

# Lubumbashi, DR Congo

## A Modern Day Corinth!



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### Taking the Gospel to the Streets

by Mike Osterhoff

The streets of Lubumbashi are a wild mix of people, bikes, motorcycles, cars, trucks and mass transit all jammed together, going in opposite directions, in what can only be described as a chaotic orchestra. Accidents and horns are a constant; yet the streets never seem to stop. **The chaos in the streets is a continuum as people scramble for work, food and other daily needs.**

That was the case on the streets of Lubumbashi even with an unforeseen stranger in their midst. **An American climbing out of a small van with speakers strapped on top was enough to warrant a glance but nothing more.** Here was a stranger in this place, and the people seemed to just shake their heads thinking this “mzungu” must be desperately lost, and quickly continued on their way.

**But, the power of the Gospel!** As soon as the love of Jesus Christ began to be spoken, more and more people gathered to listen. As the crowd continued to expand, the streets seemed to slow and the marketplace quieted.

So many had such a desire and hunger to hear what this Good News was all about. Not only did the people listen, ponder and consider, but many made the ultimate decision to accept Christ as their Savior as they understood that “now is the day of salvation.” After receiving Christ and being prayed over, the people rejoiced at their new freedom in Christ.

**And it was a sweet joy for our entire team when we would see people from the streets come to the festival and wave to us as we all celebrated together as sisters and brothers in Christ!**

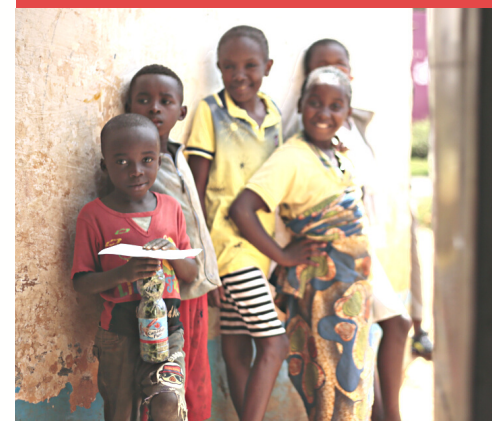
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# Go to the Highways and Byways and Compel Them to Come In

By Rob Welch and Mark Levesque

For His Glory's team recently returned from our mission to the people of Lubumbashi, DR Congo. Thank you for helping make this key mission possible through your giving and your prayers!

While we knew that the Lord called us to minister in Lubumbashi, the Lord also made it clear that Lubumbashi, like the city of Corinth, would be very fruitful; but there would be some challenges to overcome as well.

The Apostle Paul wrote that **the Corinthian believers were the seal of his Apostleship. (1 Corinthians 9:2)**

The Church in Corinth had many problems, but the Holy Spirit moved mightily there. We had a similar experience in Lubumbashi. **There were many issues we faced in this city, but the Holy Spirit showed His seal of our ministry in Lubumbashi as He moved in great power, leading 79,498 people to receive Christ at the festival!**

Thanks to your prayers and the faithfulness of our team we were able to overcome several significant obstacles so that the festival would be a success.



On the Streets of Lubumbashi Near the Mission Field

One very important breakthrough was when the Holy Spirit inspired Evangelist Mike Osterhoff to go to “the highways and byways” to compel people to come to Jesus.

Mike went to the slums and marketplaces preaching the Gospel, and hundreds of people responded by receiving Jesus. As our team took to the streets with local believers, the word of For His Glory's Festival began to spread throughout the city.



People of Lubumbashi Gathering to Attend the Festival

This reminded us of a parable in Matthew 22 where Jesus taught, saying, “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son, and sent his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding feast, but they would not come.

The king was angry... Then he said to his servants, ‘The wedding feast is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore to the main roads and invite to the wedding feast as many as you find.’ And those servants went out into the roads and gathered all whom they found, both bad and good. So, the wedding hall was filled with guests.”

**Once we shifted our focus to the hurting people of Lubumbashi as the king in the parable did, the spiritual climate around the mission changed and we began to see real Kingdom fruit at the festival and in the Training for Trainers (T4T) disciple-making training.**



**Rob Preaching at the Festival**

**We could see real spiritual hunger developing in the hearts of many church leaders to embrace T4T and to see God’s Kingdom multiply in their city.** During the final days of our mission, a strong but humble leader, Pastor Kabura Deber, emerged to become our T4T coordinator to lead the churches of Lubumbashi in launching a disciple-making movement.

We believe that with Pastor Deber at the helm, the disciple-making movement in Lubumbashi is in good hands and that we will see an expanding Kingdom movement in this region and nation for Christ!

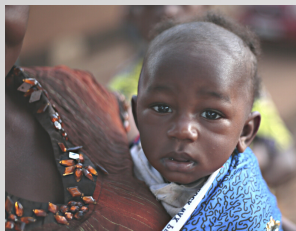


**For His Glory Team Members Leading T4T Training and Praying with Lubumbashi Church Leaders**

# Victory In Jesus

By Laura Parli

Praying for the women, children and families is always my favorite part of a For His Glory mission!



We found the people of Lubumbashi to be very desirous of our prayers as they have many challenges related to poverty, health, crime, rejection, abuse and corruption by the government and community leaders. **Some women even followed us to our hotel on the last night of the festival to receive prayer.**

We were able to pray for people very personally in the market place when we went out evangelizing each day, in the midst of their businesses, surrounded by their children and neighbors. They loved it when we prayed for provision through their businesses, for school fees and for food for their family. They asked us to lay hands on their barren wombs, their wombs with child, as well as their newborn babies being held while sitting on the sidewalk running their business. For that moment of prayer, their business went on hold as they received every single syllable of prayer.

Praying from the stage after thousands of people had accepted Christ is not as personal, but the women and children loved it. **The Holy Spirit gave me themes and categories of people and specific requests as I lifted my voice to heaven for the benefit of the sea of people.** Thousands of people, many who had just received Christ, roared in gratefulness as we interceded for them based on the leading of the Holy Spirit. One of the themes I received from the Holy Spirit was "Victorious". I reminded the women and children that Christ has already won the battle, and as fellow heirs with Him, we are victorious as well.

**My prayer is that the women and children would rise and find their place in the Kingdom through the disciple-making movement that has started in Lubumbashi.**



Laura Parli Praying Over the People of Lubumbashi at the Festival

## T4T Disciple-Making Movements are Growing in Africa

While our team just returned from Lubumbashi, For His Glory's Training for Trainers (T4T) impact continues to expand. Currently, over 1,500 churches in five different African cities participate in T4T.

To put the Kingdom impact of these disciple-making movements in context, more people received Christ through our ongoing T4T ministry in April, 82,340 people, than made recorded decisions for Christ at our Lubumbashi Festival, 79,498 people.

**Here are some of For His Glory's April 2022 ministry results:**

Number of T4T Disciple Making Groups	33,769
Number of New People Trained in T4T	36,049
Number of People Led to Christ Through T4T	82,340
Number of New Baptisms Through T4T	45,529
# of Believers Trained, Currently in T4T Groups (Cumulative)	319,563



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