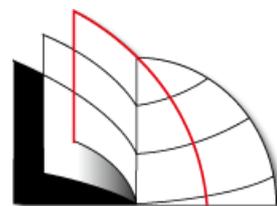




MISSION REPORT

HUMBO, ETHIOPIA
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**FORGET THE FORMER THINGS;
DO NOT DWELL ON THE PAST.
SEE, I AM DOING A NEW THING!
NOW IT SPRINGS UP;
DO YOU NOT PERCEIVE IT?
ISAIAH 43:18-19**

Dear friends,

From 28 February to 4 March we had our second evangelistic outreach in Ethiopia this year. We were in Humbo, 400 km south of Addis Ababa. Eight churches were involved. Unfortunately, this outreach was not what we were hoping for or what we are generally used to. There were different opinions among the leaders with regard to the outreach, which had an effect on the number of people who came. A lack of unity among the pastors will always have a negative effect on any evangelistic efforts. So we had almost exclusively believers in the meetings and we saw more healings than people coming to Christ. Not until the last day did we experience a breakthrough and the ice started to melt. In the last meeting about 40% of the people were first-time visitors. The Holy Spirit worked powerfully and many received the baptism in the Holy Spirit. When the leaders saw what God was doing, some changed their attitude.

There is growing unrest in Ethiopia and the political landscape is changing. Politicians have declared a state of emergency again for six months. The prime minister has resigned. Old structures are disintegrating and new things are on the way. Everyone knows that change is coming, but no one knows what that will look like. Something similar is happening in the churches. The Holy Spirit is doing something new and breaking through. Many of the leaders do not want any change and prefer to hold on to rigid, religious structures. Churches that fail to open themselves to the Holy Spirit will be left empty-handed.

"Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?" Isaiah 43:18-19.

"..Break up your unploughed ground; for it is time to seek the Lord, until he comes and showers his righteousness on you" Hosea 10:12.

We are living in the last days! The devil is angry like never before because he knows that his time is running out. But the One who sits in heaven just laughs. God is in the process of giving this world a demonstration of his power and glory, just as Pharaoh experienced in Egypt. And many, many people will change sides and come from the kingdom of darkness into the kingdom of light.

From 28 March to 1 April we have our next evangelistic outreach in Ethiopia.

From 7 to 10 June I will be conducting an evangelistic campaign with Bishop Waleoke in Nigeria for the first time.

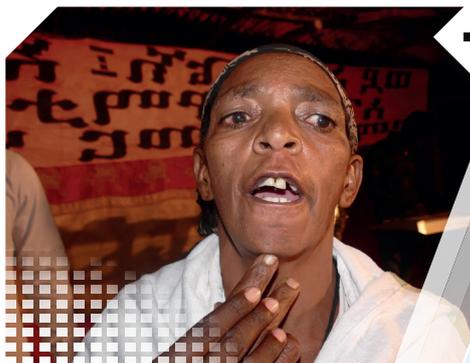
Thank you to everyone who continues to support us. The costs are not getting any lower, and God's promise is to bless every giver, beyond all we ask or imagine.

With best wishes,
Ekkehard Hornburg



HEALING MIRACLES

HUMBO, ETHIOPIA



FOR 5 YEARS SHE WAS PARALYZED ON ONE SIDE. SHE DIDN'T HAVE ANY FEELING, COULD NOT USE HER HAND OR LEG AND HAD A GROWTH ON HER NECK.

FOR A YEAR HE HAD REPEATEDLY BEEN TO VARIOUS HOSPITALS BECAUSE OF KIDNEY DISEASE. NOW HE IS HEALED.



FOR 15 YEARS SHE HAD SUFFERED FROM SEVERE JOINT PAIN. JESUS TOOK HER PAIN AWAY.

HE HAD BEEN SUFFERING FROM TUBERCULOSIS FOR 3 YEARS AND HAD BEEN TO VARIOUS HOSPITALS. HE VOMITED DURING THE PRAYER AND WAS HEALED.



FOR 8 YEARS SHE HAD BEEN HEARING NOISES IN HER HEAD AND SOMETIMES SHE FAINTED. SHE WAS DELIVERED FROM AN EVIL SPIRIT AND IS NOW FREE.

FOR MANY YEARS HE HAD HAD PROBLEMS WITH HIS NERVES; HIS BODY DIDN'T DO WHAT IT SHOULD BECAUSE HE WAS PARTIALLY PARALYZED.



SHE WAS SET FREE FROM AN EVIL SPIRIT AND A TUMOUR THE SIZE OF AN ORANGE DISAPPEARED.

SHE HAD BEEN SUFFERING FROM DEPRESSION FOR 8 YEARS. SHE COULDN'T GO TO SCHOOL AND COULDN'T READ OR WRITE. AN EVIL SPIRIT WAS BEHIND IT. SHE WAS SET FREE. AND BECAME NORMAL.



BOLDNESS!

„Speaking boldly [courageously, fearlessly] for the Lord, who confirmed the message of his grace by enabling them to perform signs and wonders“ Acts 14:3

If we do not boldly proclaim and declare things, they will not happen. Again and again in the New Testament we read that the apostles preached the word of God with great openness, fearlessness and boldness. In Proverbs 28:1 it says: “The righteous are as bold as a lion.” The bolder we are and the more fearlessly we proclaim God’s word, the more signs and wonders we will experience. Many people do not preach certain truths because they are afraid of people, afraid of criticism, afraid nothing will happen. Fear of man will prove to be a snare, the Bible says.

The disciples did not preach to please people, they proclaimed God’s word so that people would be saved, healed and set free. The responses were generally twofold; there was persecution and there were signs and wonders. If we boldly acknowledge God and his word, including in public, God will acknowledge and endorse us. If we are publicly ashamed of Jesus and his word, we will not experience his power and glory. If we want to please people more than the Holy Spirit, he will withdraw. When was the last time you heard a prophecy or a message in tongues and an interpretation in your church? When was the last time people prayed for the sick in your church? When did you last hear a sermon about the gifts and power of the Holy Spirit? Paul says he is not ashamed of the gospel for it is the power of God, and that he did not only come with words but with a demonstration of the Spirit and power (1 Cor 2:4–5).

In Acts 4:29 the whole church came together and they all prayed to God – which means they probably all prayed in tongues – that God would give them great courage, fearlessness and boldness to proclaim his word and that God would stretch out his hand so that signs and wonders would happen. We then read that the apostles preached fearlessly and with great power (v. 33) and that many signs and wonders happened among the people.

In order for God to be able to do something, the apostles first had to do something, namely declare. They preached that Jesus is risen and is the same today and doing the same things as when he was still among them. They boldly proclaimed that Jesus saves, heals and baptizes with the Holy Spirit and with fire. They placed their hands on the sick, as Jesus had commanded them, and Jesus himself worked with them and through them. “The apostles performed many signs and wonders among the people” Acts 5:12.

The word of God in our mouths works just like the staff in Moses’ hand. But first Moses had to stretch out his arm, with the staff in his hand, before a miracle happened.

He probably did not feel any power at all, but he obeyed God. We first have to speak out, preach and proclaim God’s word with our mouth so that the power of God can take effect. We have to obey first and place our hands on the sick in faith. The bolder we are, the more God backs us up.

OK, that may work in Africa, but not here in our country, someone might say. That is not true! God’s word is as effective here as it is in Africa. It just takes courage to proclaim the word of God. The body of Christ needs courage, boldness and fearlessness! We should pray for that, as that is what the church in Acts did. Paul asked the church in Ephesus to pray for him so that he would proclaim the word of God with boldness and speak with courage and fearlessness, as he should (Eph. 6:19–20). If Paul prayed for that, we should do the same. The apostles were no diplomats wanting to please everyone. Their message must have pleased God, as he confirmed it with demonstrations of the Spirit and of power. Stephen did great signs and wonders among the people. He preached so undiplomatically that there was gnashing of teeth and stones were thrown and he paid with his life. Should Stephen have preached somewhat more mildly in order to save his life? Did he have to say things like: “*You stiff-necked people! Your hearts and ears are still uncircumcised. You are just like your ancestors: you always resist the Holy Spirit! ... And now you have betrayed and murdered him*”? “*When [they] heard this, they were furious and gnashed their teeth at him ... dragged him out of the city and began to stone him*” Acts 7:51–52, 54, 58.

“In fact, everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted” 2. Tim 3:12. Maybe there are no stones being thrown where we are, but words can also kill. If you put yourself completely on God’s side, not everyone will be your friend, but God will be on your side. The world and lukewarm Christians might criticize you. That is the price of experiencing God’s power and glory. When the apostles were threatened and told not to preach in the name of Jesus, Peter said: “*We must obey God rather than human beings!*” Acts 5:29.

“Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go” Joshua 1:9.

A word from God through Kenneth Copeland:

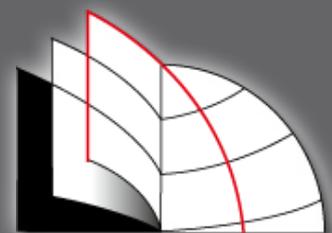
„And I require and request of you to stand and to worship me in public and worship me wherever you go. Be unashamed to praise me and I’ll be unashamed to do my signs and wonders and the miracles of God shall follow you. People shall run up to you and fall down on their knees in front of you and say ‘My God, My God, I’m convicted of my sin’ and you will bring them into the kingdom of God for the revival of the land is at hand.“

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