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# DALOA: Many challenges, great victories

# Daloa, Côte d'Ivoire

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#### Daloa is a town in the west of Côte d'Ivoire. It is the capital of the Haut-Sassandra region.

## Many challenges, great victories

**Our campaign in Daloa was hugely challenging.** It seemed like the devil was doing everything in his power to stop the campaign, which is usually a sign that we are in the right place at the right time, and many people are about to experience and accept Jesus.

## It began on the journey there, when our technical crew ran into trouble at the Côte d'Ivoire border.

For days, they were waiting to be allowed entry. After six days – and only six days before the start of our campaign – it looked like the team were completely stuck. At 5pm, the border was about to close for the weekend, and would only open again on Monday morning. 5pm came and went without the team getting any papers, which meant that the technical equipment would

definitely not make it to Daloa in time. This put the entire campaign in jeopardy, and even a team as seasoned as ours couldn't help but feel bitterly disappointed. Was it their own prayers, the prayers of our mission partners far away, or simply the grace of our God? We don't know, but we witnessed a miraculous turnaround. While the team was still trying to find a solution, the border post suddenly, and without warning, opened its doors again. The necessary documents were handed over, and our trucks and team crossed the border. We serve a great God!

# When we finally arrived in Daloa, we were greeted by yet another problem.

The owners of the land we had secured for the campaign quarreled with one another, and refused to make peace. **Eventually, despite prior agreements, they withdrew their permission for us to use the land.** What an enormous challenge! Where would the campaign take place now? All the posters and banners, as well as the TV and radio spots, advertised that venue. Finally, a new venue was found, but once again, we had obstacles to overcome. The new grounds were covered in trash, piled 6 feet high in some places. Our team, led by Winfried Wentland, immediately



After Abidjan and Bouaké, this is the third-largest center of commerce in the country, trading primarily in cocoa, coffee and cola nuts.



Great joy the time has come!





A flowery welcome at the regional airport

Advertisement on a Daloa phone booth



set to work. They organized three front loaders, filled up nine trucks with trash, and carted it all away to the local dump. It took two days to prepare the field, but everything was done on time, and shortly after, the first visitors began streaming in.

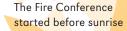
## It wasn't long before the next challenge presented itself.

This time, it was the news that the governor had decided our Fire Conference was too loud for the municipal offices nearby, and must be over by 8 a.m. at the latest. **So, on the second day, we simply started earlier - before dawn - to finish on time.** We were deeply moved to see the spiritual hunger of the pastors and leaders, who were willing to walk miles in the dark to hear the Word and feel the move of God. Peter Vandenberg and Pastor Gray ministered powerfully to them.





At this point, you would imagine that it couldn't possibly get any worse. But sure enough, just before the evening meeting on the second day, the skies opened and the floods poured down. Within moments, the rain turned the campaign grounds into a muddy mess. We couldn't help but wonder what the reaction would be, and whether



High intensity setup because of the looming deadline

many people would bother coming at all. But, to our surprise, the crowd was significantly bigger than the night before. Daniel preached an uncompromising message about the blood of Jesus, and called on Pastor Gray to help pray for the sick.

## Finally - the breakthrough!

In that moment, it seemed like we had finally reached a breakthrough. Both the following days were marked by many miraculous healings and conversions. On the second



After numerous challenges and trials, the campaign in Daloa concluded with great joy and resulted in thousands receiving Jesus as their Lord and Savior.





last day, Daniel Kolenda wrote: "I don't even want to try to describe the atmosphere tonight. Words just don't suffice. The crowd was heaving with excitement and faith."

On the way to the last meeting, the team noticed that the convoy took a different route from the hotel to the grounds. The reason? Local officials had closed nearby streets in both directions to make room for the great crowds of people going to the campaign. And now it was abundantly clear that yes, we had faced many challenges, but also experienced great victories in Daloa.





...decision cards counted during the campaign in Daloa - a town with only 350,000 residents - and passed on to the local churches. A wonderful victory for the Gospel.

## **TESTIMONIES**

## "One of the most beautiful moments of my life"

Deaf since early childhood





This mother gave a moving testimony as her daughter stood next to her, tears pouring down her cheeks. Stephanie, the young woman, had been deaf since early childhood. She couldn't attend school, and her whole life was blighted by her handicap. On the third evening, when Daniel asked all those present to raise their hands, she raised her hands, too. Her mother stared at her, shocked, and asked, "Did you hear that?" She answered, "Yes! I can hear!" On the stage, she was overcome with emotion, and grabbed Daniel in a bear hug, quickly joined by her mother. Daniel Kolenda said later, "I can honestly say this was one of the most beautiful moments of my life."

This 25-year-old man had been deaf in his right ear since birth. When the sick were being prayed for on the third evening, he felt a sensation like a finger in his ear, and then it exploded with sound. He was healed.





This 5-year-old was born deaf, and had never heard or spoken. During the first evening, he was suddenly able to hear. His father tested his healing by calling to him, and he reacted to his father's voice for the first time in his life.



For the last three years, this woman's leg would not stop swelling, eventually growing to several times the normal size. She testified that, during the prayer for the sick on the second day, the swelling suddenly went down, leaving her with a completely normal leg.





A painful, bulky tumor in the abdomen plagued this young woman. She believed this was the reason she miscarried all three of her pregnancies. She went to a local witchdoctor, who gave her a chain to wear around her hips as a lucky charm. Still, her condition was unchanged. On the second evening, during the prayer for the sick, the growth disappeared. She told her story onstage, and removed the chain in front of everybody, to the glory of God.

A botched neck operation left this woman paralyzed for six years. She received her healing on Saturday night.

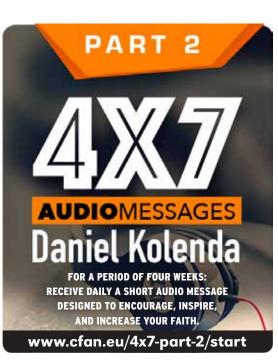


PARALYZE

This woman was paralyzed for seven years after a serious car accident. On the first evening, Jesus healed her, and she danced on the stage with Daniel, singing with joy.



It was 8 years since this paralyzed man last walked. He was healed on Thursday night, leaping and kicking high, and dancing all over the stage. It was hard to believe he'd been crippled just moments before.



## Dates 2017

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with Reinhard Bonnke 29-30 September www.holyspiritnight.de

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