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DECADE OF DOUBLE HARVEST



# Through the storm for Jesus

**CfaN Gospel Campaigns**

Warri, Nigeria



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# An epic journey with a holy goal

## An extraordinary storm

As Evangelist Daniel Kolenda and the CfaN team boarded their planes to travel to Warri, they could have no idea of the challenges they were about to face. Everything seemed normal as their planes, traveling from the USA, Brazil and Europe, winged their way to Lagos. From there, they would all fly to Warri, 420km from Lagos.

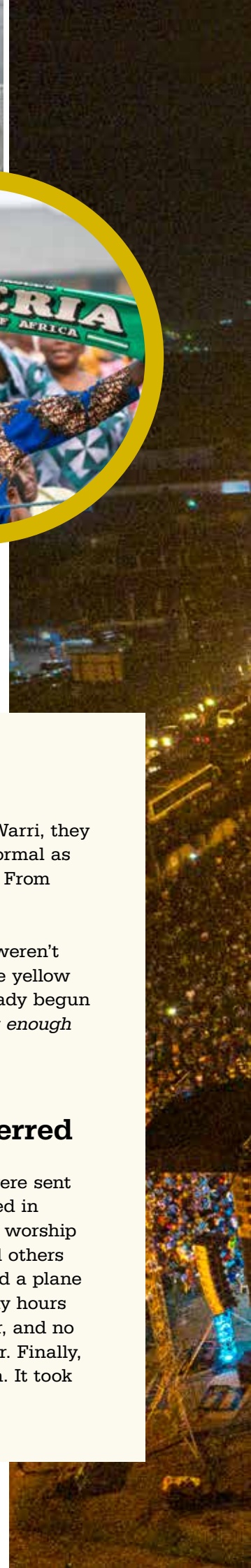
Although the Harmattan, a seasonal dusty wind from the Sahara, had begun, they weren't worried. With years of experience in this region, they were familiar with the strange yellow fog that hangs over everything. But this was no ordinary Harmattan. They had already begun their descent to Lagos airport, when the pilot made an announcement. *"There is not enough visibility to land the plane. All flights are being diverted."*

## Stranded far and wide – but undeterred

So near, and yet so far! One by one, the team's planes were sent to other countries. Daniel Kolenda found himself stranded in Dakar, Senegal. Peter Vandenberg, Eddie James and his worship team, and several others deplaned in Accra, Ghana. Still others were sent to Istanbul, Turkey. Repeatedly, they were told a plane would soon leave, only to have their hopes dashed. Many hours passed. Stuck in the check-in area with no food or water, and no seats, the team in Accra tried vainly to sleep on the floor. Finally, the airline told them a plane was going back to America. It took off without them.



The Harmattan over Lagos; too dangerous to land



**WARRI, NIGERIA**

13 – 16 February 2020



Trying to get a little rest in Accra airport



A joyful welcome for our exhausted team in Warri



Eddie James



In Daniel's words:

"Our team was relentless, refusing to go home. We pressed forward, one flight at a time, sleeping on the floor in airports, standing in lines for flights only for them to be cancelled. Finally, when all else failed, we flew with small local operators in terrible conditions, putting our own safety at risk to be there. We had hoped to make it, by some miracle, before the first night of the campaign started."

## The giant screens proved their worth

They didn't make it to Warri for the first meeting. **Yet that didn't stop the campaign. Amazingly, more than 70,000 people turned up on the first night!** Daniel sent a video message to the gathered crowd, promising we would be there soon. Then a video of Daniel preaching played on the giant screens, complete with a local translator. **When we were raising funds for those screens, we never imagined they would eventually play such a vital role.**

With the Harmattan still grounding flights on Friday morning, **the team decided to go by road in a convoy of vehicles, along with a police escort. It's a dangerous journey.** Exhausted team members tried to sleep during the 8-hour trip, napping for minutes at a time in between the bumping and jolting of deep pot-holes. Just half an hour before the campaign meeting began, they finally made it to Warri.

## "When I am weak, then He is strong."

Daniel: Because many of us missed the first night's meeting, I wondered if the crowd would return. **Imagine my surprise when we arrived at the crusade field to find over 120,000 people gathered!** Eddie James and his team took the stage without a sound check, without rehearsal, and blew everyone away. They were tired, but they led us with passion into the presence of God. I must admit, I felt like I was in a daze all night from sheer exhaustion. **Yet, despite my personal physical weakness, God moved powerfully.** Many thousands responded to the Gospel, deaf ears opened, a bullet lodged in a man's chest from a gunshot disappeared, a man's hernia was healed, and many other miracles took place."





MY RESPECT AND ADMIRATION FOR THE CFAN TEAM HAS GONE TO A WHOLE NEW LEVEL. I HAVE SEEN A LEVEL OF COMMITMENT AND PERSEVERANCE THAT IS DIFFICULT TO GRASP UNLESS YOU'RE HERE TO WITNESS IT. WE ALL HAD A THOUSAND GOOD REASONS TO TURN BACK, BUT EVERY LAST ONE PRESSED FORWARD WITHOUT WAVERING."

Evangelist Daniel Kolenda



She couldn't touch her shoulder since she was 6, due to a bad arm break. Now she has full movement.



She had cataracts in both eyes, was completely healed and demonstrated her clear vision.

This little boy was unable to hear in his left ear. Daniel tests his hearing in the afflicted ear, healed after prayer.



A bullet was lodged in his chest for 5 years. It disappeared after prayer.



## Miracles, old and new!

The following night, something very special happened. **A woman called Ochuku Ocheku came forward who had been healed 31 years ago when CfaN came to Warri in 1989.** Peter Vandenberg witnessed the miracle firsthand back then:

*“One night a young girl of fifteen years of age came to the campaign meeting, hearing that people were being healed in answer to prayer. She had been in an accident some years before that resulted in many broken bones, and because of delayed medical attention, **her bones had set at grotesque angles.** She walked with great difficulty with her body permanently bent over to one side.*

*At the meeting, Reinhard Bonnke prayed for the sick after the altar call. She came forward to testify **that during the prayer, her bones had cracked loudly and suddenly she was able to stand upright and walk with ease.** She demonstrated this on the platform to the joyful crowd.*

*The next day when she went to school, her class was in uproar when they saw what God had done for her. **The news spread across the whole school and all classes stopped for the day as students rushed to see the miracle that had taken place in her body.**”*



Ochuku Ocheku giving her testimony in 1989 – and again now!



Daniel decided he would open the meeting with this testimony. He intended just to encourage the people with what God had done and then preach and pray for the sick at the end as usual. But once Ochuku shared her testimony, **the faith level of the people was very high, and he sensed the power of the Lord was present to heal.** So, he started praying for the sick right away and miracles started happening all over the place, before he had even preached the Gospel!

### Every participating church FULL of converts

At the final meeting of the campaign on Sunday, the excitement of what God had been doing all week was evident when tens of thousands started arriving early. When Daniel Kolenda and Peter Vandenberg got there, bishops and pastors crowded around them to report with sparkling eyes that **their churches were filled to the brim with new converts. The Chairman of the campaign stressed that this happened**

**in not just some but in all the many participating churches.**

As the meeting began, the crowd of 200,000 people sang praises to the Lord and celebrated joyfully as two steel drums filled with witchcraft items surrendered by new converts were set on fire. **The feeling of freedom and deliverance in the air was almost palpable as many literally danced a victory dance around the burning drums.**

As we drove away from the field, tired but happy, we thought of the unimaginable difficulties that the whole team had gone through to get to the city of Warri. But on reflection, these seemed insignificant compared to the avalanche of salvation, healing and deliverance that God poured out.

## We thank

**all of you who have prayed and are praying for us, and who have enabled us financially to do this event. You will share in the harvester's reward and the rejoicing in heaven.**

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