

World Christian Outreach

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*For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:
Ecc 3:1*

In a few months, Stan and Damaris will go on a longer mission trip to Kenya and Mark Luce, with the help of his wife Kathy, will fully transition into the role of President of WCO. Thanks to your on-going support, God has worked through WCO around the world to reach lost souls with the good news of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. These efforts include:

- Jesus film presentations, teaching, and crusades in Tanzania.
- Ministry center completion in Bahati, Kenya (Stan and Damaris)
- Gospel outreach ministries in India
- Evangelism in Pakistan
- Outreach efforts in and from Portugal
- Support to strengthen and grow churches in all the above countries.

Introducing Mark Luce

Like Stan, Mark is a layman. Mark worked as a chemical engineer with Chevron for 26 years while also serving in elected office. He was elected to the Napa City Council in 1990 and then to the Board of Supervisors in 1996 where he served 20 years. After leaving Chevron, Mark consulted for Chevron developing and presenting environmental training to their employees in



Indonesia, Kazakhstan, Angola, Nigeria, Australia, and the US. Mark also served as an elder in his church for over 20 years and has been a Gideon in various roles for the last 30 years. Mark and Kathy were baptized together shortly after they were married. They have been married for 45 years. Kathy worked as a physical therapist for 24 years and as a physician assistant for 10 years.

In 2006 Mark and Kathy traveled to Kenya and Tanzania to visit several ministries. It is there they met Stan and saw the opening of the New Dawn School for orphans in Kenya. Since that time, both Mark and Kathy continued to work with WCO and New Dawn Communities in their various efforts. This included medical outreaches and evangelism to prisons and the community. In 2009, they ministered to people displaced from the election violence in Kenya. In 2012, Mark joined Stan on the “Shake the Nations” tour of Kenya, Tanzania, and Uganda teaching on “What Makes a Nation Great.” This led to our nearly annual training and outreach crusades in Tanzania including in Geita and Kahama this past October (see below).

Mark joined the Board of WCO in 2010 and was instrumental in forming a separate non-profit to oversee the New Dawn Communities Schools for Orphans where he is also a Board member.



2022 Crusades

This year Sohail Peter, Pastor Eddie Fernandes, wife Marta and 10 young people from the Riverside International Church in Portugal joined us for the Gospel Crusades in Geita and Kahama, Tanzania.



Our first stop was to visit New Dawn High School for Ophans in Ishinde Village. New Dawn was graduating its first four-year class. We had a wonderful reception and enjoyed a day of fellowship with the students. The students provided wonderful singing and dancing performances and a beautiful skit, all giving glory to God. The youth from Portugal joined in the singing and dancing. Bishop Mshomi then gave a tour of the facility which now has dorms and classrooms for 150 students. We visited the new chicken coop and the soon to be finished chemistry lab. We had a wonderful lunch, participated in a game of soccer, and eventually had to leave. Tears were shed as we said goodbye.



We then travelled to Geita and again experienced an enthusiastic reception. As in previous years, we had four days of biblical training for senior pastors at one location and for youth in another. 579 youth attended their training sessions and each received a Bible compliments of Riverside church. 380 pastors and wives attended their senior training sessions. The number of attendees is growing rapidly from year to year.

Open air crusades were held each evening for 5 days with between 2000 and 2500 in attendance. Tanzanian musicians led with worshipful music followed by a gospel presentation from Pastor Sohail, Pastor Eddie, or Bishop Mulenga. 139 people gave their lives to Christ and were assigned to a local church. Many were prayed for, healed, and encouraged. The body of believers was strengthened.

We split up on Sunday and spoke in several churches and then prepared for travel to Kahama.



The schedule was nearly identical in Kahama. 318 youth and 283 pastors and wives attended training and each youth received a Bible. The open-air outreach had about 2500 attending each evening and a total of 118 people gave their lives to Christ. Each evening prayers were offered for healing and deliverance and miracles were observed.



The result of these crusades is that the church is strengthened in word and spirit and the stories of conversion and growth continue after we leave. The door is open for this powerful multinational effort to continue to serve our Lord, celebrate His glory, and advance His kingdom in Tanzania.

2023 Crusades

The crusades will continue in October in Musoma and Babati in the northeastern region of Tanzania. Pastor Eddie plans to have knee surgery in the next month and hopes to be fully recovered and able to join us again. Many of the Portugal youth also hope to return. Pray for Pastor Eddie's successful surgery and full recovery as well as the finances for the crusades. As attendance grows rapidly, so do the costs. We welcome partners to help continue the effort without compromise.