



During our month-long Mission throughout South Africa, we were tremendously blessed and challenged by numerous testimonies of God's gracious answers to prayer.

Christian Education

One of our hosts told us how she was challenged at the **Biblical Worldview Seminar** we ran in the Transvaal in 1996, to start a Christian school. Next year they will celebrate 20 years of Ichthus Christian School. Our team members remarked that that they had not experienced such incisive questions from school students on field reports and insightful interaction with students over the Ten Commandments and Gospel presentations before.

Making History Come Alive

One Bible college student came to me during the week of Church History lectures I was presenting at Back to the Bible Mission, and told me that she had never liked history and had been dreading the subject, but that the stories and portraits of individual Missionaries were challenging and inspiring. *"You have changed my mind about History. Now I see that it is important and interesting!"* she declared.

God's Word Never Returns Void

A young man came to me after a Sunday morning service and asked if I remembered a camp I had spoken at, at Skogheim, about 20 years before. I remembered it well, remarking at the time the lack of responsiveness from most of the people at the camp. Yes, he confirmed to me that there was quite a lot of opposition to what I was



saying and he remembered the intense discussions provoked as a result of my presentations. Now, two decades later, I was receiving the first positive feedback from that difficult time of ministry. *"God really spoke to us through you,"* he said.

SWA / NAMIBIA

At an evening service where I was invited to minister, the pastor asked me if I remembered him. Over 28 years ago, he reminded me, I spoke regularly at the South West African Military Academy (SWAMIL) at Okahandja, the Infantry officers training school for South West Africa. He had been a chaplain there when I was a guest speaker and lecturer.

Soldiers for Christ

Numerous men came to me after different services and seminars, saying that they had last heard me on Chaplains' parades in the Army, or at outreaches we conducted back in the early days of Frontline Fellowship at military bases throughout the country and across the border.

Ministry to the Military

The leader of a Mission who invited us to conduct a seminar, reminded me that he had invited me to conduct Chaplain services at 1st Reconnaissance Commando when he was the Chaplain at their base on the Bluff, Durban.

Conviction and Conversion

After giving presentations on *The Message in the Music*, John was approached by a young man who confessed: *"My music is wrong and I*

feel like I am worshipping satan when I listen to it." He said he had been convicted to repent and delete all the music off his phone after the presentation.

Discernment & Determination

After his presentation on *A Call for Discernment* John had a woman come to him and confess her sinful involvement in these highly questionable practices and her determination to renounce them.

From Canada to Malawi

A person came up to me at one of our meetings and asked if I remembered ministering at their Church in Canada. I did. She gave some feedback over the responses to my presentations on Missions in Canada and reported that she and her husband are now Missionaries in Malawi.

Home Education

At one of our mid-week services, a group of home schoolers had driven quite some distance in order to hear us. They were grateful for the home schooling textbook resources we are providing.

Advance For Life Christian Academy





The Team at Rorke's Drift

Alexandria Christian Academy

Grahamstown Evangelistic Mission

A lady identified herself to me as the widow of a church leader in Grahamstown. She remembered when I was a soldier in training at 6th South African Infantry in Grahamstown and my ministry at their church youth group and in the local schools. That was over 36 years ago!

Covenant College

A pastor identified himself to me as one of our first graduates from Covenant College, which we established at the Frontline Mission base in Zambia, over 26 years ago. He is still serving his congregation in Eastern Zambia and is grateful for the training and resources he received. *“Those who sow in tears shall reap in joy. He who continually goes forth weeping, bearing seed for sowing, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him.”*

Psalm 126:5-6

South Africa Mission

At least once a year, I lead a team of Missionaries and interns on a South Africa Overland Mission. During the month of June, we drove over 5,000 km across 6 provinces. In one month we visited and ministered at 42 venues: schools, churches, Mission stations, colleges, youth ministries and old age homes. Our team, which included John, Joseph and Francis, gave over 140 presentations, of which I presented 79. These presentations included: *Evangelism Workshops, Creation Evangelism, Way of the*

Master, Evangelism Explosion, The Bible and Animals, Stewardship of Creation, The Greatness of the Great Commission, Biblical Worldview lectures, Discipleship Training, Ministry to the Persecuted Church, Church History, South African History, Missions History and Discipleship presentations.

Devotions for **Radio Khwezi** in Kwazulu Natal, to speak at the **Cedar College of Education** chapels for Teachers in Training and to participate in a **Bible College Consultation** where 80 representatives of 25 Bible colleges and teaching institutions, from over 10 countries, gathered together. At this Consultation, I conducted workshops



Mechanical Challenges

Literature4Africa

We distributed, or delivered, over two tonnes of Bibles, books, Gospels and audio visual discipleship materials. Because of the generosity of Dr. R.C. Sproul and St. Andrews, we were able to donate hundreds of **Reformation Study Bibles** to Missionaries, Bible college libraries and lecturers. We were also able to equip Missionaries with boxes of Bibles, books, Gospel booklets, tracts and audio visual materials.

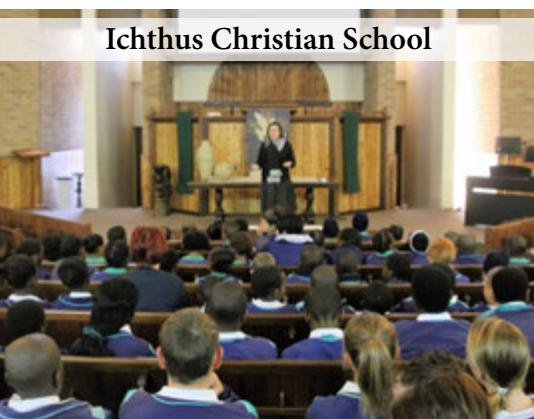
on How We Should Teach to Increase Bible Knowledge. Adullum Mission hosted a **Firm Foundations for your Faith** Seminar where John and I ministered with Zulu translation. Joseph and Francis conducted a parallel children's programme covering Creation, the Law of God, *Pilgrim's Progress*, Way of the Master and Evangelism Explosion presentations.

The Great Commission is Our Supreme Ambition

It was a joy to see so many dynamic, independent Christian schools, Bible colleges, churches and Mission stations. John and I had the opportunity of recording numerous

Ministry to Museums

We also visited 10 museums, monuments and battle sites. There was much interest in our new History resources, particularly our new *Sketches from South African History* book and the *South African History* Audio and Data MP3 Boxset. Three of the museums immediately requested consignments of these resources. At



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others, we donated copies for their library. Some good discussions and interesting conversations developed with directors and managers of several of these museums. With so many attacks on monuments and attempts to distort history, it is more important than ever that Christians are engaged in public debates and contribute to Understanding of the Times (1 Chronicles 12:32).

Ministry in Retirement Centres

We also had the opportunity of ministering in some retirement communities and learning from some of the fascinating experiences of older generations who have seen and experienced things that most of us are not even aware of. Young people would do themselves a favour by seeking the insights and testimonies of their grandparents and great grandparents. One should actually take a recorder and capture some of the life stories of many of these fascinating people, both for our education and edification.

Back to the Bible Mission

Among the over 100 students and

staff at Back to the Bible Mission (BBM) there are 20 countries and 60 languages represented. I was invited to lecture for a week on Church History, particularly focusing on the history of the 19th Century Missionary movement. As we had recently updated and expanded our *Greatest Century of Missions* book, we were able to give each student and faculty member a copy. The students also thoroughly enjoyed a screening of *War Room* and *P.T.* with the Frontline team. While I was conducting lectures and chapel services at BBM, the rest of the Frontline team were speaking at assemblies and classes at local schools. Francis also ministered to the women at the college and John spoke with the Student Council. As always John's presentation on *The Message in the Music* and *A Call for Discernment* engendered much discussion!

Overcoming Obstacles

Despite serious vehicle breakdowns and long delays caused by mechanical problems, in remote areas, our team only missed one engagement and we made every other appointment on time. The schedule was often gruelling and generally starting very early, seldom ending much before midnight. There were many stop/go roadworks on the roads we needed to travel and these delays had to be factored in, so that we could still reach our appointments on time. Our team drove over 5,000 km and



had many opportunities for literature evangelism, one-on-one personal evangelism and counselling en-route. Open-air preaching opportunities were also organised and child evangelism in townships were a challenge, often with incessant noise being boomed from PA systems close by!

Doctors for Life invited me to conduct a workshop on *Effective Media Interviews*. KwaSizabantu Mission invited me to speak at 4 evening services in a row.

Truths That Transform

We praise God for every life touched, every mind renewed, every soul brought under conviction and to conversion as a result of the power of the Word of God - both printed and proclaimed. The Word of God never returns void. It is the power of God for the Salvation of everyone who believes. Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of God. Some of the titles and presentations we delivered during this Mission, include: *The Statue and the Stone*, *The Greatness of the Great Commission*, *How Can A Loving God Allow Suffering?*, *The Challenge of David Livingstone*,

Pilgrim's Progress



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William Carey - The Father of Modern Missions, Hudson Taylor - Missionary to China, William Wilberforce and the War Against Slavery, Mobilising Missions Through Hymns, Body Piercing - A Return to Paganism, Making Disciples of All Nations, Spiritual Stamina, The Hard Words of Jesus, Christian Vocation, The Holiness of God, Biblical Faith and Modern Counterfeits, Sin and Repentance, Recognising the Voice of God, Reclaiming Surrendered Ground, Lies We Have All Believed, The Gates of Hell Shall Not Prevail! and The Challenge of Missions.

KwaSizabantu Youth Conference

No sooner had we returned to Cape Town, than I needed to repack and fly out back to Kwazulu/Natal, as Rev. Erlo Stegen invited me to minister at the Youth Conference. KwaSizabantu Mission has been hosting Youth Conferences every year since 1974. This year there were over 7,000 young people gathered for the week-long conference. The logistics involved in hosting so many people at one Mission station is quite overwhelming. Transportation to both collect and return the young people takes days. Catering for such a large group is also quite overwhelming. Yet, as with all of its events, KwaSizabantu Mission hosts these conferences without any charge. As a Faith Mission, not even offerings are taken up. The theme of the conference was: *I Will Return to My Father - Luke 15:18.*

Return to the Father

Rev. Erlo Stegen spoke on the pitfalls and pigsties of sin, which so many fall into. He called on all to return to our Heavenly Father in Repentance and Faith. I was asked to deal with what Africa was like before the Missionaries arrived with the Gospel and what changes were brought about by their endeavours, as well as the rising persecution of Christians at the hands of radical Islam in North Africa.

Testimonies of Transformation

Rev. Erlo Stegen challenged the youth not to abuse their freedom



to sin, to do evil and to go to hell. *“Theft will prevent you from going to Heaven. What you have hidden must be returned. Sin is very costly - for all eternity! Sin separates family, friends and Heaven from hell. Write your sins down. Confess each sin. Repent. If you backslide then there is no limit to the filth and degradation you can sink to. Beware of a wasted life. Take this opportunity to get right with God.”* A large choir made up of young people who have come from criminal backgrounds ministered to the Youth Conference. I spoke with a man who

confessed to having murdered his father when he was 17 years old. There were people who participated in the Youth Conference who confessed to lives of crime, gangsterism, drug dealing and multiple murders. There were many trophies of Grace and testimonies of transformation by the Grace of God. As Rev. Erlo Stegan challenged the young people to turn from degradation and disgrace: *“Come to your senses and return to your Father in Heaven!”*

Thank You

We are most grateful for your prayers, encouragement and support, without which, none of our ministries would be possible.

Dr. Peter Hammond

