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well as more populated areas of Kapchorwa. After preaching the gospel the first night according to our SOE input, we began to involve the students and a couple of pastors from other churches in giving their testimonies and preaching both before and after the showing of the JESUS Film in the local dialect. Our biggest turnout was our final night in the infamous “red light district” of Kapchorwa (nearly 700, including many children!) This interdenominational effort (seven different church groups helping by providing transportation, sound equipment, singers, interpreters and evangelists) has not only resulted in a monthly commitment to hold open-air crusades together, but Pastor Simon Peter has started a church in one of the areas where we held one of our open-air crusades!

As exciting as all of this was, we did much more in Kapchorwa than simply hold big outdoor meetings. The Americans teamed up with local believers to go house-to-house (or hut-to-hut) to preach the gospel. We were even able to preach the gospel in several schools... to as many as 200 children at a time! Talking about an evangelist’s “dream scene!” All were very open!

Kampala. The bus ride, however, was an experience we’ll never forget! Instead of the customary two-seats-aisle-two-seats set up, Ugandan buses use a 2-1-3 arrangement. We three American guys were put in — you guessed it — the three-seat side. I spent most of the six-hour trip having to lean forward due to typical American male shoulder width! Oh well... we made it.

We spent the next two days working on transferable SOE tools (e.g., gospel booklet and tract based on the SOE curriculum) but, to be honest, I was itching to get back into the “gospel trenches.” So Thursday and Friday of my third week I realized another dream of mine by getting to take a team with me to Makerere University, Uganda’s top public university.

Campus Mosque Evangelism

Although Makerere had just gone on summer break, we found a number of students still on campus. The first day we talked to students one-on-one in a dorm area, as well as preached (i.e., explaining the banner) to 35 in the dorm cafeteria. Since we noticed greater foot traffic at the entrance to the campus, we decided to target that area the next day. We were not disappointed. We put up our banner with the intention of preaching to those arriving on or leaving campus — just inside the main entrance and — get this — right across the street from the campus mosque! Although we never obtained permission to preach, the campus police allowed us to leave our banner unfurled the whole day while we tried to get official permission. That banner generated dozens of conversations with students and at least one professor; meanwhile, Muslim students coming out of their mosque kept their distance, but that didn’t stop them from reading about these three problems and God’s three solutions on our banner!

Punch Brunch

My final two days were spent training a new church in evangelism and putting the training into practice in a semi-rural district just outside Kampala. In addition to an open-air crusade Saturday evening, my team went door-to-door and did some street preaching near a local bar. One of the bar patrons, who was mildly drunk, was very interested in hearing the gospel preached is fine with me!

our banner frame! We cordoned off our banner guy while this patron’s friend, who had interrupted my preaching just before the attack (hmm...?), took him away. After doing a temporary fix on our banner frame we continued preaching, later moving three blocks away to preach to interested bystanders, including some Muslims! The local pastor who went with us wants to put on a HUGE evangelistic crusade — with yours truly as the main “attraction” — on my next trip! Whatever gets people out to hear the gospel preached is fine with me!

Historic Visit!

We recently had the privilege of hosting David & Laurie Luck, long-time ministry partners (i.e., financial supporters) from the Houston area, here in Rio. This was “historic” since we have not had a visit from any of our ministry partners since the late 90’s! (hint, hint) The Lucks came to encourage us, which they certainly did!

You see, David loves evangelism, so it shouldn’t have surprised us how he jumped right in on campus and in downtown Rio by asking passers-by, “Do you speak English?” When someone who spoke English would stop to help the foreigner, David would ask him what the banner he was holding (our 3 Problems/Solutions banner) or the flip chart we were using (Question, “What does Jesus Christ mean to you?”) said. They would translate the message, which provided David an easy transition into the gospel! Laurie even got into the action on campus, having a meaningful conversation with a couple of interested English-speaking students. So, you can see that even if you don’t speak Portuguese, you can find interested people to share the gospel with! In the words of former game show host Bill Barker from Let’s Make a Deal, “C’mon down!”