

Mission to Liberia, Africa 2009

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Day 1 Open Air Crusade, Red Field, Brewersville

We hardly ever get to hear reports from the Pastors that are praying with us. It is so great to hear some of the “other” things that God is doing in our midst that we don’t know about. Here are a couple:

Pastor Harris:

As the people were being instantly healed up on the stage, some of the people in the crowd started mocking and laughing saying that it was all fake. I took the microphone and told them to stop laughing, this is real! They didn’t stop UNTIL one of the ladies in their group, that they knew had a disabling, crippling problem in her leg got prayer. When she was instantly healed, all the laughing stopped, as they saw Jesus first hand!

An elderly old man said to me “the Liberian Pastors should give way to the white people so they can pray because the white persons Jesus is so powerful, I am used to the black persons Jesus. This elderly man’s sister was getting prayer from another Liberian Pastor standing next to me. The old man just stopped, not wanting me to pray and watched his sister (who was TOTALLY BLIND) receive prayer. All of a sudden to his surprise, his sister shouted “I can see, I can see!” This old man thought his sister was lying. She told him, this is real, Jesus has healed me! The old man then turned to me and said “I have a bad damaged back, pray for me, man of God!” I prayed and INSTANTLY he was healed. I said, “you see, the black man’s Jesus is the same as the white man’s Jesus!”

One of the other pastors said that he thought that the anointing was only for special people. I watched him pray for a lady with severe back problems and instant healing came. This pastor so shocked, but now experienced for himself the truth.

Another man came with severe pain in his left eye. He insisted that I take him to the white men so they could pray for him. I asked him why? He said, “I want to be

healed by them.” I told him it was all about Jesus and had he received Jesus. He said no, but he wanted to. So, I led him in prayer to receive Jesus. As soon as he said yes to receive, instantly the healing came and all pain left. I didn’t even get to pray. Glory to God!

We were asked to pray for a Muslim man that was insane (crazy) on Sunday. The insane man wasn’t there so we prayed by faith. This morning the crazy man miraculously received his sanity. They came to the crusade to tell me that the whole family has just received salvation thru the miracle of giving the man his sanity.

Pastor Kettor:

A lady could not speak at all since birth. She was brought to the crusade for prayer. Her mouth opened and she spoke for the first time.

A young girl of school age could not go to school because she was almost totally blind. Automatically as we began to pray she could see perfectly. I tested out her eyes by asking her to tell me various things that would need good vision to know.

I prayed for a Pastor that had been ill for 8 years with a very bad suffering stomach ailment. He said that it had been a tormenting sickness, unable to move at all without terrible pain. Hospitals, operations, doctors, medications, all his money had been spent, but no one could help him. He came to the crusade tonight, felt something moving inside him during prayer. Then he felt something flying out of him and instantly was completely relieved and was able to move freely. Hallelujah!

A man came that had an accident and damaged his spinal cord. He was constantly bent over, could not stand up straight, could not walk or move without tremendous pain. He said that he was told that he would always be crippled. He had worry all over him. We prayed and instantly all pain left and he stood up straight and started jumping. Oh My God, you should have seen this!!! Glory to God!

A lady had been tormented by demons for the last 8 years. Tormenting dreams every night. Demonic attacks pressing, pressure, pains, migraines, every manner of evil. As we began to pray she hollered out, "I feel the demons leaving, they are going, they are going, I am free, I AM COMPLETELY FREE!" As she walked off the stage she kept saying, "God, thank You, God thank You, God thank You!" She went off into the crowd telling everyone! Glory to God!

Tony:

First day of the crusade and there is rain all around, major league downpours. It's not so easy for people to get out in the rains here as the predominant means of transportation is foot power. We finally started 2-1/2 hours late. Rev Kettor stood up and declared to the sky that the rain will not come anymore to the field until the crusade was over this night. Well, it rained all around us, but not on the field, except for a few drops that were carried by the wind. Thank you Jesus! The crowd that hung in there was about 1000 people. We danced with the children; about 100 of them were bold enough to mess with the white guys. We had so much fun!

When they turned the meeting over to us, the message about Jesus was 5 minutes long and we got into showing them Jesus. I had two words of knowledge that I knew were for tonight. One was chest/heart pressure and pain and the other was arthritic pain in the hands and fingers. I looked to the team and asked if they had any words and Casey says; "yes, I have two". Then he proceeds to tell me the EXACT same words that I got. Well, we knew what was going to happen. We gave out the words and about 30 people lined up to come up on the platform. I had one of the pastor's check to verify that their conditions matched the words and we brought the first lady up. As we began to pray, she smiled and said "I am healed." Wait a minute, I didn't even finish praying. I recognized the anointing was very strong. She gave testimony of how she been sick for 15 years and in a split second it is over! So, I asked for them to start bringing them all up. I would ask what was wrong and how long they had the problem and for most, even before I could get my hand on them, they started to smile or laugh or praise God because they had received a miracle. In 5 minutes the whole group was all lined

up to get to the microphone to give their story of having just been delivered from torment and pain (from 3 months to 20+ years). You could feel the anticipation in the crowd to get up and receive for themselves.

I sensed the presence of angels standing with us and a portal having opened in heaven. It is absolutely amazing when this happens. At this point we gave a call for salvation and 200 out of the group received Jesus as Savior. We are in an area that is already mostly Christian, so this was pretty good. We then got all the pastors up front and invited everyone to come for prayer. That's what happened, the whole group came up and there was no diminishing of power.

I got down onto the field with the pastors to see what Holy Spirit was going to do down there. They were already sending a lot of people up to the platform to give testimony of their miracle. The pastors all looked very, very happy. I had something happen that was new. It was not the same as what we just saw up on the platform, but still great anointing. They brought a young man, maybe 25 years old, totally blind, we're talking pitch black blind. As I prayed and removed my hand from his eyes and asked what he was seeing, he started screaming. I mean really screaming, "My eyes are on fire, they are burning, they are burning!" My first thought was that it was God's Presence, but after the second round of prayer, he was screaming even more. I asked if he could see anything and he said "No, still all black, and my eyes are still burning, they are on fire!" Then it came to me how sometimes when the demons COME OUT they cause as much pain as they can to try to make the process of eviction stop. The third round that was it. He took his hands off his eyes and looked around and said, "I can see perfectly," as he wept in the Presence of His Healer.

I grabbed ushers and any crusade workers that were near me to watch what was happening and had them do the praying. All were being healed. My favorite tonight was two deaf/mute girls that their mommy's said have been that way from birth. The looks on their faces are like precious gold as Jesus, The Miracle Worker, comes upon them and both of these little girls speak their first words. The Name of Jesus, of course! Glory to God!

Harvey:

Today was the start of the crusades and they started with a bang. Tonight's meeting started a little late, but there was nothing late about the way the Lord started. After we had some words of knowledge and all that responded got healed instantly. I prayed for a woman with chest pain, a woman with stomach pain, and a guy who had problems with his right arm and hand and they were healed so fast that I almost didn't need to pray. God was in the house and even though the atmosphere was light His Presence was heavy. It was a great start for the crusades. After those that responded to the words of knowledge were healed, Tony called for all that wanted prayer to come up. The local pastors joined in to pray for those wanting prayer which made things go pretty fast. I grabbed a camera and began shooting testimonies. There was a steady stream of people coming up to give testimony of what God did for them and yet I think there was still only one in ten that came up to give testimony. People were getting healed so fast there was not time to hear from them all. All in all it was an awesome start for the crusades. It was one of those nights that makes you glad to be on the mission field. Thank you, thank you, thank you, to all of the prayer warriors!!
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Casey:

Ok once again where do I start?

I guess I will start with Sunday night and go from there...

Sunday night they put together an anniversary celebration for Tony and Nancy with all of the leaders from the pastors' conference. It was a sunset picnic with BB-Q pork and cucumber salad and can't forget the fries. That was all good, but the best part was all the testimonies that were shared of how they have been

changed by the teaching and most of all the impartation. They are all so excited for Monday night crusade as well as us. It is going to be a blast, I just wish all of you could be here too even though I know you will be here in Spirit. After the celebration we took off back to our house, what a ride that turned out to be. Let's just say the Holy Spirit showed up in the back seat. I love the Holy Spirit 😊

After we got home Rev. K and P. Harris (that's for you Arlene) had movie night. I watched some African movie that was two disks long. It was a Christian movie and when it was all over Rev. Ketter used this time to get into a bible study with all the guys that watched the movie. It was so cool to be a part of this, what a blessing this man is and how he cares for those around him. WOW. I didn't get to bed until after 1 am. It was worth it.

Monday was a great day as well. We went to the city to send off the reports then back to the house to eat and rest for tonight. Alright now that's all out of the way here's what you wanted to read about...

As you've already heard, the crusade got started a bit late due to a rain delay, but that is not going to stop us or God. At first it looked as if only church folk showed up, but once the music got cranking here they came. Tony and I came down off the stage and started to dance with all the children. It is so hard to move with them hanging all over you and just wanting your attention. I think we should get there early just so we can play with the children. 😊 When the worship finished Tony gave them a short message and then we gave out a few words of knowledge. That was neat what happened next. Tony and I got the same words even in the same order. I think that was a first for us, I guess we are tracking. The words were for chest/heart problems and pain in the hands. After those were given out we didn't need to give any more out because so many responded. We brought them up onto the stage one by one for prayer as we watch the Holy Spirit heal them all so fast. It was so much fun and the atmosphere was now charged. Tony used this time to give a salvation call with a great response. Now it was time to turn the local pastors loose to pray for the sick. The general call for healing was released and here they came, but this crowd didn't push or shove at all. They just waited their turns with excitement in their eyes knowing they were next to be

healed, and healed they were. With all the Pastors and other leaders helping we didn't have to go for hours on end. It went real quick, I thought. Like I said the healings were just popping so I covered a bunch of ground quickly. A few of the healings I saw were a bunch of stomach disorders and a ton of back problems. Some of them had headaches and joint pain. One older woman had a stroke and couldn't move her left side without help. Her healing happened so fast it even caught me off guard, stuff was just happening as soon as we laid hands on them. Crazy, I tell you crazy, but real awesome too. Tony had some action going on over by him so I went over to check it out. When I got there a younger girl was standing waiting for prayer. A pastor asked me to pray for her so I did. She was a mute and had never spoken before. I was so stoked I didn't even think about her not getting healed and just went for it. A short prayer and I had her try to say Jesus. Nothing but wind came out, but I knew she was going to speak. So I prayed again and then just began to speak life into her and tell her how much Jesus loves her. I asked her if she knew that and out of nowhere came this small voice "YES" it was very quiet but it was her voice. Then she spoke out Jesus with a huge smile on her face. What a night I tell ya, wow, wow, wow. Thanks again to everyone covering us and our families in prayer. Thank You, Blessings. 😊

Brian:

This was the first night of the crusade, and it started late due to thunder showers around the area in the afternoon. The crowd was smaller than expected which was fine with me. Big crowds are more difficult to handle according to the other team members who have experienced it in Africa. But it will be interesting to see what kind of crowd we have by Friday night.

After a short worship session Tony spoke for a few minutes and then called up people on stage that had problems in their chests and hands. About thirty some came up and the team and some Liberian pastors who had been at the three day conference. The pains all left instantly, it was so powerful! I HAD TO PINCH

MYSELF TO SEE IF I WAS DREAMING, TO SEE IF THIS WAS REALLY REAL. WOW, WHAT AWESOME ANOINTING! I felt like I was standing in heaven. Then we went down in the crowd to a special area in front of the stage to minister healing and deliverance to hundreds of people.

Check this out: A lady came up to the stage and said that she had a large tumor (they call them growths) on her stomach. She looked like she was pregnant. She wasn't up there in response to the words of knowledge so I asked her to go down and we would pray for her later. As soon as I saw everyone being instantly healed coming up, I knew heaven was open around us, so I called the lady back up on the stage. The tumor was so big that it even went up into her chest and put pressure on her lungs and she could hardly breathe. I prayed just a few words and commanded the tumor to dissolve. She smiled and said that all the pain was instantly gone, but I didn't understand what else she was saying. She went to the microphone and testified that she felt this huge tumor completely dissolve under her hands. Maybe 20 pounds of tumor, completely gone, in a few seconds, glory to God!

Down on the field the anointing, for me, was not the same; the first person I went to had been completely deaf and dumb from birth and after three or four attempts I'd like to say she was hearing perfectly and speaking or trying to speak, but that was not the case. Many times when we hand off to a fellow team member, the miracle happens then. So I took the deaf mute to Tony who later was able to pray for her and her hearing was completely restored. Halalujah!!!

Now let me tell you about all the more instant miracles: There were a bunch more people with all manor of sicknesses and diseases and pains who said they were totally free and healed. It may not sound like a big deal getting all these pains healed, but many of these people have had these painful sicknesses for many years, day in and day out. Wow, they were so thankful!