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Mission: Bugiri, Uganda

The Ugandan mission was greatly blessed. After a long journey we began ministry on Wednesday, January 18. I preached at the outdoor crusade Wednesday night. The next day we went to a schedule of conference meetings during the mornings through early afternoons, and evangelism at night.

We ministered in an interior Ugandan town called Bugiri, and soon realized that there was a very strong and very visible Muslim presence there. In fact the Muslims had had a crusade of sorts of their own just prior to our meetings, hoping to counteract any "damage" we might do. Besides that they sent some of their people to our meetings to intimidate any of the Muslims from coming forward to receive Christ. And they even snuck onto the outdoor venue before we arrived and threw condoms on the platform. It was also reported that many of them were involved in witchcraft (a kind of Islam / witchcraft combo) and tried to use their various powers and magic to keep us from stealing any of their people or influencing the town toward Christ.

They were not successful! Muslims still attended the meetings, although they stood or sat on the outskirts, rather than in front of the platform. And while many would not come forward for fear of being persecuted or killed, we heard reports afterwards of how



There was great freedom for preaching the gospel, no doubt due to the prayers of many.



Though there was much opposition, still many Muslims were strangely drawn to our meetings.

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they gave their hearts to Christ where they sat or stood, and showed up in the local churches the following Sunday. Also some received healings. It is our practice to have people who have been instantly healed come up on the platform and give testimony. One pastor came and told me, "Many people have been healed, but refuse to come up on the platform out of fear. They are Muslims and fear the other Muslims seeing them on the platform."

Churches throughout the area nearly all reported significant increases from people who had been saved throughout the meetings. Perhaps the greatest physical miracle we saw was when a madman, nearly naked and wearing only tattered filthy clothes, wandered into Benedicta's ladies' meeting. At first some of our men attempted to drive him off, but he wanted to hear, so they gave him a place to sit in the back. Later as Benedicta was praying and telling the people that the Lord was moving just then, this man suddenly gained his right mind. His first words were, "Where am I, and what am I doing in these dirty clothes?" He was completely restored, so much so that to talk with him you would never know that he had been totally out of his mind. That night, as Benedicta preached in the crusade meeting, he came forward and gave his life to Christ.

Thanks so much for your prayers and support of this mission. What a blessing it was to see the power of the gospel upon both individuals and this community! The day after the meetings were over a pastor came to our hotel and told us how the local churches were all seeing new people showing up in church as a result of the crusade. Truly the gospel of Jesus Christ is the power of God unto salvation for all who believe!



Ugandans calling on the name that is above every other name—Jesus!



This man wandered into the ladies meeting out of his mind, but was now restored!

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