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A Visit to West & Central Africa

Personal report from Raymond Lombard

Wheels for God's Word and *Word on Wheels* both received invitations to attend the conference, 5th - 12th August 2001, on request of Dr. Samuel Imong from West & Central Africa.

Unfortunately only *Wheels for God's Word* could accept the invitation, but on condition that they be permitted to train ministers on how to use the Heart of Man chart and to make bicycles available to pastors and evangelists of the Church of God. This was graciously granted. An interesting couple of days were ahead of me, leaving for Nigeria on the 3rd of August 2001 from Cape Town.

Arriving at Lagos Airport we were received by Immanuel, the son in law of Dr. Imong. All the literature brought for the conference was packed in two cars and was transported with me to my hotel.

Some arrangements were made and the following day I was received by Dr. Imong at Port Harcourt

Airport and taken by road to Abak in Akwa Ibom State, which is in the South East of Nigeria, close to the border of Cameroon.

I met with a brother from Toronto Canada and two ladies from England. All of them were on a fact finding mission to Africa. During the afternoon I met Dr. Curtis Grey, Superintendent of West and Central Africa.

A discussion that evening was on the Pastors' needs in all of West, Central and Northern Africa, i.e. bicycles, Heart of Man charts and training. The need for theological training is a great concern.

Sunday morning I ministered in a church in Uyo, the capital of Akwa Ibom State, and during the afternoon I met with the National Overseer of Equatorial Guinea, Rev. Christobal Mecuy, together with several other pastors who received bicycles later in the week.

Immanuel arrived with the literature which Pastor Ferdie Warwick gave

for the Regional Assembly. After breakfast the next morning with Dr. Grey and his wife, I took a stroll in town, but met with them again later that day having a fruitful discussion on how *Wheels for God's Word* and *Word on Wheels* can benefit the work of God in the 22 (twenty two) countries under his supervision. I was asked by him to address the Regional Assembly as well as give training and distribute of all literature on Wednesday evening, the 8th of August. I also met the National Overseer of Israel, Rev. Raff and his wife. And off course, the 100 (one hundred) bicycles, which had been arranged through a wholesaler, were purchased (see photo on page 3).

As the rainy season was nearing its end, we still had wonderful rain, buckets of rain pouring down. I met many pastors from Chad, Equatorial Guinea, Liberia, Burkina Faso, Ghana, Togo and Benin, all attending

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Snippets from Africa



CAMEROON

Left: These men are pastors in Cameroon, evangelizing under the Pygmies. They have been trained by Dr. Diafwila to evangelize to the illiterate.



KENYA

Left: Ferdie Warwick together with Chris Brandenburg and Annelie Nel on a outreach to Kenya.



Left: Pastor Ferdie praying for a group of children in one of Kenya's villages.



MADAGASCAR

Left: On the Isle of Madagascar, Cathy Randrasyn receives Heart of Man charts for the island from Word on Wheels. She's a professor at a French University and with her husband they are heavily involved in reaching the lost for God. On the photo pastor Ferdie Warwick hands over the Heart of Man charts.



TOGO & BENIN

Benin

Left: Pastor Togbe Pierre presents the Heart of Man chart in a village - Save Tribe, in the center of Benin.



Togo

Left: On the photo from left: Pastors Togbe Pierre (Benin), Raymond Lombard (South Africa) and Edoh Fiodzani (Togo).

This was during Wheels for God's Word's outreach to West and Central Africa supplying bicycles and Heart of Man charts to these two co-ordinators from Togo and Benin.

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the 2nd West Central Africa Regional Assembly.

As you can see on the photo below (left), all the bicycles were positioned in a long row outside the Church building. Excitement was everywhere! This was all captured

on video by the television crew and Dr. Grey and I were also interviewed. That same evening I addressed the first official meeting of the Regional Assembly. After teaching on the Heart of Man chart, chaos broke out as people stormed to the front when news reached them that material was running out, as can be seen on the

second photo.

Shortly after this I returned home. This was another experience which I won't easily forget. I thank God for every opportunity He sends along my way!

- Raymond Lombard



Above: Dr. Curtis Grey being interviewed concerning bicycles presented by Wheels for God's Word.



Above: Preachers and their wives reaching for the last available literature in Abak, Akwa Ibom, Nigeria.

Keeping the faith

**Rev. Mittawe from Malawi wrote to Wheels Offices -
"Faith is believing in things our common sense tells us not to."**

Please pray for the pastors who labour faithfully

I think for the majority of us it's easy to say and talk about our beliefs and the faith we have in people, but what about the faith in the God we serve?

Since the REAP conference (4th - 7th December 2000), Glyn, who attended the conference really start struggling with life's ups and downs. He wrote the following: "I learned a lot during my stay in

South Africa, and from the conference. I was honoured and my return flight was also nice.

As soon as I returned from South Africa, I was hit with malaria fever and was weak through January (this year). In the course of time thieves broke into my house stealing some assorted items. I was broken hearted and needed some time for healing by the Spirit and by the Word of God.

A short time after this I had another accident with a minibus. I was on my bicycle (from *Wheels for God's Word*). I've been in pain for a long

time after the accident. Besides other circumstances, I have been through a hard life, but praise the Lord, who causes us to triumph in all things."

Glyn is surely keeping the faith and is still ministering together with five other congregations and pastors.

There's a saying: "Faith is believing in things our common sense tells us not to."

Can you keep the faith like Glyn did?

- Jako Liebenberg

TESTIMONY

BOTSWANA

I am one of those who received a bicycle gift from your ministry. I am a full time pastor serving the Lord in the eastern part of Botswana.

I wish to thank God so much and say it really comes from God. I am now able to serve the whole village, visiting the sick, encouraging Christians and testifying to villagers.

It's really of great help to me. May God richly bless you.

- Rev. Chelane N. Chelane

KWEKWE

My ministry had been limited by lack of means of travel. Then I got a bicycle and now I can travel where ever I want to go.

I had a desire to go and minister to a mine which is far from where I stay, about 35 km. The first time there I used the Heart of Man chart. I was immediately surrounded by more than 120 (one hundred and twenty) people.

As I showed the flipchart, people came forward to receive Christ. There was no church in the area to refer them to, so they requested me to start a church, which I did.

Now I go there every week to preach and already have 23 (twenty three) strong members. I tell you the truth, this flipchart works.

I thank the *Wheels for God's Word* team who provided me with these two tools.

- Pastor Moyo

ZIMBABWE

Zimbabwe is so grateful for the *Wheels for God's Word* ministry which distributed 115 (one hundred and fifteen) bicycles to 115 pastors and evangelists who preach the good news. These pastors are from all over Zimbabwe. We extend our sincere thanks to brother Raymond Lombard who came to distribute the bicycles.

One pastor from Agápe Missions had this to say, "I have already covered 275 km and witnessed to 1025 (one thousand and twenty five) people. Surely I thank the *Wheels for God's Word* for giving me this wonderful tool which has helped me to accomplish so much within a short space of time!" Their leader also had this to say, "I thank God for giving such a vision to Raymond who has enabled our 16 (sixteen) pastors to have an easy means of travel. Our ministry is mainly in the rural areas where there are no means of transport in order for one to move from one place to the other. Within this short space of time our pastors have ministered to more than 10 000 (ten thousand) people and have together covered a distance of 1357 km. We have never reached this target since our ministry started. We praise God for that!"

The use of the Heart of Man chart has drawn many people to Christ. I have never seen such a powerful tool.

Thanks again for these tools that will help in the transformation of our Nation.

- Agrippa Dube

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