine	8	JUIG! Tydskrif	3

### **2. Why did you come to the Great Commission Camp?**

*“To learn and receive more information and **to grow closer to God**”; “To learn more about God and His ways”; “To serve”; “**To learn how to share my Faith with unbelievers** and to increase my knowledge of the Gospel”; “To get a better understanding of Evangelism”; “To help in any way I could”; “To learn more about the Lord”; “**Desire to see that Christ Jesus is uplifted in all areas**”; “**Duty and Destiny**”; “Hope of learning more about Evangelism and Christ”; “To learn more about Missions and how to reach out to people”; “**To broaden my vision of Missions and Christian Ministry**”; “To learn about God and to understand more about Frontline”; “**To be renewed in my mind. To be instructed in God’s ways**”; “To learn more about Missions and the Christian life”; “To learn to be more productive in the Kingdom of God”; “To get more information on most topics”; “To learn more about Evangelism”; “To learn how to be more effective and obedient for the Lord”; “Because I would love to get closer to God”; “To get closer to God and know Him better”; “To further strengthen my walk and re-inforce my spiritual discipline”; “To learn practical skills in Evangelism and background on Missionary training”; “To learn to effectively share the Gospel”; “**To grow in knowledge and understanding of the Scriptures**”; “**I want to be a Missionary**”; “To learn how to do outreach more effectively”.*

### **3. Were your expectations met?**

24 Yes

Others comments: *“I think there could be more outreaches”; “**Yes and they were far exceeded**”; “My expectations were met and exceeded”; “**My expectations were beyond met**”; “Yes, greatly”; “How to train my body physically and my mind Yes”; “Expectations were **highly exceeded**”.*

4. What have been your **impressions** of the Great Commission Camp?

**“Overwhelmingly positive”**; “It doesn’t matter what you or they say but **what the Bible says**”; “The lectures were **wonderful and informative and challenging** to me as a Christian”; “Well thought through, leadership are **enthusiastic** about what they do”; “Informative and ‘need to know’ knowledge”; **“Very intense”**; “The camp has improved; although a lot has been compressed into very little time – which could hamper in-depth teaching”; **“Excellent** course, **would love to do it again**, but the three week course”; “Very well organised, thorough and taught me a lot”; “The lectures were well organised, structured and informative. **The activities were interesting, fun, challenging AND WET!**”; “It is very informative, interesting and thorough”; “Very well organised, great activities and lectures”; “So well organised, **the lectures were so informative, they mean business**”; **“Insightful”**; **“An enthusiastic team and participants”**; “Focused on the aim to disciple and build character”; “Very well organised; **leadership dedicated to the truth**”; “Rich in information”; “Tiring but good”; **“There is always something new to learn and this camp gives it”**; “I think the leadership was stronger and more effective this year; discipline and dress code was well implemented”; “They taught us lots of things that I didn’t know”; “Very disciplined in a good way. **Uncompromising and focused**”; “Fellowship, leadership and the Divine messages from the speakers of God’s Word”; “The lectures were a bit long but nevertheless I thoroughly enjoyed them. The camp was a **great experience**”; **“Great. Motivational. Needed”**; “Really beneficial as it covers a variety of topics and life skills”; **“God honouring, Gospel focused”**.

5. In what ways have you **benefited** from the Great Commission Camp?

**“Stretched physically**. Realised I do not know how to give an answer for the hope in me”; “The importance of discipline, how we should Evangelise at all costs, how should live for Christ with our lives portraying obedience towards Christ”; “I have been blessed with the high standards put on PT as well as the **Spiritual Stamina**”; “I have found that it isn’t about what you wear to be noticed but what’s on the inside that is reflected. I need to dress modestly and respectfully”; “I have realised what I need to work on in my own life and how it is truly possible to draw nearer to God”; **“My body has gotten stronger and my mind has become more aware of things in this world** and making new friends and gaining a better relationship with God”; **“Knowing that I can keep going when I want to stop, speak up when I’d rather be quiet and do all things through Christ’s strength”**; **“To trust in the Lord with all my heart, to live a Holy life”**; “It is always a blessing to learn, be **encouraged and inspired**. I especially enjoyed Pastor Al Baker and Mr McAlvany”; “I have learned a lot of things I didn’t know before and have received emphasis on things I knew before and plan to use them more often”; “Learning new things”; **“Learning to persevere, push harder** and make new friends”; “My confidence was improved on the outreach, I gained a lot of knowledge as well as discipline during the camp. For this **I am extremely grateful**”; “I have enjoyed fellowship with like-minded believers”; “Mental, Spiritual and physical”; **“Fitter and stronger”**; “I was encouraged to read more widely. **I have enjoyed meeting Christians with a passion for Christ**”; “To realise the importance of training and discipline in preparing to preach the Gospel”; “I learned about the importance of being bold and disciplined. My opinions on a lot of subjects have been influenced or changed”; **“I was greatly inspired to make sure to be disciplined in body, mind and spirit. I was challenged to memorise Scripture and be seriously concerned about the Great Commission”**; “Encouraged, informed and motivated to evaluate life and my walk with God. **Made some great friends**”; “Being motivated and again convinced to do more Evangelism and to **live boldly for God**”; “My physical form is now back at its peak, **the lectures and workshops have fueled my passion for Evangelism and Spiritual growth**”; “I am going to join my Church’s outreach team and I am going to join a gym to get fit and I am going to eat healthy in order to lose weight”; “My knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ and how to go out and win souls for Christ”; “I learned how to present people with the Gospel. Challenged me to a greater level of discipline and **inspired me to practice revival prayer**”; “It has given me a lot more information that is applicable to me as a Christian and in fulfilling the Great Commission”;

*“One of the points that was made was ‘Whatever is most important to you, you will talk about it’; ‘I think more on issues that are pleasing to God and I will put up a fight in coming battles’.*

6. Which were the most **useful** or **helpful lectures** or **presentations**, to you?

25	Discipline	13	Resisting the New World Order
19	Modesty	11	Evangelism Explosion
19	Revival Prayer	11	Biblical Faith and Modern Counterfeits
18	10 Marks of Revival	11	The Harvest is Large
17	Missionaries Who Changed the World	11	Art and Music as Ministry
16	Right With God	11	The Sovereignty of God
16	The Three Fold Gospel	9	Christian Action
16	The Message in the Music	7	Total Depravity
15	The Creation Mandate	6	Film as Ministry
14	Spiritual Stamina (Sunday Sermon)	5	Dealing with Guilt Manipulation
14	The Hard Words of Jesus		
14	The Great Commission		

7. Which were the most **useful** or **helpful** films and workshops, practicals or events to you?

19	Self-Defense Workshop	14	<i>Audacity</i> (film)
17	<i>Agenda 2</i> (film)	14	Survival Skills Workshops
17	Outreaches	13	Adventure Activities
17	<i>Evolution vs God</i> (film)	13	<i>Khumbula</i> (film)
16	Way of the Master Workshops	10	<i>Polycarp</i> (film)
15	Discussion Groups	1	Other – Fellowship with believers

8. Were there any presentations, films, practicals or events which you think we should **NOT** schedule for future GC Camps? (If so, could you please give your reasons).

10	No
12	No comment

Other comments include:

*“I appreciated all messages”; “Please bring back the Bible Exam”; “A presentation on relationships between boys and girls were missing (keeping yourself pure before marriage especially in mind and thought because I believe many young people are struggling with that) It would be nice to have more freedom maybe one hour in the afternoon for personal Bible Studies and quiet time”; “No, it is a really good program from which everyone can benefit”; “B2B Ice breakers are an embarrassment. We received complaints again about inappropriate activities for a Christian Camp”; “No all very relevant. Great that such a wide variety of excellent topics were covered”; “Film as Ministry – the lecture time was too valuable, the lecture was not pertinent to everyone, the presentation was read off the screen, this could have been handed out as notes instead”; “The ice breakers were fun, but sometimes they expected you to move your body in a certain manner that was not kosher”; “The Just a Minute at the end of the Variety Concert was not edifying and did not promote the Christian character we are aiming for on this Camp”; “The program was well planned and the painstaking effort put in was as evident as crystal. I walked out a better man”; “Concerning Rock/Rap music I think it is completely inappropriate to show the things that go on... We are to set no wicked thing before our eyes Ps 61:3”; “None, maybe just put the screen a bit higher up so people at the back can see”; “I don’t think it’s something you should not include, but I would appreciate if the opposing or corresponding ideas and perspectives were at least mentioned. For instance the effects of governments that overthrew communist countries such as Chile with the assigation of Allende and the military dictatorship of*

*Pinochet, which was definitely not a good government and not better than communism”; “Some of the images during the music presentation were unnecessary and too defiling. The message itself was good!”; “No, **everything was direct and on point. Very well presented**”; “Yes, the short film scenes regarding music. The film content did not need to go to such lengths to prove how bad our current music industry is. It may be more helpful to focus on music we can sing and the writers behind those stories”.*

9. In what ways do you think we could have **improved** our programmes or presentations?

*“Everything has to be right on time, the only reason I would say that is because I kept hearing people say “we’re all running late”; “Not as much reading off the presentations, more interactive and eye contact with audience. Points for discussion groups”; “To give a bit more time for personal Bible reading and Prayer”; “Let’s think of doing the PT obstacle course in place of the ‘ice breakers’. Put a shorter time limit on the concert”; “**The only way to improve the camp would be to make it longer**”; “Incorporate more stretching during PT. Persons involved with PT should study fitness a little bit more. First Aider needs more training”; “More time”; “**Was done very professionally and there is always space for improvement**”; “It has been **greatly improved** since 6 years ago”; “Allow time for people to rest between presentations, so that they don’t fall asleep during other presentations”; “Sometimes the background images used in the presentations are/can be distracting”; “Possibly shorten the messages/lectures. More outdoor activities”; “One on one discussions in mentorship form”; “Through a more rigorous approach of teaching – engaging the audience – not just at the end. Have a variety of presentation methods”; “In no way, it was perfect”; “Keeping to time!”; “**Lots more outreaches. The practical sessions were best**”; “Address some organizational aspects, like telling beforehand what to wear. For the ice-breaker not all activities were appropriate or comfortable!”; “The film presentation needed examples to illustrate the important points and principles”; “Ryno’s Devotions needed to be more focused and on time”; “I think we should **add a lecture addressing relationships between unmarried young men and ladies**”; “Some unkind attitudes towards Afrikaans people during Variety Concert”; “It may be helpful to mention each day which activities will be done in the afternoon and what clothes participants will need to wear to cut down on time running around getting dressed”; “Put up clocks so participants could keep track of the time. Allow more time for discussion groups”; “Some of the presentations were not designed well (too much clutter). I also think for the sports/PT there could be more encouragement, not threats”; “**Thank you for everything you have done!!**”; “A bit of humour”; “GCC website. Promote it from start of a year. Programs and presentations well done”; “A lot of young people who will become parents – **education should have been tackled**”; “Music, Self Defense, Evidence of the Bible, Boycotting Halaal food”; “Does anyone recommend a local church to those that we share Christ with on the streets so they can be discipled? “.*

10. What were the **highlights (best aspects)** of the Great Commission Camp for you?

39	Presentations/Lectures	24	Variety Concert	19	Workshops
31	Fellowship	22	Discussion Groups	18	Just a Minute
26	PT	22	Outreach	16	Bible Drill
24	Outdoor Activities	21	Films	14	Questions & Answers

Other: Everything else

My husband saying “I feel I need to be here!”

All of them!

11. What actions would you **recommend** that Christians take to change the world for Christ?

2	Revival Prayer
5	Evangelise
2	The Great Commission

*“**Revive your prayer life, reform your family, take a Biblical stand, be bold and brave for Christ**”; “Fear God. Proclaim the name of Jesus. Preach the Gospel to all nations. Glorify God. Make disciples”; “Make sure they are where God wants them, use every opportunity to tell the*

Gospel, take up their cross and follow Jesus”; “Social media, challenge governments”; **“We need to pray for boldness, step out in faith as well as grow and pursue holiness to be salt and light to the world”**; “Preparation and discipline”; **Teach people in churches what we have been taught**; “Spend as much time in the Word as possible, overcome fears of speaking openly about Christ to non-believers”; “Apply revival prayer as Al Baker spoke to us about it”; **“Do something TODAY. Stand for Truth, life and be quick to go, and close to God’s Word”**; “Strong spiritual lives that drive us to take the world for Christ”; “Be pro-active in sharing the Gospel – even if while waiting in a queue and talking to others”; “Learn to evangelise and teach others”; **“Lead by example”**; “Loving God, fearing God and personal reformation”; **“To be bold and share the true Gospel of Christ without compromise”**; “Be a light where they are”; “Pray! Don’t be afraid to stand up for your Faith in any situation. Be and stay informed”; “Preaching and reaching, gain enough knowledge and confidence”; **“Work in groups to expose people to the message of the Gospel regularly”**; “An aggressive stance towards Secularisation; a bold step for Christ in sport, politics and organizations”; “To spread the Gospel and try to save each culture”; “Ask for direction and guidance from God. Hold hands and work together”; **“Stand up for Jesus in your community. Get active, ask the Lord to show you who to speak to and what to do”**; “Revival prayer – we can change the world”; **“Start a Bible study, prayer and action group. Join the Reformation Society. Read great Christian books. Homeschool. Get rid of your TV. Resist the New World Order. Evangelise daily. Disciple daily. Pray the Psalms”**; “Apply the Word of God to EVERY aspect of our lives; **evaluate your worldview in the light of Scripture**”; “Protest against sins in the world”; “Return to the fear of the Lord, pursue personal Holiness; get involved in the fight for the Faith”; “The Bible says that Christ is the Head and we are the body, should we not therefore be united in our aims”; “To take more fervent action in each person’s community, to pray with urgency, have a passion for souls”; **“BE. We need to live what we believe about Christ with all our might in everyday life”**; “Stay praying and being the salt and light to the world”; “Pray; study God’s Word, commit ourselves to the cause”; “Pursue Jesus Christ with all our heart and make it a priority to get to know Him and obey what He tells us to do in Scripture”; “Go and make disciples”; **“Personal holiness, family unity, church Evangelism and local dominion”**.

12. Has this course led you to make any **commitments** or decisions? Such as:

32	To spend more time in prayer for Missions
31	To study the Word of God more regularly
21	To disciple at least one person per year
21	To offer your time to a Mission organisation
20	To fully surrender to the Lordship of Christ
20	To read more Missionary biographies
20	To mobilise prayer and action for Christians persecuted for their Faith
14	To help distribute Missions literature and recruit intercessors for Missions
14	To utilise social media for Evangelism, Discipleship and Social Action
13	To start a Missions Prayer Group in your school, college or community
12	To financially support a Mission involved in working for the fulfillment of the Great Commission
9	To join and get involved in a local church
8	To commit yourself to joining a Mission
7	To start a Christian Action group in your school, college or community

Other decisions included:

“Appreciation and satisfaction”. **“To take Praying for Revival more seriously”**; “To study the Worldviews; perfect the understanding of one on one evangelism; study material to equip me in Muslim evangelism”; “Newsletter, Christian Action, Alan Baker and Frontline”; **“To strive for excellence in all areas of life, to be an example to believers”**; “Strong connection to lead a life for Christ in all aspects of my life”; “To apply Scriptures, Biblical morals, values, doctrines and principles in all areas of life”; “Love my wife. To be totally in the service of God and remove all obstacles”; “To read more about other religions and history”; **“To encourage others around me**

**to further their knowledge of Christian history and current events”; “Getting into shape”; “Change my Life”; “To be more disciplined in preparing for the preaching of the Gospel. To keep the body under”; “To commit to fervent prayer and understand and fear God’s Holiness”; “Spend more time in prayer and witnessing to more people”.**

Thank you for praying with us for God’s ongoing works in the lives of all who participated in the Great Commission Camp and Course. For the report on those continuing with the three weeks Great Commission Course, see the Prayer and Praise Update.

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**The next Great Commission Course is scheduled for 6<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> January 2017**

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