



Africa Missions News

Go...teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: —Jesus in Matthew 28:19

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EMPOWERING LEADERS THROUGH MINISTERIAL, EVANGELISM, AND DISCIPLESHIP TRAINING



170,000+

New Church-Nurtured Christians in 9 Years!

150,000

9 Year Goal Broken!

A Vitally Important Report on the Effects of Soul-Winning



Ron Kinnear

Over, above and beyond..... and now reaching for the stars! The Lord has blessed our *Something Extra Soul-winning Programme* beyond expectation! It is a clear indication to us that soul-winning lies very close to the heart of God. Initially, we trusted the Lord to win 20,000 souls (first-time decisions for Christ) within a period of three years (2008-2010). Then the Lord led us to continue and we lifted our sights to trust Him to grow to 50,000 within the next subsequent three years (2011-2013).

Due to the success of this programme we decided to grow to 150,000 within the next three years (2014-2016). Thus completing three three-year cycles which equals nine years. This was the dream and now take a look at what really happened!

- 1st CYCLE From Zero to 20,000 to 26,000!!!!
- 2nd CYCLE From 26,000 to 50,000 to 83,000!!!
- 3rd CYCLE From 83,000 to 150,000 to 170,000 and still counting!!!

Countries where we have held 4-5 day Evangelism Training Clinics followed in 6-months or more by Celebrations: **Uganda, Rwanda, Burundi, Tanzania, DR Congo, South Sudan, and Ethiopia.** The theme of this programme is *Empowering the local church to grow itself.*

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Church Planting Made Easy

A lesson learned from our obedience to launch this programme is that **every local church in Africa that grows WILL plant another church!!!** The Lord has given us the key to church growth. Hundreds of churches were planted as local churches began to grow. All of this happened by default. We give all the praise and credit to Him who said in Matthew 16:18, “I (Jesus) will build my church..... and the gates of hell will not prevail against it!”



The fourth cycle will commence in 2018. We have a 5-year goal to grow the 170,000 to 500,000!!! Amen

Celebrations

In order to get the results of the soul-winning programme from local pastors, we conducted Celebrations in different locations. The pastors came with reports of the number of people to whom the Gospel was presented, the number of people who responded negatively or who were already *born-again* believers, the number who had their faith strengthened (restored), and then, the number of the new commitments to accept Jesus Christ as their Saviour. We had a special interest in two figures; namely the total number of people with whom the Gospel was shared, and the final count of those who accepted the Lord.



—These are the results:

Total number of people with whom the Gospel was shared:	500,000+!!!
Total number of people who heard the Gospel message and accepted the Lord:	170,000+!!! (This figure is growing as reports are received!)

We certainly have reason to celebrate. The Bible says that the angels rejoice over one soul that is saved. We could certainly join them in celebrating all the 170,000+ souls that found the Lord through our Something Extra Soul-winning Programme.

Side Benefits of Our Soul Winning Programme

A big plus in having trained over 3,000 local pastors in personal evangelism is that it prepares local churches for Gospel crusades. One of the biggest frustrations of anointed evangelists is that, despite the big harvest of souls during a crusade, many local churches did not experience a growth in their church attendance afterwards. This was largely due to the poor training of follow-up teams and the lack of spiritual maturity of the local church. Our training addresses these challenges. We have already begun to coordinate our training with evangelists who plan crusades in given locations. This will enhance the whole soul-winning programme.

I served as the crusade chairman for **Reinhardt Bonnke** when I was a missionary in Zimbabwe. On the opening night of the crusade that was conducted in Harare, we had 1,100 altar workers. One thousand of these were trained by us in personal evangelism. Twenty-seven thousand souls accepted the Lord during the crusade. Three weeks after the crusade, most of them were followed up, and for the next year, thousands upon thousands were baptized and integrated into local churches. This was largely due to effective follow-up workers and local churches that were prepared to accommodate new believers.



It is amazing what training does. It not only empowers local churches to grow themselves. It also enhances other ministries, which is a wonderful *side benefit* in growing and maturing local churches in Africa.

Ron Kinnear served as the crusade chairman for Reinhardt Bonnke, when Ron was a missionary in Zimbabwe. The follow-up of the crusade was extremely successful, because of evangelism training for those workers.

Transfer Growth Versus Conversion Growth

Pastor Desire Irambona is a graduate of our **Africa Missions Bible College—Rwanda**. He returned to his native Burundi and planted his first church in Bujumbura five years ago. He has since planted eleven churches!

During a recent visit to that country, Desire took me to one of these churches, which he planted two years ago. I found a healthy church family of 170 believers. The worship was alive and anointed. The glory of the Lord came upon the believers in their temporary church structure, which was transformed into a holy sanctuary filled with the presence of the Lord. More than two-thirds of the congregation were young people on fire for Jesus.



Africa Missions Bible College—Rwanda graduate, Pastor Desire Irambona, has had great success by planting eleven churches filled with the 20,000 people he has personally won to the Lord through training by Africa Missions!

After the service, the leadership entertained us at lunch. They served the biggest chicken I have ever seen! It was a delicious meal and the company was great. This time of fellowship around the lunch table afforded me the opportunity to ask a few pertinent questions. Obviously, my curiosity grew. I wanted to know where he got the 170 people. Did these believers come from other churches? Were they attracted to the vibrant worship services? Desire looked very surprised that I would even ask a question like this. He reminded me that he received his training at our Bible College and he simply applied what he was taught. **The 170 members in the church were all first-time decisions for Christ won through personal evangelism!**

He added that often believers who came from other churches were problem children. **It was healthier to grow a church with new converts.** They respond to teaching and training and you can make disciples of them. They are enthusiastic to serve the Lord and eager to share their new found faith in Christ with unconverted friends and family members. Then he added, “With young people in the church we have a good future!” Conversion growth makes sense.

Conclusion

Thank you for taking the time to read this summary of our nine-year evangelism programme. It is our hope that, in reading this report, you will see three things:

- The value of the work of Africa Missions in Africa
- The success of this programme of soul-winning
- The underlying encouragement for you and your church to stoke the fires of soul-winning in your area. As always, Africa Missions stands ready to be of service to you in any way in which we are able.

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Go...and teach every nation!**

Yours in the mission fields of Africa,

Ron & Rina Kinnear
and the AFRICA MISSIONS TEAM

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