

This is the summary of our visit to the DRC thank you for all those who supported us with prayer, music and finance. The Lord knows the contribution to the kingdom and in light of the elections and violence erupting there it was just in time.

Regards

Lisa

Breaking the Chains of Bondage and allowing Christ's light to flood in Congo - May 2006

VISIT TO DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO, 3 - 10 MAY, 2006

Ukuphula Iketanga(Breaking the Chains) was requested by Lotsha ministries Trust and IPCA (International Prison Chaplains Association) to be involved in training Prison Chaplains in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

This was extended to include churches at the request of some of the Chaplains who are also Pastors of Churches. This is a short summary of the visit.

4 of us flew out from Johannesburg for the 2 1/2 hour flight to the DRC

3rd May, Wednesday,

Met by Chairman of Lotsha in the DRC and Trustees (6) as well as the President of IPCA - DRC and members (14) at airport in Lubumbashi, Katanga Province.

Taken immediately to a meeting with the Provincial Minister of Justice, Mr. Denis Mukalay Kabimbi.

Late lunch after which we attended first Church service in Lubumbashi.

4th May, Thursday

Traveled to Likasi - 120 kms - took over 3 hours due to condition of road.

Trained 157 people to present the gospel with puppets, drama and Small Group techniques.

Fed all participants.

Lisa & Pam went off to present a puppet show for the orphans and abandoned children at the place of safety.

Afterwards they visited two other centres of safety for the orphans of Likasi.

Slept there the night.

5th May, Friday

Went to Boma Prison – presented gospel to inmates with dramas and puppetry and prison programme Ukuphula to 83 of 117 inmates.

All supplied all with French Christian literature.

Fed ALL inmates

Went to Buluo C-max prison - - presented gospel programme with drama and puppetry and Ukuphula to 218 of 287 inmates.

All supplied with French Christian literature

Fed ALL inmates

Drove back to Lubumbashi

6th May, Saturday

Taken by Provincial Minister of Justice, Mr. Denis Mukalay Kabimbi to meet the Provincial Governor of Katanga, Dr. Kisula.

After the audience Graham was interviewed by National TV which was broadcast on the 7.30 p.m. news that night.

Drove to Kipushi and performed drama and puppetry and trained 187 people with Small Group techniques.

Fed all participants.

Lisa & Pam returned to Lubumbashi separately to train 28 Sunday School teachers from 12 churches.

They did puppetry, sketching and balloon techniques etc.

7 th May, Sunday

Team was split up and we preached at 7 different churches Lisa speaking at 3 churches within a 25km radius that Sunday morning, puppet show and childrens message and adult message at each place, met with Church leadership in Lubumbashi.

Puppet and clown show for combined church meeting approx 350 kids in the afternoon - every child handled a toy, courtesy of 'Children for Fire'.

8th May, Monday

Trained 349 people with puppets and dramas, Ukuphula Iketanga, Small Group techniques.

The local Christian radio broadcast live - ALL DAY (5 Hours) the whole training session - average listener ship of 750 000. As a result, Graham met with Christian business leaders that evening to look at ways of starting projects that would be income generating for ex-offenders.

9th May, Tuesday

Spent the day in prisons.

Kipushi Prison - - presented Gospel with drama and puppetry and prison programme Ukuphula to 105 of 121 inmates. All supplied with French Christian literature.

Fed ALL inmates.

Kasapa Prison (Lubumbashi) -Presented Gospel with drama and puppetry presented Ukuphula to 193 of 273 inmates.

All supplied with French Christian literature and fed ALL inmates.

In the evening, met with businessmen again.

10th May, Wednesday

Returned to Johannesburg.

Statistical Summary:

Trained 187 Chaplains,

271 Pastors and 313 Elders and Deacons Trained

28 Sunday School Teachers

Presented Ukuphula and gospel message with puppetry and drama to 699 inmates

Puppetry for approx 350 kids

Fed a total of 1569 people with 1 square meal