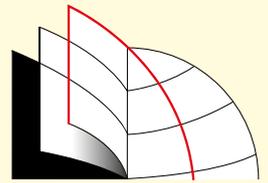


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for eight years she could
only walk with two sticks

Dear friends,

from **30 April to 11 May** we had two evangelistic outreaches in the very west of Ethiopia by the Sudanese border, in **Asosa** and **Bilaa**. They were both small outreaches because each time we were refused the public area, or it was taken away from us, and we had to move to church premises. The evangelistic outreaches turned into church events and there were hardly any unbelievers in the meetings. Furthermore, there were student riots with fatalities in Oromia, the largest regional state, and all the universities were closed. For this reason, public gatherings were either banned or greatly restricted. We also had to end the services punctually before sunset.

In **Asosa** I met a Sudanese Christian from a refugee camp near the border to Sudan. Over 100,000 refugees are housed there in the camp. Most of them come from South Sudan and from Darfur in Sudan. The young man contacted all the pastors in the camp, a total of 13, and they want us to come and do an evangelistic outreach there. If the government gives us permission, we will go ahead with that.

In **Asosa** there were about 600 people in the meetings. It was evangelism under the mango trees, since the trees were growing densely on the church premises.

We heard an amazing testimony from a woman who used to be a Muslim and who was healed of 10-year-long kidney disease on the last day. She came forward to testify to her healing and told us what had happened shortly after she had become a Christian. One night she woke up and a constrictor was lying on her. She could not move and was looking into the open mouth of the snake, which was about to devour her. She prayed the Muslim “Shahada” prayer because she knew her life was now over. Then she remembered that she had become a

Christian and called on the name of Jesus. “Jesus is Lord, Jesus is Lord,” she cried out. As she called on the name of Jesus, the snake released her and disappeared.

There is power in the name of Jesus and this name, with all of its authority, belongs to us here on earth. Mohammed, a singer in Ethiopia, sang at one of our evangelistic events and I asked him: “Mohammed, how did you become a Christian?” He said: “One night I was going home from the disco. It was dark. Suddenly I was surrounded by four hyenas that were about to attack me. I knew that only a miracle could save me now. I prayed to Allah, but nothing happened. Then I remembered the story of Daniel in the lion’s den that I had heard from Christians at school. Back then I had laughed at them. I prayed: Jesus, if you are really alive and you save me now, I will give you my life and serve you. I opened my eyes and the hyenas had gone. I gave Jesus my life and have been serving him since then.”

In **Asosa** we also experienced healing miracles again. We were able to lay hands on all the sick since the meetings were small. A whole series of people testified that

they had been healed. One young woman fell to the ground as if hit by lightning. She was beside herself and wept. She subsequently gave testimony and told us that she had felt a power that came into her body as if a hand was reaching inside, and that her bleeding, which she had had continuously for a year, had immediately stopped. **Photo on left**





A mother brought her little daughter, who had had pain when walking since she was small because her feet were twisted. After prayer, the child testified that she could walk without any pain.

Photo on left



Photo on left: This woman had had such severe pain in her heart that she had been unable to come the whole week. She came on the last day, suffering intense pain, and was completely healed.

This woman had had pain from her right shoulder down into her leg for six years. She could neither move nor use her arm. After prayer, she was healed. **Photo below**



In **Bilaa** it was the first public evangelistic outreach the churches had carried out. On the day of our arrival we found out that we could not use the public area and had to move to the premises of the Full Gospel Church at short notice. There were about 1,000 people there in the service on Sunday, almost all of them believers. Here, too, we saw a whole series of healings.

One evening a man came after the service and wanted prayer for his left ear, which had been deaf for five years. We told him to come back the next evening. He went

away, but a short time later he was standing in front of me again and pointing to his ear. I stuck my finger in his ear and prayed there and then and, lo and behold, he could hear. The next day he then came and gave his testimony. **Photo above**



A woman had had a hip operation a year ago but, despite that, she had still had nothing but pain afterwards. All the pain has gone. **Photo on right**



A whole series of people testified that they had been healed: of epilepsy, deafness, kidney disease, back pain, stomach pain, growths, ...

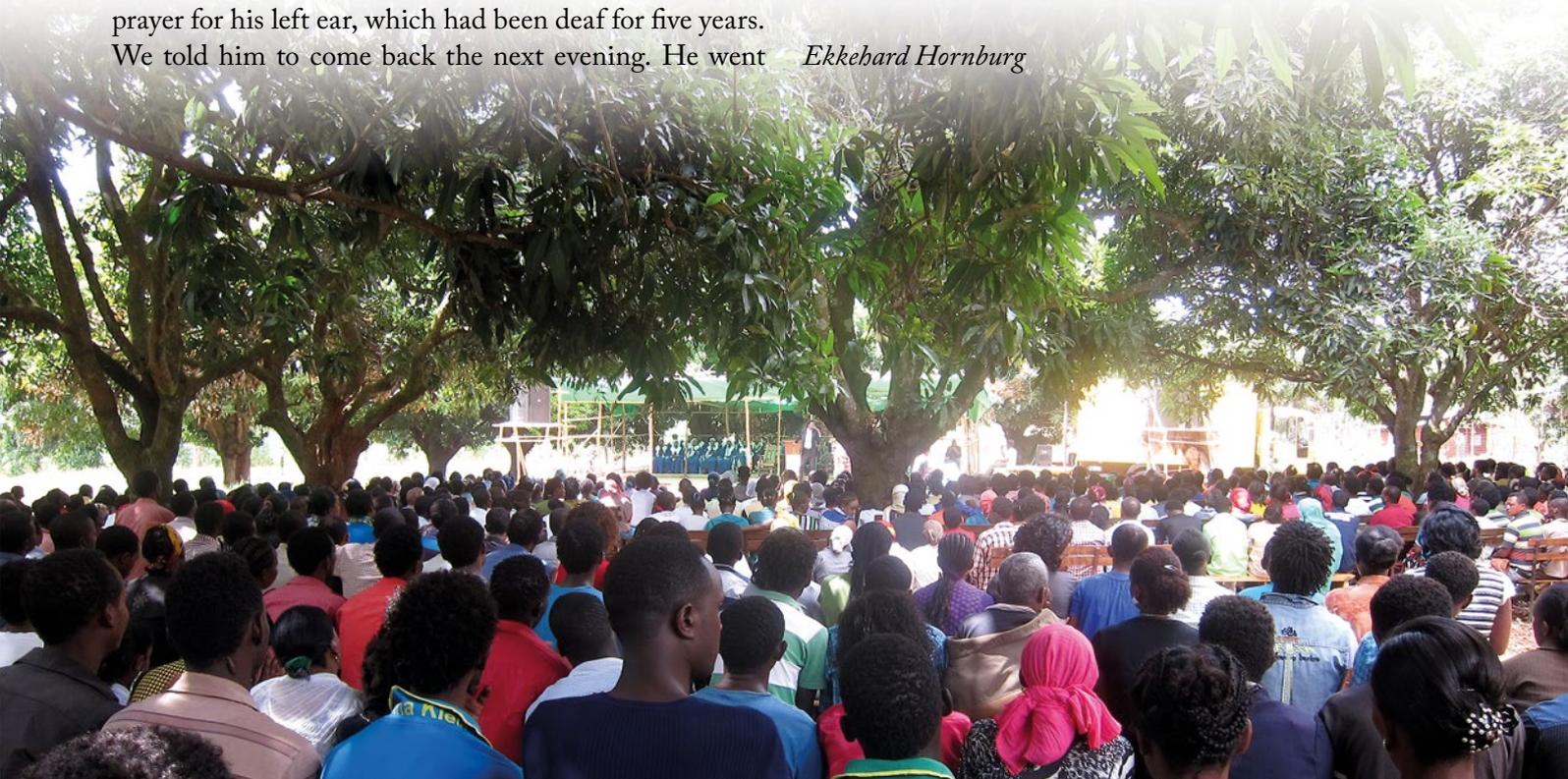
The highlight was the final service in **Bilaa**. Many people received the Holy Spirit and spoke in new tongues, like in Acts 2. When we prayed for baptism in the Holy Spirit, everyone standing at the front fell over as if an invisible hand had swept them down. We were amazed.

The pastors were very grateful that we had come and said that this was the biggest gathering they had had so far.

We are already planning our next evangelistic outreach in Ethiopia from **4 to 8 June**. We are going to **Gedeb** in the south.

Please continue to support us with prayer and financially, as far as you are able. Many thanks!

Ekkehard Hornburg



The spirit of faith

The Bible says that God has given us a spirit of faith, not of unbelief. The spirit of unbelief works in unbelievers, Ephesians 2:2. The spirit of faith is from God and the spirit of unbelief from the prince of this world, Satan. Unbelief produces fear, doubt, worries, disease, criticism and death. The people of Israel died in the Desert of Unbelief. They could have lived in a land flowing with milk and honey, but their unbelief prevented them. They complained, moaned and criticized because they did not have the faith to change their situation. Unbelief turns you into a dwarf on the inside and makes your problems the size of huge mountains. The longer you look at the problem through a microscope, the bigger it becomes and the smaller you yourself become. That happened to the people of Israel with Goliath. They looked at Goliath for too long and, in their eyes, they got smaller and smaller while Goliath got bigger and bigger. The people of Israel looked at the giants until they themselves became as small as grasshoppers in their own eyes. Faith makes you grow big on the inside until you are a giant and your problems suddenly look very small. In the eyes of David, Goliath was not a problem at all. Unbelief is poison and it contaminated a whole nation. Only two people in the whole nation had the spirit of faith and were different from the rest: Joshua and Caleb. The greatest epidemic is unbelief, and it is no help at all to complain about the unbelief of this world and moan about how bad things have become. If we do that, we are doing the same as the people of Israel: moaning and wailing. With faith I can change any situation. A man of faith is bigger and stronger than a whole nation of unbelief. God is with him who believes. Unbelief turns us into cowards, while faith makes us strong and courageous. Preach the Word and faith will rise, while unbelief flees.

The best means against unbelief is the Word of God. Read the Bible instead of the tabloid newspapers. Faith comes from the Word of God. The Word of God is power food. Jesus said we do not live by bread alone but by every word that God has spoken. If you stop eating, you become weak. If you stop consuming God's Word, your faith shrinks. God has spoken his Word and we, too, must speak God's Word. Declare God's Word – speak it out until it creates faith in your heart. Let the weak say: I am strong! Let the sick say: I am healed! Let the poor say: I am rich! Your words are your faith. If you want to have a spirit of faith, you need to change your words. Speak out faith instead of unbelief. Words of faith produce faith in your heart. Speak until you really believe what you say. Words of fear, doubt and worry produce unbelief in your heart. If you are sick, start speaking out God's Word over yourself until you believe it. Someone may say it is a lie if I say, "By the wounds of Jesus I am healed," when everyone can see I am sick. No, it is not a lie, for God's Word is the truth however I may feel. How can it be a lie if I say what God says? I start looking at God's Word instead of at my illness. I speak to my "mountain" until it moves out of the way. It has to obey me and has no choice but to get out of my way.

Many people are so trained in unbelief that they prefer to say and believe negative things than God's Word. Train yourself in faith by saying what God says. God has given us his Word for us to speak it out. If a sick person looks away from their illness and looks at God's Word and does not let that Word leave their lips but meditates on it day and night, then God's Word will become for them the medicine that makes them well. Either that is true, or God's Word is lying. God's Word is the truth and everything else is lies. My circumstances, my feelings and my opinion are not the truth. All of these things can change, but God's Word is eternal and does not change. I do not adapt the Word of God to my situation, but rather God's Word changes my situation. Jesus said: *If you had faith, you would speak and say: "Mountain, move," and the mountain would obey you.* This faith comes from hearing and hearing the Word of God – from you hearing yourself speak out God's Word. Speak to yourself, have faith for yourself, before you show your faith in public. People may not understand your faith and may declare you mad. That is what happened to Joseph – his brothers did not understand his words of faith.

You train your faith by speaking words of faith to yourself until they get into your heart and you actually believe in your heart what you are saying. When that happens, the Word of God starts to produce in your heart what you are saying and believing. If you feel weak, start saying: "I am strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. The Lord is the strength of my life! He renews my strength like that of an eagle. The Lord is giving me strength now!" Don't just say it once but constantly, again and again, until faith comes and weakness and unbelief vanish. If you are sick, speak out God's Word: "Through the wounds of Jesus I am healed! I have been set free from sickness and pain. Jesus delivered me from the curse of sickness when he became a curse for me. Thank you, Lord. You are my healer, you are my doctor and by your wounds I am healed." With the eye of faith, you see yourself healed. With the mouth of faith you speak it forth as if it were already done and it will become. Learn the Word of God like your multiplication tables until it becomes part of you. Train yourself in faith by speaking out the Word of God. In this way, you strengthen yourself with God's Word and what you believe and say will come about.