



Ukerewe, Tanzania Crusade

Our most recent crusade was held in the Ukerewe district of Tanzania, which is made up of a series of remote islands off the coast of Tanzania in Lake Victoria, the third largest fresh water lake in the world with a surface area of over 23,000 square miles. The lake is 223 miles long and 209 miles wide. It is famously known as the source of the Nile River, the longest river in the world, which flows out of Lake Victoria northward for over 4,100 miles to the Mediterranean Sea. The crusade was conducted on Ukerewe Island which is the largest island in the district, and is, in fact, the largest island in Lake Victoria. Our crusade team and equipment had to take a 30 mile ferry ride from the mainland to reach the island. Over the last ten years we have conducted many crusades in Uganda and Tanzania along the vast shore line of Lake Victoria. However, this was our first attempt to conduct a crusade on one of the lake's many islands. During the four night crusade, 797 people over the age of 12 made a public decision to accept Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. The Lord blessed the crusade in a tremendous way, and we look forward to conducting more crusades on some of the larger islands of Lake Victoria in the future.





Hundreds of Children Saved

It has been a huge blessing to be able once again to conduct children's ministry prior to our crusades. The COVID-19 pandemic shut this aspect of our outreach down for nearly 1 1/2 years. At our most recent children's evangelistic VBS, an average of over 500 children a day came to learn about Jesus Christ and the Gospel. Because our Tanzania crusades have to be over by sunset they start very early in the afternoon. This has forced us to start the children's ministry around 2:00 pm. Every day the sun was blazing hot with not a cloud in the sky. The children gathered in front of the crusade platform and were seated on large tarps on the ground. There was no shade at all to shield them from the sun and heat. On our highest attendance day over 700 children between the ages of 2 and 12 packed on those tarps seated as tightly as they could be side by side. The children listened intently in almost total silence to the Gospel message. We were humbled and encouraged as we

watched them burst into spontaneous applause when they heard, many of them for the first time, that Jesus rose from the dead.



Prayer Requests

September 15-19

Revival

Doty Chapel Baptist Church

Shannon, MS

September 22-26

Missions Conference

Grace Baptist Church

St. Louis, MO

October 21-24

Evangelistic Outreach

Sangerei, Moldova

October 27– November 1

Pastors Conference

Severodonetsk, Ukraine

November 5-8

Evangelistic Outreach

Cernauti, Ukraine

Crusades Canceled Over COVID-19

Since the world has been shut down because of the COVID-19 pandemic, I have made three successful mission trips to Tanzania. I have also conducted 9 four-night crusades at which thousands of people have accepted Jesus Christ as Savior. Earlier this month Carla and I headed back to Tanzania to conduct three more crusades. However, when we reached Amsterdam, we learned that government officials had rescinded our approvals for the crusades because of worsening COVID-19 numbers. It is almost impossible for us to overstate the number of resources and the amount of effort expended for these canceled crusades. We were deeply discouraged but not deterred in our passion to reach this lost world for Jesus.

