

Wheels for God's Word



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4th Edition

Wheels for God's Word on a mission trip to Uganda and the Congo

On 18th June 1999 Pastor Raymond Lombard and Pastor Ferdie Warwick flew from Johannesburg International Airport to Entebbe-

Uganda in response to a request from Pastor Masambuko in Butembo, North Kivu Province of the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) to please come and help him with the pygmy work which was needing guidance, training and "tools" to reach the unreached people

of the rainforest. He preciously worked with Dr Diafwila who was responsible for the Pygmy work in DRC, but since Dr Diafwila left the Congo, Pastor Masambuko has been in the deep end to take charge of the pygmy work in

North and Central Kivu (Eastern Congo).

The two pastors from South Africa took with them on the aircraft 312 Heart of Man Charts, 5600 Heart of Man booklets, 10 000 gospel tracts

and also 20 suits for the pastors to wear. In total ½ a ton of materials was taken into the mission field.

It is very important for a pastor to wear a proper suit when he ministers to the people as this earns him respect and he is more trustworthy in the eyes of the people. One would often encounter a pastor in the jungle on a bicycle or on foot dressed very neatly in a suit with a tie.

involved with Masambuko in the work.

CRY FOR HELP

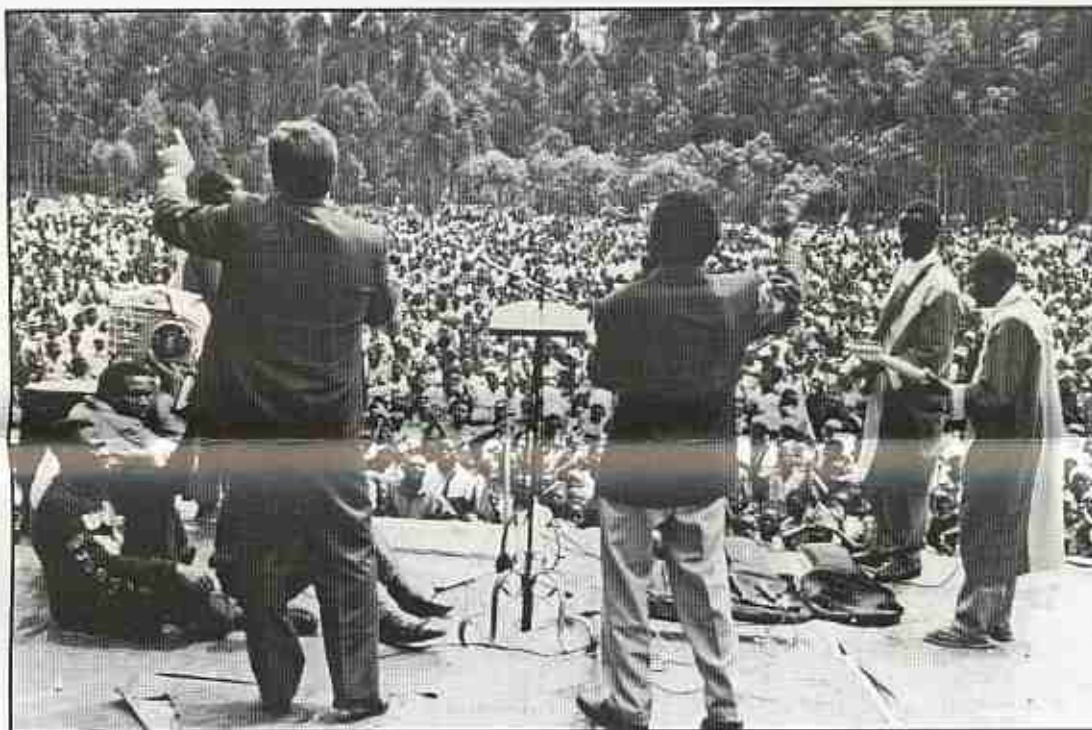
On arriving in the Congo, Pastors Lombard and Warwick discovered that Masambuko's life was in danger if "assistance" for the pygmy work did not come because a huge gap was left with the former leaders departure and for a while no support came from

the Christian world. The pygmies felt abandoned. Fortunately for Gods work, Wheels for God's Word responded to Masambuko's cry for help.

Kitzombiro

At Kitzombiro pastor Lombard preached at a crusade for 5000-6000 people

(half of which were pygmies.) Some had walked 14 days from their camp in the rainforest to attend the crusade, where pastor Lombard ministered.



KITZOMBIRO - Kivu in Congo
Pastor Lombard preaching at crusade June 1999. While war is raging in the country - thousands of people are seeking the Lord.

Because of the civil war in the Congo, they had to travel first to Entebbe, then Kampala in Uganda via Kisindi to Beni as access to the north east of the DRC is only accessible from the east. There they met with some of the churchleaders



Visiting the pygmy camps

Masumbuko, who is now in sole charge of the pygmy work in KIVU has no means of transport. A bicycle was given to him, but considering the enormity of the work, he should have a scrambler. Butembo has a population exceeding 100 000 but there is no electricity, phones etc. The poverty level is horrific. Pastors Lombard and Warwick hired 2 scramblers and travelled into the forest over indescribable terrain. When they reached a river, they had to leave the scramblers and continue on foot. Rivers are crossed on felled trees. They visited two pygmy "camps" in the rainforest, where no white person had ever been before. The Congolese refer to pygmy "camps" as to differentiate from their villages. Masambuko informed them of an unreached tribe called Bakubu, which was discovered "seven days" journey into the rainforest (approx. 200km). They were wary of him as he tried to evangelize them. They were hostile and tore the clothes he offered them.

Past. Lombard standing next to a pygmy hut made of branches and leaves. It stands only waisthigh and a whole family lives in it. There are no furniture, not even a newspaper or piece of cloth to lie on. They sleep on the bare muddy ground



A pygmy camp worshipping the Lord Jesus Christ ... these are newborn Christians.



Pastor Ferdie Warwick crossing a river in the rainforest. Notice the bridge, the river is 4 metres deep. At the back of the photo two bicycles are seen. The fastest way to travel in the rainforest.

But you do the job!

In Uganda the "Wheels" team purchased 18 bicycles and addressed 59 local pastors, evangelists and teachers and trained them how to use and present the Heart of man charts and booklets. Thereafter they were presented with 156 Heart charts and 600 booklets in 10 different languages, 8 suits and the 18 bicycles. The joy on their faces and the expressions of appreciation could not be described! In the Congo the reaction of the leaders were the same: - "You not only came with good news, you did not just talk, want to preach to large crowds, take a lot of photos and leave, but you brought us the TOOLS and showed us how to use them. You are the first people who came to equip our leaders in this manner! Others just talk and make a lot of promises - BUT YOU DO THE JOB!, please come back"



TRAINING OF PASTORS EVANGELISTS AND TEACHERS

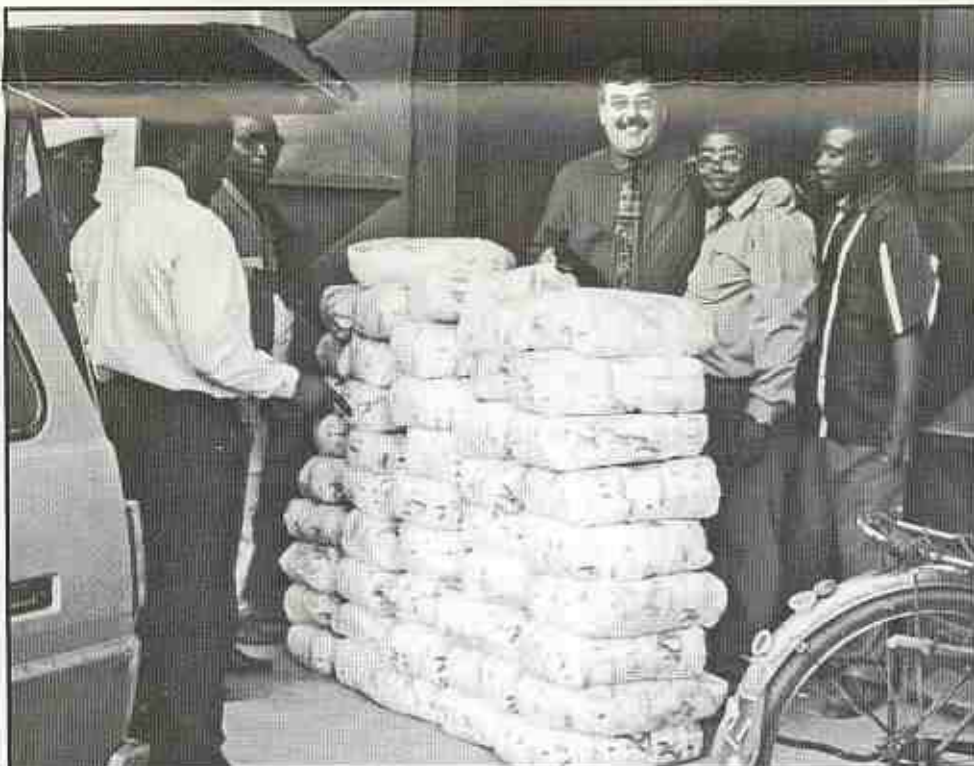
Pastor Ferdie with the leaders he trained in Butembo - Congo. Every Home for Christ Anglo Africa sponsored the Heart of Man Charts.

Front row:

Left - Evangelist Noah interpreter at crusade. Pastor Masumbuko to his right. Brother Jackson personal interpreter and Pastor Ferdie.

"RURAL MERCEDES" (BICYCLES) TO WORK IN FOREST

What a wonderful sight! Bicycles ready to move out with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Twenty two brand new bicycles were brought for East Congo which were delivered safely in Butembo. Every preacher was trained to use the Heart of Man Chart and bicycle effectively for God's work.



MEDICINE FOR MISSION (M F M)

Salt was bought in Congo for distribution under the Pygmies. 900 families received salt as it is very much sought after by the Pygmies who live in the rainforest. The evangelists use salt to gain entrance to villages in the forest to have an opportunity to preach the Gospel. Dr RF Hamman from MFM supplied the salt.

TESTIMONIES

MALAWI, NSANJE - EAST AFRICA

Pastor Headson reports after using the "Heart of Man Charts" in Southern Malawi: "It is a great benefit to see many brothers and sisters saved. I had so many outreaches and revivals with the charts teaching people how their hearts are. Many men and women are singing and dancing for the Lord because they are saved through the chart. Since I started to work with the chart I am also networking with many Pastors and their congregations from different churches and I have several centres around Nsanje and Mehalo. I am also reaching people upward the mountain Lurwe, Laeuzu, Chingoma and Chididi and other areas. Stone hearts has come to the Lord when they saw the Heart of Man Chart and learn more about their hearts. They gave their hearts to the Lord Jesus Christ."



Pastor Headson (left back) - Nsanje Area Local Pastor in town receive his long awaited transport. He travels across the border into Mozambique

NSANJE - DISTRICT

Pastor Headson explains "I was for three days at a conference. I was using the chart through which I was explaining how bad is the heart of man if he don't know Jesus Christ. Many people was crying and fell down on their knees, some of them brought their idols, cigarettes and charms forward. Many, many ungodly people gave their lives to the Lord Jesus Christ, people came in their thousands."

NSANJE - SOUTH (MANKHOKWE)

"A MEETING WAS HELD IN THE AREA OF A VILLAGE GROUP HEADMAN. Pansjuwo under the trees, thousands and thousands of people came to attend the meeting, many were saved, a crippled man walked on the same day and many people and other witchdoctors received Jesus Christ. It was a great joy to see people coming to Jesus Christ. Many evil spirits got out - of course I was totally blessed".

BOUNDARY OF MALAWI AND MOZAMBIQUE - NYAHALI

Pastor Peterson Armenda of End-Time Harvest was the speaker on the meeting using the Chart, the meeting was held at place of Chief Myophali, "on this day 300 people gave their lives to Jesus and also the Chief himself and his family received Jesus Christ."

NSANJE - CENTRE - NYAMITHUTHU

"The meeting was held at village group, headman was Joe. We held the meeting under the trees, multitudes and multitudes came to the meetings and received Jesus Christ. Many people were healed from their sicknesses through the preaching of the Gospel using the Charts".



An Evangelism Team on its way to Magido, Bulala, Euthini and Lukwe-Lukwe on the Malawi/Zambia border. The Jeep is a donation given by "Wheels for God's Word"

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