

# Kisangani, DR Congo

## Our Best Mission Yet!



*Reaching the Heart of Africa*

*A Truly Amazing Harvest!*



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■ **520,000 Total Festival Attendance**
■ **140,087 Total Decisions for Christ**
■ **9,421 Total Believers Trained in T4T**



## From Death to Life... The Power of the Gospel! - by Rob Welch

One phrase sums up our mission to Kisangani, Democratic Republic of the Congo: "From death to life!" What we saw in Kisangani were people crossing over from death to life, with possibly 200,000 people surrendering their lives to Christ! The response at the festival was absolutely overwhelming, as it looked like 75-80% of the people in attendance responded to the Gospel each night!

God worked so many miracles for us, including getting the sound system and the translator we needed there; and we saw the greatest miracle of all, God's salvation for every sinner who calls on Jesus' name in saving faith!

Thank you to everyone who prayed for us! The Lord answered in a dramatic way as the teenage boys and young men in attendance, who initially were causing issues, later listened attentively as the Word of God was preached. After the second night of the festival, I wrestled with the message the Holy Spirit wanted me to preach to them.

Upon seeking the Lord, He revealed to me that the people of Kisangani needed straight-forward Heaven and Hell, Life and Death messages. They needed crystal clear, "receive Jesus or receive Judgment" messages, and they listened carefully and responded open-heartedly to the invitation to receive Christ! There is much joy in Heaven!



Rob Welch Giving the Call to Christ on the Last Day of the Festival

## Caught Up in Glory - by Mike Osterhoff

The story of Ruth Alifatuma, a former prostitute from Kisangani, DR Congo, can only be understood as a woman completely transformed by Christ!

Ruth surrendered her life to Christ as Mark Levesque was training in her city on Kingdom Authority last August. Two months after receiving the Lord, Ruth had a heart attack and died. Instantly she found herself before Jesus' throne in heaven. She had been dead for about two hours when they began wrapping her body to take to the morgue. Her family was gathered around her and were mourning her passing, when she suddenly came back to life crying out the name of JESUS!

As Ruth's Muslim family saw her come back to life exclaiming Jesus' name, they all began praising Him and many gave their lives to Christ. Since her visit to heaven, Ruth has attended many of the T4T disciple-making training sessions and has led over 100 people to Christ!

*"Kisangani needed straight-forward Heaven and Hell, Life and Death messages!"*



Ruth Alifatuma

*A woman completely transformed by Christ!*



Ruth with Her Family



Ruth at the Women's Conference



## Sound System Miracle - by Samuel Ongondo

The closest sound system of the caliber needed for a crowd the size we expected in Kisangani was very far away in Kampala, Uganda. Intense rains left the roads to Kisangani virtually impassable. It seemed no trucking company in Kampala was willing to risk the travel.

I went to Kampala to see what could be done. I asked everyone connected with *For His Glory* to pray. I heard the Lord speak to my heart, "Samuel, you did not come here to beg anybody to transport the sound system to Kisangani! I sent you here as an Ambassador of the Kingdom, to act within the Kingdom Authority of My Name, so go out there tomorrow and find someone to do it. The Gospel must be preached in Kisangani, DR Congo!"

The next day I set off in the strength of God's Word. The first logistics sign I read was *Hussein Transporters*. The Lord whispered in my heart, "Go in there." Mr. Hussein Yusuf, the owner, asked me one question: "Why Kisangani and not any other place?" I explained how Kisangani was locked away from the rest of the world and that the Lord was directing our team to go there -- that God would save many souls there! Mr. Yusuf said, "I don't know much about that, but because you say God directed you to go there, for the respect and honor of God, I will sacrifice one of my trucks to transport your equipment to Kisangani."

Through this divine direction, we had the right sound system transported to Kisangani, both in time and in good shape, and we had the biggest festival in terms of new decisions for Christ and overall turnout ever in *For His Glory's* history.

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Bad Road Conditions to Kisangani



Egide Bizima & Mike Osterhoff with Truck Driver



*For His Glory's* Sound System Truck Arrives Safely in Kisangani



Laura Parli with Two Kisangani T4T Women Leaders

*Women get appropriate training, time and resources.*

## Women Leaders' Training - by Laura Parli

God has been confirming the importance of having a strategy for engaging and training the women in the cities where *For His Glory* launches movements. Thus, the women leaders' training workshop was held over two days in Kisangani for 68 women. This followed the two-day women's training workshop where 500 women were taught T4T.

Women in Africa are finally being released into the ministry through T4T. Therefore, the *For His Glory* strategy ensures that women get appropriate training, time and resources in the cities where we launch movements.

Not surprisingly, we find the women in these cities are more receptive to women trainers / leaders. This was demonstrated when *For His Glory's* trainer for women, Laura Parli, prayed for the women and children on the last night of the festival in Kisangani. As Laura started to pray, a roar went through the crowd confirming this.



Women's Conference in Kisangani



Demonstrating Discipleship Groups at Women's Conference



## God Miraculously Provided the Right Translator - by Rob Welch

One of the biggest challenges we face is finding the right translator for me. The translator must be an anointed evangelist and gifted translator, and we must have a connection in the Spirit as we preach the Gospel.

In Kisangani, finding the right translator was particularly challenging because the area is so remote and so few people speak English there. Most people in Kisangani speak Lingala as their first language. My translator needed to translate the Gospel message from English to Lingala in the power of the Holy Spirit.

God miraculously provided me with the right translator in Didier Dikaniakina, a youth pastor and translator who lives in Nairobi, Kenya, well over 800 miles from Kisangani. Didier "just happened" to be ministering in Kisangani when we arrived. He was originally scheduled to return to Nairobi before our arrival, but his flight had been cancelled.

As soon as Didier and I met, we both knew why he was still there. We had great joy in preaching the Gospel together!

Because the Lord placed the right person in the right place at the right time, well over 140,000 people in Kisangani placed their faith in Christ! Thank You Lord!



Rob and Didier, Giving the Call to Christ on the First Day of the Festival



Egide; Mike; Kisangani Port Director, Emmanuel Migabo; Mark and Laura at the Kisangani Port



## A Surprise at the Port in Kisangani - by Mark Levesque

During our mission in Kisangani, Egide Bizima, Mike Osterhoff, Mark Levesque and Laura Parli had the opportunity to visit the Port of Kisangani, the farthest navigable point on the Congo river, and meet the Port Director, Emmanuel Migabo.

Mr. Migabo shared that he had attended a T4T training session and then started a T4T disciple-making group at his workplace. The group has now grown to 7 disciples.

Mr. Migabo graciously gave us a tour of the port. Even more importantly, he asked us to pray for him, and over the Port Authority and its employees, which he oversees. Mr. Migabo was so blessed by the prayer he was moved to tears!

What a blessing it was for all of us to have met Mr. Migabo and learn of his involvement with *For His Glory's* T4T training and of the influence of his Christian discipleship group at his workplace!



Ndembe Bokota

## Ndembe Bokota's Testimony

Ndembe was born and grew up in Kisangani, DR Congo. He joined the army some years back and had been deployed to many areas of the country as a non-believer.

He eventually developed a habit of smoking marijuana that resulted in him becoming an addict of drug abuse.

He came to Kisangani for leave just before the start of *For His Glory's* festival and according to his own words, he realized that he was desperately in need of Jesus Christ to be set free.

On the first day of the festival, Ndembe surrendered his life to Christ. He is now among a group of 37 new believers who were all baptized at Bishop Alimasi's church in Kisangani.

## *The Lord is Leading For His Glory to Muhanga, Rwanda!*

About 400,000 people call the Muhanga region home. This mission is very strategic because Muhanga is located at the crossroads between the troubled nation of Brundi to the south and the DR Congo to the west.

*For His Glory's* team met with about 300 church leaders recently in Muhanga and found the city very ripe for the launch of a disciple-making movement later this year.



T4T Training in Muhanga, Rwanda

