

Bukoba, Tanzania

A mission within the perfect timing and direction of the Lord!

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Rob Welch Giving the Call to Christ at the Festival on December 9, 2020

The Kingdom fire has been lit and is burning with great strength since the 2020 For His Glory mission.



GOD HAS DONE A NEW THING IN BUKOBA, TANZANIA Samuel Ongondo, Africa Director of Training

The Bukoba mission was within the perfect timing and direction of the Lord. At the start, COVID-19 was at its peak; yet the Lord directed us to carry on with the mission. A clear indication of the Lord's leading is that Tanzania became the only country in Africa open to large gatherings.



Rob Giving the Call to Christ at the Festival

From COVID-19 Prison to Political Unrest

This mission was saved time and again. It began and ended with serious challenges that were new for our team. Africa staff members were quarantined up to 17 days in near prison-like conditions. Part of the US team was infected with COVID close to the departure date. Political tension and unrest arose in Tanzania immediately after their presidential elections, which pushed back our festival dates. As these challenges intensified, we knew that the Lord was leading us to go there!

Despite the Challenges We Pushed Forward

But despite the challenges, we saw potential there because of the openness of hearts within the pastors and their eagerness to embrace Training for Trainers (T4T). We capitalized on those two ingredients and pushed forward. The momentum built up slowly, but with the Lord's strength and grace we can now say, "God has done a new thing in Bukoba and the Kagera region of Tanzania!"



Mark Levesque Training at the Pastors' Conference



Mike Osterhoff Leading T4T

The Church in Bukoba is Now United, Revived and on Fire for Souls!

Since T4T was introduced five months ago, over 5,000 believers have been trained. The festival brought over 50,000 new believers into the Kingdom. Over 600 deliverances and healings took place at the festival. The church in Bukoba is now united, revived and is on fire for souls! The last night of the festival brought together 132 pastors, up from 73. Kingdom

Multiplication is rolling out and more T4T groups are being formed, while others are maturing. Praise God for the great work He has done before our very eyes in these extremely difficult times! <u>Broken families are being restored and lives are being transformed!</u>



WATCHING THE CHURCH FULFILL HER CALLING Rob Welch, Lead Evangelist

One of my greatest joys ministering in Bukoba, Tanzania, was watching the believers praying over the people in the crowd at the festival. At every festival, after the Gospel is preached, we pray for the people. Our prayers include praying for salvation, deliverance from demon possession (common in areas where witchcraft is prevalent), physical healing, restoration of marriages and families, God's blessing on the women and children, and His daily provision. *God answers in powerful ways*!



Rob Welch & Mike Osterhoff Praying Over the Crowd



Mark Levesque & Laura Parli Praying Over the Crowd

Our prayer time in Bukoba was especially fulfilling and powerful because we prayed together in unity. As we prayed on stage, 300 believers, including most of the pastors there, went through the crowd with the laying on of hands and fervently praying for the people. Watching the Body of Christ being His hands and feet was wonderful to behold! Church leaders embraced their call to make disciples and minister to the people of their city. Overall, tens of thousands of people came to faith in Christ, hundreds of people were delivered

from demon possession and many more were healed, with the Church in Bukoba leading the way! Praise the

Lord for what He has done!

T4T MULTI-GENERATIONAL GROWTH Laura Parli, Director of Women's Ministry

While in Tanzania, each Sunday I had the opportunity to deliver a message at a local church that God had put on my heart. It was a very special and personal part of the mission.

Each Sunday I was struck by the fact that so many new believers there had come to Christ through the T4T movement. I was also amazed that so many of these brand-new believers were already leading people to Christ through T4T. This challenged my own mindset and should challenge the churches in America. *Just think of the impact if* we began seeing similar multi-generational growth in our churches











Laura Parli Training Women Leaders in T4T



Laura Parli, Rob Welch & Samuel Ongondo Praying at Women's Conference



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THE HOLY SPIRIT AT WORK

Christ at the five-day festival.

Mike Osterhoff, Mission Team Member

The work of the Holy Spirit could not be denied in Bukoba, Tanzania, as we saw pastors and counsellors working side by side in unity there. It is not unusual for the *For His Glory* team to have to work very hard to promote unity throughout the local church. That did not seem to be the case in Bukoba.



Pastors Crying Out for Their City

Instead, we saw a humbling of the local church leaders before Christ and a unified commitment to the Training for Trainers (T4T) disciple-making model. The leaders of the local church were truly moved by the Spirit as we witnessed them coming before the Lord as a unified group, seeking a true transformation of their city. They were deeply committed to the T4T training they received; and as the trainings ended, they all lifted their voices in praise to God as one. *The beauty of their voices and the joy on their faces as they came together as one body for Christ further evidenced the presence of the Holy Spirit.* They truly understood the importance of the work going forward as they went out, ready to receive the tens of thousands who would soon receive

And the new believers came in Bukoba! Not only were the church leaders ready to receive these new followers of Jesus, but we witnessed their true compassion and love for them. The local pastors and their T4T teams went out into the crowd, praying for the sick and suffering. We later heard how the leaders were still ministering to the new believers in the days following the festival. Such commitment by local church leaders is extremely encouraging and will bear much fruit!



Rob Welch & Leaders Praying for Transformation of Bukoba at Pastors' Conference

ALL THE PIECES CAME TOGETHER Mark Levesque, Vice President



While we were in Bukoba, Tanzania, and later, after we returned home, the Lord brought to my mind a picture of a giant jigsaw puzzle. *For His Glory's* ministry is like that massive jigsaw puzzle.

The "big picture" God has given *For His Glory* is not just about the more than 190,000 souls that came to Jesus in 2020 through the festivals, the more than 15,000 disciple makers that were trained or even the disciple-making movements that were launched.



Mark Levesque Leading a T4T Multiplication Exercise

The For His Glory "big picture" is about Jesus' call to our ministry to empower His Church to bring forth His Kingdom so that all the nations of this world will be transformed for Christ!

You and other partners like you are among the foundational pieces of the plan and purpose that are taking shape through For His Glory. We now have greater clarity of God's calling upon this ministry, which is to fulfill the final words of Jesus, "Go and make disciples of all nations, training them to obey all that I have commanded you and I will be with you always even unto the end of the world." Matthew 28:19-20