

Call to Africa Mission Report

We saw the Lord do great things among us these days we partnered with OBC in Masunga, Sebina, Mosojane, Mulambakwena, Botswana and Bulawayo, Zimbabwe.

The three venues we focused on during our time with the FTN students and Jeff Sukup were; Pastor's Leadership Conference – Book of Romans, Children's Ministry Training, Soccer Clinic/ Tournament among 6-8 Junior Secondary Schools from the area, (only 6 teams competed in Tournament), Evangelistic Rallies in each of the villages at night.

First and foremost is our Praise to God for His goodness and all Glory belongs to Him for providing the team and the way He brought us together with every member. The fruit will only be measured in heaven, of what we saw there were more than 400 professing Christ during the rallies, tournaments, and school assemblies in Masunga, Mosojane, Mulambakwena, Sebina, and Bulawayo, Zimbabwe.

Our facilitator was Jeff Sukup who worked relentlessly from 5-6Am till 10-11PM each day to keep us on schedule, productive and maximum impact, INVALUABLE! The logistics he arranged for the team made the trip more affordable, plus we interfaced with credible leaders who helped in the facilitation of the mission. From accommodation, transportation, budget, and accountability everything was excellent. As we met with leaders in Zimbabwe and discussed the possibility of next year Jeff told the leaders we had to have someone on the ground to accept this type of mobilizing and facilitation responsibilities for the success of the mission.

Mummy Bunny was our rally team lead; Kabelo, Fidel, Noma, Papi, David, Tinae, were very effective, cooperative and joy filled without complaints. We could go on and on about the way they improvised, worked, served in all different venues, and the impact they made on our lives and the lives of all they touched throughout the week. For most of these young adults this was in their words their first mission trip and they all were so filled with joy and love for the ones we had come to minister to. They left with a new understanding of how God wants to use them where they are and across the country and continent.

Scott and Tonya; a joy to work with and a great ministry gap they are filling within those they train as children's ministers. The Lord just meshed our hearts together as a team and Scott lead a time of sharing that let us hear each other's joys and burdens. This family is a great gift to the Body of Christ!

Ken and Brian would tag team within the leadership conference as for the first time in this area the Lord brought together 40-45 leaders across denominational lines to study the book of Romans together. Brian's style of teaching provides an open environment where we could share from the scriptures those areas where we disagree without there being judgmental of those we disagree with. But instead the healthy discussion caused us to search the scriptures to learn from the Lord through His Word and from each other. We realize from this experience and interviewing a few of the leaders, the needs for access to study helps; Strong's Concordance, Study Bible's and topics like Administration, Leadership Team Building, Use of others to help with the training and equipping of the saints within their perspective ministries. Missions, peer mentoring, prayer and fasting, etc...

**As we begin to plan and prepare for next year we will look at recruiting more Pastors, teachers, evangelist, and laymen for the equipping of leaders to be equippers of the saints. We will look into bringing more resources for study helps and bibles.

Clyde worked with the soccer interns from the rally team to offer clinics in the afternoon leading up to the tournament on Saturday. After evaluating the effectiveness of the 1 ½ hour clinics in the afternoon the Lord revealed to Clyde in order to be more effective he must take on pouring into the coaches of these young men so there can make a lasting impact. Not only offering some type of coaching clinic but using this as a platform for the gospel, to give hope to leaders among these schools. I believe we also learned from interaction with Lawrence at OBC that he wants help in the area of facilitating the soccer tournament. Clyde told him because of his level of play for Zimbabwe he already knew more about the game than he did. But it seemed to me from a training perspective if possible to take Lawrence with us next year to help facilitate the tournament in Zimbabwe, therefore he would learn by doing. Clyde may need to speak to this.

Josh helped to fill in here and everywhere else the team needed him. This included soccer clinics/tournament, rallies, school assemblies, testimonies, prayer and leadership meetings in Zimbabwe and missions conference at OBC. From participation role and helping to interface with leaders as we prayerfully consider the strategic nature of next year's focus for partnering with OBC to reach into Zimbabwe. His job is critical as he reports to our Pastor and Elders so that resources and recruiting of team members can grow with the requirements of the mission opportunity. Josh also carried home a renewed focus for our church (Crosspointe Community Church) to make sure that everything we do as a church is a platform for the gospel of Jesus Christ.

ZIMBABWE – our host were Pastor Ralph and Pastor Mitchell from Bethel Church in Bulawayo. They were very gracious to us and helped not only host homes but also to facilitate the outreaches at night and Pastor Mitchell connected us with several leaders who were praying for help and opportunities like we explained within the vision of OBC and Pastor Norman Schaeffer as our partners. The openness of the leaders we met confirmed our prayer that our mission effort in Mosojane and surrounding villages would open a door for the gospel into Zimbabwe.

** Please prayerfully consider somewhere near Bulawayo to host the same venues we carried to Masunga, Leadership Training Conference, Evangelistic Rallies, and Sports ministry.

OBC Missions Conference – a time to reflect on our partnership and meet some of those partners in ministry of OBC. We see the reality of the vision and partnership with OBC growing from a local and in country effort to now spilling across borders into Zimbabwe and Ghana as we look to 2012 September. Pastor Boston from Zambia now wants to bring a team to join us in Uganda. I realized during this time that our Vision at CTA is to touch the continent of Africa with Gospel of Jesus Christ. I am seeing this become a reality as I have been working in the horn of Africa; Uganda, Sudan, Congo, Rwanda, Kenya, plus Zambia & Nigeria, and Botswana. Now the doors are opening to Zimbabwe and Ghana. With partners like OBC I saw this as a possibility since 2007. Now we recognize the fulfilling of the dream.

After speaking to Jeff Sukup and then Pastor Norman Schaeffer we have moved our target date to September as this fits within the schedule of events on OBC's calendar. We also met with our brother, Pastor Reuben from Ghana on Thursday night to see if we could begin to work toward CTA and OBC going on mission to Ghana during September of 2012.

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