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mission report Agbani + Ughelli Nigeria

Agbani "Holy Spirit Day"

from morning to evening



Ughelli Spiritual release

The miracle continues: Africa shall be saved!

Dear Mission Partner

What we are experiencing on the "dark continent" is one of the greatest miracles in history. Vast crowds of people hear the gospel and take hold of redemption through the blood of Jesus. In the shortest time, millions of precious souls are won for the kingdom of God.

The People in the nations of Africa – and throughout the world – need the gospel if they are to find true freedom. **The message of redemption is more important than any economic help or charitable support.** It is the bread of life. We pass it on and see it seized upon hungrily. Hundreds of thousands of spiritually hungry people gather to hear the message of Jesus. Jesus saves! That is the unparalleled message for people of all races and social classes worldwide. It is the key topic of this IMPACT about the Nigerian cities of Agbani and Ughelli.

You know us. We do not waste any time. "Now is the time of God's favour, now is the day of salvation!" (2 Corinthians 6:2)

When you receive this IMPACT, our first campaign of 2012 will already be under way.

The financial obstacles are again very high but with the Lord's help, we will overcome them. Let us pull closer together than ever before. You and I are *"God's fellow-workers"* (2 Corinthians 6:1). That is an honour and a privilege but it also implies an obligation.

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Daniel Kolenda and Reinhard Bonnke, Evangelists

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Visits to the local governors, traditional kings and other leaders are a regular part of every evangelistic campaign in Africa. It gives us joy to pray with and for members of the government and leaders in the region where we preach the word of God.











Ughelli 470,230 Decisions for Jesus Spiritual release

When the CfaN team arrived in Ughelli, it was received by the traditional king. He handed Daniel Kolenda **a tray of earth on which there was a locked padlock.** He explained that the country was under a curse and asked for prayer. **As a prophetic, symbolic act, Daniel unlocked the padlock, laid his hands on the earth, proclaimed freedom through Jesus and prayed over the country.**

The prayer really did release something. On the very first evening, the atmosphere was electrifying. The people were full of faith and expectation. They pressed around the team, surrounding the cars so that they could touch them. They expected to receive miracles from God. They reminded us of the woman suffering from bleeding who pushed through the crowd or of blind Bartimaeus, who called out from the roadside. In response to this unusual faith, Jesus saved and healed countless people that same evening.

And it did not stop there! Over the next few days, the crowd grew in leaps and bounds, doubling several times over.

The momentum was exceptional and the word quickly spread that Jesus was doing amazing things in Ughelli.



On the second evening Daniel Kolenda felt led to preach on repentance and restitution – clearly no "feel good" sermon. **Yet the people were eager to hear the truth** and, as evangelists, we have a responsibility before God to tell things as they really are. The Lord confirmed the uncompromising proclamation of his word by signs and wonders.





The third evening's sermon focused on the power of the blood of Jesus. As the tens of thousands of people present united in prayer, every curse was broken in the mighty name of Jesus. We named the local gods, repudiated them and cut off every tie to them. CfaN's oil drums were filled with fetishes, amulets, witchcraft tools, juju articles, talismans and idols. They were doused in petrol and set alight. **Evidence of a mighty spiritual release followed hard on the heels of this act.**

A madman was a familiar figure among the people of Ughelli; he used to wander **naked and mindless** around the city. When he came to our meeting he was naked, as usual. Then suddenly his madness left him. Our technicians lent him some clothes so that he could climb onto the stage and give his testimony.

A young man who had been **involved in a Satanic cult** came forward and declared before the assembled crowd that he had decided to follow Jesus and to **leave the cult behind for ever.** A boy who had been **deaf and dumb from birth** was able to hear and speak. Although he still has to learn to form words properly when he speaks, a glorious miracle had clearly taken place.

Many others were set free and healed. Because it was getting late, Daniel wanted to stop the testimonies and close the meeting but the people shouted in chorus, "More! More! More!"



Indeed, there is nothing quite like the sound of large crowds of people who have received the "promise of the Father".

After the prayer for the baptism in the Holy Spirit on the penultimate evening, an overwhelming, inimitable sound rose from the huge crowd as the people praised the Lord of lords in new tongues. Peter van den Berg turned to Daniel Kolenda and said, **"It sounds like rain on the ocean."**

Jesus Christ

Deaf and dumb This young woman

had been completely deaf and dumb for eight years. That had made her life really miserable. As soon as she went to the campaign, she believed that God would transform her life – and he did. Something seemed to take hold of her and freed her tongue. Then she felt as if someone were touching her ear and suddenly she could her the loud noise all around her. She tried to speak and it worked perfectly.

Skin disease A woman had been suffering

from a terrible skin disease for the past two years; open sores from head to toe constantly festered and discharged puss. It was a painful, embarrassing and disfiguring disease. That evening Jesus touched her and the sores dried up completely. As she testified, the scars left by the sores could be seen clearly, but they were now closed and healed.

Broken leg

This young man had broken his leg in a motorcycle accident. It was healed so completely that he was able to run about the stage and leap up and down.



Saviour *and* Healer

Sleeplessness This woman had been unable to sleep properly for two

years. Daniel Kolenda had a word of knowledge that someone at the meeting had an amulet under his or her bed. She went home, found the amulet, threw it away ... and has slept like a baby ever since!

Asthma asthma for 45 years. When Daniel Kolenda prayed for the sick, the man had just one idea in his mind – making sure of his own miracle. As the prayer for healing was spoken, his breathing started to return to normal – he was healed despite the dust on the campaign site.

Daughter lay dying

A woman testified that she had taken her daughter – a small child – to the meeting because she was dying of the same illness that had taken her son's life several months before. During the prayer, the daughter was instantly healed. Every symptom vanished and she is now totally well.

Infirmity

Among those standing in the queue of people wanting to given their testimonies on the last day of the campaign was a man who was clearly not Nigerian. He told me that he was a Hindu from India and was in Agbani on business. He was not even at the crusade but in a distant house when he heard the gospel being preached over our massive PA system. He knelt down right there in that house and prayed the prayer of commitment with Daniel. Not only was he saved, but he was also healed from a terrible infirmity that had troubled him for several months. He went to the campaign site to testify that Jesus Christ is his Saviour and Healer!

AGBANI, NIGERIA

... decision cards were the glorious outcome of our fiveday evangelistic campaign in Agbani in Nigeria's Nkanu region.

Each evening, thousands and thousands of people turned to Jesus Christ, completed decision cards and handed them to the ushers. As part of the follow-up programme, they can now be visited, looked after and invited to churches near where they live



"Holy Spirit Day"

from morning to evening



e were told that missionaries had been cold-bloodedly tortured to death in Agbani in the past. Many people therefore believed that there was a curse over the area - but we went there in the power of the blood of Jesus, which can break every chain and set every captive free.

When the second evening meeting was over, we already felt as if we were on "cloud 9". Many thousands of people ran into Jesus' open arms. As soon as the prayer of commitment had thundered over the site, miracles started to take place.

The gospel is more than a message; it is the power of **God.** That is why it is not enough just to preach it; it must be demonstrated. We proclaim it and then we wait for it to happen. The result is not just intellectual approval for a theological statement of faith but changed lives and release from bondage, curses, diseases and sin. That is why, at every Great Gospel



on the last but one day. We had a deafening "Holy Spirit Day" from morning to evening. Both at the Fire Conference and in the evening campaign meeting, a powerful outpouring took place exactly as we had hoped it would. Jesus, the Baptiser in the Holy Spirit, was present in Agbani and many thousands of people received what the Father had promised. There were healing testimonies in abundance.

Then came the final meeting. And what a meeting it was! **A local clan chief brought along a witchcraft shine** that had been in his family for several generations. He had torn it down and carried it to the campaign site so that we could burn it – along with numerous other idols, fetishes, amulets and juju articles that the people had handed over.



On the first evening, Evangelist Reinhard Bonnke preached a fiery evangelistic message and many thousands of people were saved as they said "Yes!" to Jesus.







Reinhard Bonnke

MIGHTY ARROWS FROM GOD'S MIGHTY BOW

When Noah saw the earth desolated by the deluge, he must have been traumatised. Whenever afterwards the skies grew dark overhead, he would need assurance. God said, **"I do set my bow in the cloud and it shall be a token of a covenant"** (Genesis 9:13 KJV). The rainbow is the flag of God, the seven-coloured divine standard. No coat of arms, no regimental colours, no empire symbol could match that!

The word "bow" in Genesis 9:13 is the same Hebrew word as a bow for arrows – a war bow. **What a bow, spanning the whole horizon!** What mighty arrows it must shoot when God goes into battle. "The Lord will march out like a mighty man, like a warrior he will stir up his zeal; with a shout he will raise the battle cry and will triumph over his enemies" (Isaiah 42:13).

The rainbow is not merely a beautiful natural phenomenon but a divine reminder of God's archery. "There was a rainbow around the throne and from the throne proceeded lightnings" (Revelation 4:3,5); those are God's mighty arrows. No wind can blow a rainbow away. No devil can switch it off. **The battle belongs to the Lord.**

We all suffer life's storms when ominous blackness fills our skies, but that arching splendour of prismatic colour in the rain cloud, seen with our mortal eyes, is the unalterable standard of God, there to reassure us.

God's rainbow is his love bent to the world - to you and me.

REINHARD BONNKE

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Kathmandu, Nepal

International Reinhard Bonnke Training Institute (iRBTI) seminar

> I arrived in Kathmandu full of expectation. Pastor Shiva Raj Dhakal and others were waiting for me at the airport and gave me a traditional Nepalese welcome, bestowing a scarf on me and handing me flowers.

> The evangelism seminar started the next day. It was attended by over 60 people, 40 of whom were pastors. **From the very beginning, the atmosphere was filled with the presence of the Holy Spirit.** Those present eagerly drank in the teaching. On the second day Laxmi Pariyar and her husband also took part in the seminar. Mrs Pariyar is a member of the committee which is drafting Nepal's new constitution.

> Like every iRBTI seminar, this one also ended with a **time of prayer and blessing**. The Holy Spirit was tangibly present. Numerous pastors came from non-Pentecostal and noncharismatic churches and, during this time of prayer, opened up to be filled with the Holy Spirit. Afterwards the people queued up to report on what God had done for them during the seminar and the time of prayer.



Meeting with the President of Nepal, Ram Baran Yadav



These people are waiting to testify to what God has done for them.

Blessing the Nepalese pastors

The predominant feature of the next day was a service in the Great Commission Church that lasted nearly four hours. **Almost every person present took up the call** at the end of the sermon to be more outspoken in their witnessing. Three people gave their lives to Jesus and a whole series of healings took place. One woman had her sight restored and another had hearing **restored to a deaf ear**.

On the Sunday, a **meeting took place with the President of Nepal, Ram Baran Yadav.** As I had never met a president before, I was keen to see what it would be like. After exchanging greetings, I thanked him for allowing us to hold this meeting and told him about CfaN's work. The President took a great interest and wanted to know more about the Christian faith so I took the opportunity of explaining the gospel to him. He allowed me to pray for him and to bless him in his duties as President.

Over the past months, a group of churches has formed that wishes to produce the **Full Flame Film Series and the School of Fire in Nepalese.** They want to train their churches and take advantage of the current spiritual openness in the country.

On my journey, I met poor but committed Christians who were eager to reach the people of their country with the gospel.

Text: Reverend Thomas Meyer



This is the motto used by the *International Reinhard Bonnke Training Institute (iRBTI)* to advertise a new form of training and equipping for evangelism. Members of Reinhard Bonnke's team who have worked with him for many years hold seminars which provide guidance and encouragement in the area of personal evangelism.

In four short workshops, the spiritual principles derived by Reinhard Bonnke and the CfaN team in the course of 50 years of evangelistic ministry are presented and ideas for possible ways of putting them into practice are demonstrated practically relevant, motivating and equipping. Suggestions are included for how individuals can proceed once the seminar is over. Each seminar ends with a time of personal blessing and commissioning.

Pastors have reported that, following the seminars, their church fellowships experienced an evangelistic awakening and a "soul-winning atmosphere". Various evangelistic projects were initiated, people were led to Jesus and one pastor said that after the seminar he himself found it easier to talk to his unbelieving siblings about Jesus.

After various seminars attended by a total of around 700 people in Leer, Schorndorf, Frankfurt, Magdeburg, Kassel, Freiburg and Rosenheim (Germany) and in Braunau (Austria), Reverend Thomas Meyer, who manages the *International Reinhard Bonnke Training Institute* (iRBTI) training programme, was presented with a special, unusual challenge in the autumn 2011: a seminar was to be held in Kathmandu, Nepal (see the report on the left-hand page).



Reverend Siegfried Tomazsewski



The time of prayer and blessing is a fixed part of every seminar.



Reverend Thomas Meyer

Intensive seminars in 2012 PERSONAL EVANGELISM

> 28 January Evangeliumsgemeinde, Freistadt (A)

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21 April Elim-Gemeinde, Leipzig (DE)

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16 June Evangelisch Freikirchliche Gemeinde (Baptist), Überlingen (DE)

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ONE OF 470.230 PEOPLE

WHO DECIDED TO FOLLOW JESUS DURING THE UGHELLI CAMPAIGN



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