

The Lord Made His Salvation Known in Gitega



Multitudes came to hear the message. Over 5,000 made a decision for Jesus. Praise the Lord for our new brothers and sisters in Christ.

The Eternity Minded Ministries ministry team recently returned from Gitega, Burundi on a truly miraculous journey. Dan Owens said “The Lord was clearly leading us to expand our ministry to Gitega.” Carl Dawson shared “The enemy tried to keep us away. We were told that Gitega is a cold city unreceptive to the Word and that we would be wasting our time.” Eternity Minded Ministries obeyed the Lord and sent in the troops with the largest EMM ministry team to date. Twenty nine volunteers supported this mission trip along with Dan Owens, Carl Dawson, and John Paul, EMM’s pastoral representative in Africa. This mission was certainly not a waste of time as the Lord was truly

glorified in Gitega.

Dan Owens says “Gitega was a festival of prayer. Over 5,000 came to Christ because of prayer.” The enemy was at work and set a number of stumbling blocks to keep EMM from ministering in Gitega. For example, the team was asked to postpone the festival for three months due to raining and flooding in the area. It has also been said that the demonic activity in Gitega has been so great over the years that many evangelists have avoided the area. But our Lord is greater and He won in Gitega.

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A Message From Dan Owens

The message below is from Dan’s weekly devotional. Find out how to subscribe to receive free devotionals on page 4.

February 19, 2007

Greetings!

One of the great joys of taking teams with us overseas is that I get to share devotional thoughts with them each morning. I don’t know if they enjoy it as much as I do, never the less it is part of our morning spiritual preparation before we go out into the day to minister. Singing, praying, sharing, and teaching are all a part of our morning right after we eat breakfast.

One morning while in Burundi I shared a passing thought on unity and spiritual gifts. We have been taught from Scripture that we all have spiritual gifts and that each one of those gifts meets a need. God has given you a gift! It is not yours its His and it is on loan to you to use for His glory. Unfortunately we often rank those gifts and many times we determine that ours is not that important. That thought comes from the enemy because if it is a gift from God Almighty—it is very important!

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Highlights

- OVER 5,000 SOULS SAVED IN GITEGA
- FIRST LADY OF BURUNDI THANKS EMM
- AN OPPORTUNITY TO SOW SEEDS
- TESTIMONIES FROM OUR MINISTRY TEAM
- SIGN-UP FOR FREE WEEKLY DEVOTIONALS



Twenty-nine volunteers ministered with us in Gitega.

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People climbed trees to get a closer look and listen to the message.



Woman walks over to Dan after prayer for healing.

“The Lord is transforming this land of genocide by replacing hatred and killing with spiritual healing and education. Praise His Holy Name!”



Ground is broken on the new school site in Gitega. Construction is scheduled to be completed before this fall.

The Lord Made His Salvation Known in Gitega (cont'd from page 1)

Our Lord equipped EMM with a spirit-filled team ready to go and fight for Him and a faithful prayer team at home. Local pastors were surprised on the first night when nearly 15,000 people came on the grounds. People were hanging out of trees to see Dan Owens and listen as he gave the message and laid out the plan of salvation. Pastors may have been surprised at the turnout; but at the end of the first night when nearly 2,000 people came forward – they were astonished.

Because rain was a concern, prayer warriors were vigilant in asking the Lord to hold back the rains. During the five day festival it rained in the morning, in the evening, in areas around the grounds, and it even rained at the end of the festival. Praise the Lord – it NEVER rained once during the Gospel message and not one day of ministry was lost due to rain. During the day the ministry troops went to schools, prisons, hospitals, orphanages and military barracks to share the love of Christ and be a witness; and ground was broken and work commenced on the new Christian school in Gitega (read more about the school in the story below). By the end of the last festival night over 75,000 people heard the Gospel and over 5,000 people came forward to receive Jesus Christ and prayer. There was a woman that received prayer for physical healing and immediately threw down her crutches and ran over to Dan with complete joy on her face as she walked for the first time in years.

The Lord was truly glorified in Gitega and He made His salvation known. Eternity Minded Ministries will continue to minister in the area as churches are planted and pastors are trained. Keep reading to learn about the school EMM is building and about the Seed and Seeds programs that will continue to glorify the Lord in Gitega.

First Lady of Burundi Extends Thanks to EMM



On February 4, 2007 First Lady of Burundi, Janet Nkurunziza, representing her husband, President Pierre Nkurunziza, attended the Eternity Minded Ministries festival in Gitega, Burundi. During the festival, the First Lady publicly extended her appreciation to EMM for their efforts in ministering to Gitega and for building a Christian school in the area.

Eternity Minded Ministries has been provided a plot of land in Gitega, Burundi, Africa by the Burundi Government with provisions that the land is used to build a school. Gitega is a nation shattered by civil war, and demonic activities. As a result of the civil unrest, schools were destroyed leaving many children without a school to attend. The few children that have a school to attend are sharing small classrooms with 80-90 students per room. Partnering with local churches in Gitega, EMM is building a school that will hold up to 250 students. Construction is scheduled to be completed before Fall of 2007 when classes will commence. The Burundi government will be providing funding for teacher salaries and supplies required to keep the school operational. Dan Owens says, “My heart goes out to the people of Gitega. We are honored to be able to reach out to the children by providing them with a safe and loving environment to learn.” Dan continues by saying, “Not only will these children receive a great education; but it is our prayer that they will be grounded in the Word and become followers of Jesus.”

Eternity Minded Ministries is raising funds to cover the construction expenses of the school and future ministries in Burundi. Dan Owens shares “It is exciting to see how the Lord is transforming this land of genocide by replacing hatred and killing with spiritual healing and education. Praise His Holy Name!”

Seed and Seeds—An Opportunity to Sow



Carl giving Woman her first Bible during a follow-up visit to Arua Uganda.

Seed for the Soul

When Eternity Minded Ministries ministers in any area new believers are given Bibles in their own language during a return visit. Over 5,000 people came forward in Gitega earlier this month. Our plan is to return in April with over 5,000 Bibles. Each Bible costs \$4. You are invited to sponsor new believers with seed for their soul by sending EMM a gift to purchase new Bibles.

Seeds for Humanity

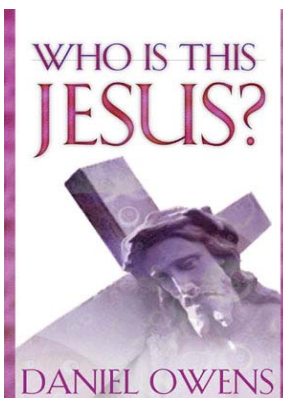
Gitega is afflicted by great famine. Local pastors have asked that we donate tons of food to feed the people. That much food would be very costly to purchase and ship. In lieu of sending food we agreed to send packages of seed so that they can grow their food. For \$7 per family we can supply seeds and a hoe so they can plant their garden. You are invited to sponsor families in Gitega by sending your gift to EMM for our Seeds for Humanity program.



Dan Owens inviting the crowd to come forward for Jesus in Gitega.

“Do you know that Jesus existed before creation, and that he came to reveal to us what God is like?”

Who Is This Jesus? by Daniel Owens



Jesus – the Incarnate Word, the Light of the world, the Bread of life, the Way

How well do you really know Jesus? The gospel of John gives us many names for Jesus that help us to understand who Jesus really is. Do you know that Jesus existed before creation, and that he came to reveal to us what God is like? Owens’ book helps readers discover the real Jesus as an active participant in their lives—caring, empathetic, leading, and guiding. Explore the gospel of John with new eyes—a genuine experience with Jesus Christ awaits.

Available online at www.eternityminded.org/emmstore.htm
Cost: \$10.95



Ministry team praying for healing.

Testimonies from our Ministry Team

“Over and over the Lord showed Himself to be faithful. We give Him the praise, and thank Him for each of you and the commitment you made to hold us in prayer.” Janet Grout

“It’s just so much more personal now, so much more real. I think that comes from the physical touch of one person to another and the only way to experience it is by going to the people.” Dave Luebke

“Thank you very much for the festival you made in Gitega. I would like to tell you that Gitega, from His creation until this time, never has there been a festival like yours ... This is wonderful in the Burundi history. I praise the Lord for this ... Thanks to Dan for his work here in Africa because you are doing very good things for reconciliation of our nation and for Africa.” Rev. Charles



Ministering at the Army Barracks in Gitega.



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Testimonies from friends receiving Dan's weekly devotions.

"Oh my goodness did your message touch my heart today. God Bless You Dan, God used you to reach me about my health problem. May God Bless you as you bless others." Joyce

"Your weekly devotions are such an inspiration to me. I look forward to Mondays so that I can find a new one. I have not thought of spiritual goals for myself at the New Year, but now I will." Bev

"Thank you, Dan, for your insightful, honest and "straight to the heart" message of courage." Gary

"Great truths!! Keep up the great work." Mike

"Thanks for your great devotionals. This one was very timely." Les

What's Coming Up!

Dan Owens is speaking at the following upcoming events.

Pastors Mission Conference (February 24, 2007)
Fair Oaks Church, Concord, CA

Men's Retreat (March 2-4, 2007)
River Valley Community Church, Grants Pass, OR

Northwest Bible Church of Tucson (March 18, 2007)

Valley Harvest Church, Santa Ynez, CA (March 25, 2007)

Email us at emm-info@eternityminded.org to schedule Dan Owens to speak at your church.

Message From Dan Owens (cont'd from pg 1)

We at times find ourselves wishing that we had other gifts that we see operating in other people. I know I have prayed that the Lord would bless me with certain gifts even if for a short period while I minister in a particular area. I do believe that my own personal experience bears witness to the fact that God does work in this way at times. However this is different than longing to be something that we are not, which in turn causes us to stifle the gifts that he has already given us to use.

So, here is my confession. I often wish that I had the gift of being a pastor. Yes I have operated in that position several times but my make up tends to cause me to look outside the church I am serving. There is much about that ministry that I dearly love and have a deep respect for. Yet I tend to look at the next city, the next state, and the next country as a place where I need to share Christ. For me the urgency to share Christ is greater than the urgency to work with long-term believers week in and week out. It is hard for me to sit still in one location when there is so much to be done in the world.

Here is my point. Today is the one-year anniversary of sending out a devotional thought to you. Sending out these weekly devotions is a way that allows me to exercise a pastoral gift! It is true that I don't have a physical church building and services to conduct each Sunday, but I have you. In a way, you are my church and I appreciate you. I so enjoy the role of blessing, encouraging, teaching and even confronting via your email inbox. People have been quick to thank me and have sent nice comments over the past year that I have really appreciated. Knowing that these devotionals are actually being read has been the fire that keeps me writing. So now I want to THANK YOU for allowing me to share with you!

You are a part of Eternity Minded Ministries and the work that this organization is doing around the globe. You are members of EMM, if I may be so bold. Your encouragement and your prayers are the fuel that keeps us moving forward. Believe me, the romance of travel ended many years ago and now we do so out of obedience to His command, "Go into all the world." Every soul that is saved and every hungry stomach we help feed is done so with your partnership or membership. You are Eternity Minded Ministries!

I have noticed over the past several years that people overseas always refer to me as "Pastor Dan." They never call me evangelist or missionary. Even the First Lady of Burundi called me "Pastor Dan." I am good with that title because the Lord has given you to me.

Thank you for allowing me to be an evangelist to the world, and a pastor to you!