

Orientation, Prayer and Intercession

Zambia's ports of entry have been a buzz of activities in the past few days as droves of people poured into Lusaka, Zambia, ready to pour out their hearts. Africa Enterprise's 60th Anniversary Celebration is continuing with the major celebration happening as the "Lusaka for Jesus Mission".

Streams of people have landed in the city representing various countries the world over. They are joining 2,000 missionaries from Lusaka and around 150 from other provinces of Zambia for one mission - winning souls for Christ.

After being hosted in homes belonging to different missionaries from the different churches in Lusaka, the missionaries gathered today for an orientation and prayer session to prepare and kick off the mission.

The missionaries received mission packs that included a welcome note from the African Enterprise International Team Leader, a schedule of events for the mission, decision cards for registering new converts, and a booklet for new believers. They got to be familiarised with the Stratified Evangelism model, and were oriented on how to go about registering the new converts, and engaging them to learn more through the booklet shared.

It was also a great time of prayer and intercession at the different mission bases as it is only through inviting God that we will see success in the mission. Spirits have been lifted and all are ready to go forth and proclaim the good news.



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First Fruits of the Lusaka Mission

Even before the official start date of the mission, the move of the Holy Spirit has been within Lusaka. Arriving missionaries did not wait for the flag off; immediately as they landed, they started sharing the Gospel.

Pre-mission events have been happening across the different constituencies and dozens of people got to receive Christ before the official mission start. We are grateful to the Lord for the wonderful transformation He is bringing to Lusaka and to Zambia as a whole.



Leadership Event

Day 2 kicked off with a leadership team building event where the managers of local businesses and organisations were invited to partake in a squash tournament, singing and dancing with the Kubamba Gospel Team and a great time for fellowship. Simba, who was in Lusaka said the following:



We had around 40 CEOs turn up to play squash, connect, network and I gave an inspirational talk on fitness & self-care while contextualising the gospel. Stephen Mbogo (AE- International CEO) gave a keynote address and prayed.

Stratified Evangelism

Orientation continued for our missionaries. Each of the seven areas where the mission will take place held training sessions on reaching out and reporting of evangelism activities.



Evening event

Doctors and medical practitioners were invited to listen to guest speakers with the overall focus that God is the Great Physician and that all skills were given to doctors by Him.

Nothing is too small for God

Kenyan group, Kubamba, experienced a mishap on Thursday night. They were unable to locate some of their travel documents - and being in a foreign country, this was a grave matter of concern. The search started off for the documents and endless trips of retracing the steps seemed to bear no fruit.

The issue was committed to God. Different groups in the mission were praying for the particular issue. To seek assistance, the team reported to the Kenyan High Commission in Zambia. Favour followed them there as they were informed that indeed the said documents had been found and the matter had already been relayed to the High Commission. Kubamba were linked to how they could get their documents and they got every single thing intact. Their visit to the Kenyan High Commission, although it started on a sad note, it culminated in joy as they were also welcomed to a hot cup of Kenyan tea



The Kubamba Gospel Team from Kenya with Simba Musvamhiri (AE Australasia Board Director)

Serve the city

The 10 Days of the Gospel culminate today, and in Lusaka, Zambia, Serve The City Finale crowned off this part of the Lusaka for Jesus Mission. Missioners converged at Soweto Market in Lusaka Central, to engage in clean up activities and street evangelism.



Many were reached with the Good news of the Gospel and over 100 people accepted Christ as their Lord and Saviour.

The Kenyan Gospel group, Kubamba, ministered at the market after the clean up to mark the celebration. Dozens turned up to hear the Gospel and scores of people received Christ through their ministry.



The missioners ensured that they wrote down the details of every new convert and they directed them to churches where they can continue growing in faith.



The team found a man in the streets who was addicted to drugs. The team shared the Gospel, prayed for him and gave him something to eat. They also arranged with local missioners to regularly follow up with the man and connect him to a local church.

Proclaim Sunday

More than 20 churches in Lusaka today had guests preachers ministering in the assemblies. Throughout the different constituencies, the missionaries attended their hosts' churches and some had the opportunity to minister to them.

Thanking African Enterprise for conceptualising the Lusaka for Jesus Mission, Rev. Noel Jere commented, "This has never happened in the history of our congregation since inception of the church." It was truly encouraging to see the new converts reporting for church and churches getting full. "God help us; People are hungry for the Word. The harvest is ripe," Rev. Noel continued. We thank God for all He is doing at the Lusaka for Jesus Mission.

Mission Launch

After church services in the different constituencies, all roads led to Bread of Life Church International, Emmasdale.

This was the venue for the official Lusaka for Jesus Mission launch. An estimated 5,000 people were in attendance at the worship and information session.

"Evangelism is a beggar telling a beggar where to find the bread.," Bishop Joe Imakando of the Bread of Life church highlighted in his sermon. Encouraging the missionaries to keep on with the mission, he mentioned that, "The Holy Spirit knows where the souls are. The Holy Spirit knows the souls that needs salvation."



Stratified Evangelism

Stratified evangelism efforts went a notch higher after yesterday's mission launch. Across all constituencies, missionaries met from 8am to pray and have a briefing before setting out for the day's activities.

Love Restored

Some Lusaka Mission volunteers met with Mr. Shepherd, and after introducing themselves, he shared with them a long story about his troubled marriage. Later in the afternoon when they met again, he was heading to a local police station in Chainta, Avondale to meet with his estranged wife and resolve their troubled marriage. They had previously been separated.

The mission volunteers initially prayed with Shepherd and he surrendered his life to Jesus amidst tears, after narrating the sad story of his troubled marriage. 2 mission volunteers were sent by the mission team to try and help out with the discussion between the estranged couple and the police, and by the grace of God, their intervention efforts bore fruits.

Later on, the couple, together with the relatives, came to Oasis of Love Church, Avondale, where the missionaries spent time praying with the family. At the very end, Loveliness gave her life to Jesus and they reunited with the husband Shepherd.

We encouraged them to return tomorrow morning for more marital counselling and prayers with the senior pastor at Oasis of Love Church, Avondale, and they both gladly accepted.



[God] reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation.... "We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us"

2 Corinthians 5:18, 20

Glory be to God the most high!

Stratified Evangelism

More missionaries arrive to join the various teams that are ministering across Zambia. Our Stratified Evangelism gains greater momentum and the Gospel message permeates even further across the landscape within which the teams are ministering.

It is of Spiritual importance that missionaries prepare themselves before heading out into the field and so every team gathers at the mission base churches in the different districts. They partake in corporate prayer, worship and devotion before splitting up into sub-teams in order to cover as much ground as possible to reach as many people as possible.

This is the first time that evangelism is taking place on such a massive scale in Lusaka. God is moving the hearts of His people to receive Him and He is also strengthening the ministry of His servants as He uses them.

Taxi Please!

Missionaries met Marguerite at her place of business. They were challenged to minister to her as she could only communicate in Chinyanja, which is her local language. Marguerite was really desperate to hear what the missionaries wanted to tell her and called out a taxi driver who was off duty and close by to come and interpret for her.

Marguerite, it turned out, was already a committed Christian, but the taxi driver who was translating the Gospel message was convicted by the message of Salvation and recommitted his life to Christ. Hallelujah! God works in mysterious ways.



Marguerite and Lungu (taxi driver) with the two Missioners



Stratified Evangelism

After spending several days together our missionaries gather now as a family, to worship and pray for each other, and those to whom the Lord will send them, before they set out enthused for yet another day of ministry in the streets of Lusaka.

Testimonies

A team of missionaries met with Precious, a charcoal vendor. After hearing the Gospel, she confessed, "I was a believer and used to be a prayer warrior, an intercessor serving in the church, but I did backslide and started drinking alcohol and smoking."

This led to challenges in her marriage which ended in divorce. She continued living miserably with much frustration and anxiety that fueled her addiction to alcohol and smoking.

She continued, "Due to hardship (that) I passed through, I felt abandoned by even my sister that I developed hatred and enmity between her and me. Three years now have passed without talking (to) each other. But today I hear the Gospel (John 3:16) of forgiveness and love, I feel much transformed, (and) will never turn back." Her demeanor changed from pain to peace as she smilingly invited clients to come and buy charcoal!



One man whom the AE team spoke to had been incarcerated for purchasing a stolen phone. He had been in prison for quite a while and had a complicated case.

He told the team he had no one to help him and felt lost and alone. The team led him to Jesus, prayed for him, and trusted God for a miracle.

In the early evening hours of the very same day, a team member who had given his contact number to the prisoner received a call from him to say that he had been released. The man described himself as having been 'set free'! Miraculously, the owner of the phone had just dropped the case against him



A construction worker was busy digging trenches for laying the foundation of a house. After he heard the message of Salvation, he accepted Jesus.

Missionaries sharing the Gospel in the middle of a vegetable plantation



Stratified Evangelism

For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself." Acts 2: 39

God continues to energise our team of missionaries who are committed to share the love of God and the message of salvation with the city of Lusaka!



Henry, my Yango driver, just gave his heart to the Lord. He said what struck him most was that it's not our good deeds that gets us to Heaven, but only believing in what Jesus did at the cross. He was so grateful to hear the Good News, and prayed earnestly when he received Christ.

- Theuns Pauw (AESA Team Leader)



Another Yango driver, David, whose 'Goliath' was his car that was in a desperate state that it caused the team much concern – was not at all engaging and seemed rather troubled and withdrawn. The car was also running out of fuel and David stopped at a fuel station asking for payment of K50 to refuel.

Through the 'hazardous' drive (for David also had no clue as to how to get the team to their destination) the team joked to keep their spirits up, and encouraged him to open up to them.



They then ministered to him upon their eventual arrival (a 20km/hr drive as the car could not go any faster!). David gave his life to Jesus and the team gave thanks that their prayers which were initially for their own safety on the road, became prayers for David. 'Every day is a winding road' which He makes straight!

National Prayer Breakfast & AE 60th Anniversary Grand Celebration

AE hosted its first Zambian National Prayer Breakfast. The event was held at the Mulungushi Conference Centre in Lusaka and was attended by leaders of State (including the Honorable W.K. Mutale Nalumango - Vice President of Zambia), business and church leaders, AE associates, friends, staff from across the partnership and guests. The Guest Speaker was AE Founder, Dr. Michael Cassidy accompanied by his wife Carol Cassidy.

The Breakfast began (and ended) with the singing of the Zambian National Anthem. A time of praise and worship followed, led by the Bread of Life International Choir. The bible reading was from 1 Timothy 2: 1-4 and prayer for the nation followed. Vice President of Zambia, the Honorable W.K. Mutale Nalumango, publicly declared that she is a child of God in her field of politics and encouraged others of faith to make themselves available to 'clean up' the arena of politics

The key address, 'Nation Building & Prayer' was delivered by AE Founder, Dr. Michael Cassidy. He urged all present at the Prayer Breakfast to dedicate their leadership and influence to God. 'Let Jesus be your leader.'



AE Founder, Dr. Michael Cassidy, honoured for his lifetime commitment to the ministry of AE; for being a mentor to many; and for his humility in always taking the position that 'only Jesus matters.'

"We need the wisdom of God in the place where I am sitting!"
Hon. W.K. Mutale Nalumango



Launch of the African Enterprise International Institute of Evangelism

AE's challenge is who will evangelise Africa? Who will reach African cities for Jesus? Who will disciple the young people? Against this backdrop AE has launched The African Enterprise International Institute of Evangelism. The Institute will enable AE to pass on its ethos, gleaning from the past and from other partnerships, as it trains evangelists that can respond to the needs of ministry in Africa.

VISION: To be a Center of excellence equipping evangelists for global mission.
MISSION: To equip evangelists theologically and holistically for global mission.



Stratified Evangelism

Our missionaries spent their final day out in the streets after a week of ministry. It has been an amazing spiritual experience for those who gave their hearts to the Lord as much as for the missionaries who were themselves spiritually refreshed.

Sophie Phiri was kidnapped by four men a week ago. Her kidnappers took her laptop, phone and money. They were discussing whether or not to kill her because they thought that she could identify them. Sophie prayed for God's intervention to save her and a voice of reason came over the driver to release her. She was left abandoned on a dark road far from home and managed to get someone to help her to contact her family and the police.

She was certain that God had helped her but she had not been born again. After ministering and praying for her she gave her life to Jesus. She also has a medical condition and is trusting God for healing. "I now know Jesus has a purpose for me that's why he saved me"



Youth Rally

The Rally, themed 'Purpose,' was held at Bread of Life International Church in Emmasdale, Zambia. Some 400 young people (and young at heart!) turned up for high energy ministry through dance and song from some of the popular local Christian artists.



Closing Rally

AE held its Closing Rally at the Bread of Life International Church in Emmasdale, Zambia. There were some 1000 people in attendance at the event. The audience was moved by the message through drama and about 40 people responded to the altar call to give their lives to Jesus.

Dr. Lutangu Lubasi, AE Team Leader – Southern African Region, rounded up the ‘Lusaka for Jesus’ Mission. Dr. Lubasi acknowledged the outstanding efforts of the Board of Reference – Chairperson Joseph Imakando in particular; Fr. Charlie Thomas for his generosity, the Steering Committee; the National Prayer Breakfast team; AE Staff and 60th Anniversary Task Force – especially Ben Sachie who coordinated mission activities. He also thanked those who partnered with AE.

International Team Leader, Dr. Mbogo, briefly stated that ‘God is building an army in the Southern African Region.’ He thanked all the Bishops and Pastors who had availed their resources to AE during the mission; and Pocket Testament League (PTL) for the printing of 30,000 booklets for the mission.

He then invited AE Founder, Dr. Michael Cassidy, to make some closing remarks. Dr. Cassidy said that it is time to say our farewell to Lusaka for Jesus but declared his love for the country, now more than ever.



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PEOPLE SAVED

15,709

PEOPLE REACHED

165,728

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