

THE GOSPEL SOAKS THE CITY

2017 MISSION TO MALINDI, KENYA.



‘Malindi for Jesus’ mission. 1st – 11th June 2017.

Thousands of people were reached with the Gospel in Malindi a predominantly Muslim region of coastal Kenya. Mission teams were sent into the city to minister door to door. The city was divided into nine sections, teams were then released into those sections in order to cover the city with the Gospel.

As one team ministered throughout a neighbourhood, they came across Sarah*

SARAH’S TESTIMONY

Sarah is a Muslim and was raised in a Muslim family. “As I was growing up,” she told us, “I had several Christian friends. They spoke to me often about Jesus and I gradually felt more and more convicted and I needed to give my life to Him like my friends had explained. When I was 16 I gave my life to Jesus and I was so happy about it, but my family disapproved of my decision and that made things difficult for me. I wasn’t able to continue as a Christian.”

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As Sarah shared her story with the mission team, they encouraged her in the faith she had once lost and reminded her of Christ’s amazing love for her. She accepted Christ into her heart and has Lord over her life with joy in the presence of the team and they took her details so that she could be connected with a local church for encouragement in her new faith.

RAIN BRINGS GOSPEL OPPORTUNITY

Another ministry team had been assigned to an area where there is a heavy Muslim population. While knocking on doors, a downpour began and the occupants who didn’t want to have anything to do with the Gospel, graciously let the team into their home to avoid being soaked by the rain. The team seized the opportunity to share the Gospel message with the Muslim family while waiting out the rain.

“THE TEAM SEIZED THE OPPORTUNITY TO SHARE THE GOSPEL MESSAGE WITH THE MUSLIM FAMILY WHILE WAITING OUT THE RAIN.”

The family did not make a decision for Christ, but the team felt that many good seeds were planted in their hearts. Please pray for this family and the others like them in this neighbourhood!

SIMON – SAVED FROM THE BRINK

“SIMON WAS OVERWHELMED WITH THE TROUBLES IN HIS LIFE.”

Simon was overwhelmed with the troubles in his life. He had recently been diagnosed as HIV+ and felt that there was no future for him. He had made the decision to end his life. Thankfully he crossed the path of an AE team while they were ministering in his neighbourhood. He shared his story with them and they were able to encourage him and share the Gospel with him. After hearing about the grace that God extends to His children, Simon decided to give his life to Christ! His joy was clear and the team has put him in contact with a local church so that he can be encouraged in his new journey as a Christian.

LEADER’S DINNER

In the evening, the mission turned its focus to the community leaders by hosting a Leader’s Dinner at a local hotel. Over 80 leaders attended and heard Rev. John Wesley, AE Kenya Board Chair, speak on the importance of good character and integrity as a leader. He challenged them to live a life that glorifies God and cares for those in need. The evening ended by asking the leaders to accept Christ’s leadership over their own lives.

The mission continues through this week and we’re excited to see what else God does in this city!

Please continue to pray for these local missionaries who are dedicated to sharing the Gospel amongst their own city. Please also thank God for those volunteers who have travelled to Malindi from the various parts of Kenya and beyond! We are thankful for those Christians in Africa who are dedicated to reaching their own countrymen with the Gospel.

A WITCHDOCTOR ENCOUNTERS CHRIST

Kiboko has been practicing witchcraft for 30 years, nearly half his lifetime. In that time, he has become the most powerful and feared witchdoctor in his community. He even serves as the witchdoctor to all other local witchdoctors!

Husband of four wives, Kiboko has 25 children, 30 grandchildren, and 3 great-grandchildren! His influence in the community is notable and he is greatly feared. Many believe that he holds the power to destroy lives in an instant.

“BECAUSE OF HIS FEARSOME REPUTATION, MOST LOCAL EVANGELISTS AND PASTORS HAVE NEVER ATTEMPTED TO SHARE THE GOSPEL WITH HIM...”



Because of his fearsome reputation, most local evangelists and pastors have never attempted to share the Gospel with him or even approach him! That is until African Enterprise Malindi mission volunteers arrived at his doorstep.

THE POWER OF BOLDNESS

When Kiboko saw the group of evangelists approaching his compound, he grew incredibly agitated. He became hostile and told them he wanted nothing to do with them. One man from the team, however, ignored Kiboko and stepped boldly into the compound. Kiboko was so shocked by this act that his demeanour instantly changed. He became soft-spoken, submissive and invited them into his home.

“KIBOKO WAS SO SHOCKED BY THIS ACT THAT HIS DEMEANOR INSTANTLY CHANGED.”

The AE Mission team shared the Gospel with Kiboko and his large family. He listened intently to the story of salvation in Christ and he, along with 36 of his family members made confessions of faith in Jesus! The team assured Kiboko that pastors from a local church would come to visit him and his family again soon to minister to them. The team then returned to the mission centre rejoicing in the power of God.

ONLY THE BEGINNING

Please pray for Kiboko and his large family. Ask that God would continue the work in his heart that has only just begun. Pray that the local pastors would have the boldness to approach Kiboko with the truth of God and that Kiboko will be able to break free from the bondages that a life in witchcraft brings.

“DURING THE MALINDI MISSION, 93,757 PEOPLE HAVE HEARD THE GOSPEL. 10,126 OF THOSE HAVE MADE CONFESSIONS OF FAITH IN CHRIST!”

After the closing ceremonies our team handed the follow-up work back to the Malindi community.

Pray for diligence among the local churches as they work hard to connect with those who have confessed a new faith in Christ.

* Name changed.