

Beautiful Feet Ministry

*"How beautiful are the feet
of those who bring good news!"*

- Romans 10:15



Beautiful Feet Ministry Fall 2024 Newsletter

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Letter from the Executive Director Shawn Hermanson

Greetings friends! I trust you are all well, and enjoying the nice fall weather we have been having.

With harvest wrapped up on the Canadian prairies, it is encouraging to know and witness a magnificent spiritual harvest continuing in Africa! This year has been a year of tremendous growth for Beautiful Feet Ministry! God has richly blessed the ministry with the harvest of souls that is taking place in Africa.

By the grace of God, and with your prayers and support, BFM has expanded and is **now operating in 13 African nations!** In the past few months, we have been able to add teams of evangelists in **Botswana, Angola, Namibia, and Zimbabwe**, as well as increase the number of trained pastors, evangelists, and church leaders throughout all the countries we were previously in. These countries include **Zambia, Malawi, Mozambique, Rwanda, DR Congo, Uganda, Tanzania, Kenya, and South Africa.**

As I write you this letter, I am sitting in the Saskatoon airport about to embark on another exciting African adventure! Pastor Luke is on his way to the airport in Zambia, and we will both be meeting up in Uganda.

Here is what this trip will entail:

Phase 1 - Meeting Luke in Uganda and joining Pastor Ernest and our Ugandan team. We will travel by van to Northern Uganda to "Kitgum ". While here, we have the pleasure of joining "**Lift Ministries**" from Regina, Saskatchewan! Pastor Joel Wells, from Harvest City Church in Regina, is an evangelist, and they will be having four nights of open-air crusades there. We will be joining them in these crusades, helping in any way we can, learning from their expertise, and applying what we learn to future crusades that BFM plans to initiate!

Following the crusades, we will work our way back to Entebbe airport and serve along side our Ugandan team and conduct outreach events (using the Jesus Film and other tools) in areas where our BFM evangelists are operating in.

Phase 2 - Luke and I will fly to Tanzania, landing in Dar es Salaam. The long-awaited high speed electric train is now operational from Dar es Salaam to the capital city of Dodoma, so we are thankful we can take that! (Saving us a **long perilous journey** on the African roads!). When we arrive in Dodoma, we will be meeting with Florian and our team members there to do ministry together, and relay to the team there what we observed and learned from the Crusade experience in Uganda! During this time, we will be discussing and planning for the possibility of holding our own large-scale open-air crusade in Dodoma, in July of 2025!

Phase 3 - We are then off to Malawi to visit Pastor Alec, and our team there! Luke and I have both been to Malawi more than once, but we have never had time to serve along side our brothers and sisters out in the rural areas with our team! We are excited to get to join them for 4-5 days of ministry "in the bush". We will be showing the Jesus Film nightly and conducting Dynamic Churches training sessions with our pastors and leaders.

Phase 4 - this will be a quick check in at Chongwe, Zambia, our African headquarters. Luke and I will enjoy the weekend at his home, and join his wife Noria, and his church family for a quick break and check in with our main base! I am hoping to see how the farm project has progressed and be able to meet up with many friends that I have known there for many years now since my first trip with Clair in 2019. I am excited to hear all the stories from the evangelists there who have been tremendously busy sharing the gospel in Zambia.

Phase 5 - This final phase will be the longest, and action packed. We will be flying to Addis Ababa, Ethiopia! BFM has been invited for **“Part 2” of the Jesus Film Conference on reaching the “Horn of Africa”** with the gospel. As you may know, the Horn of Africa consists of the countries of Eritrea, Somalia, Djibouti, and the fringes of Ethiopia and Kenya. The aim is to collaborate as a group of different ministries (about 17 in total) on how to reach this difficult and violently opposed to the Gospel region. It is a great honour and challenge to be asked to join them. We will be bringing our Kenyan director, Mike Opiyo along to join us, and add his valuable insights. Under Mike’s leadership, BFM currently has evangelists operating along the Somalian and Ethiopian borders.

Following the conference, we are partnering with a ministry called **“Advancing Native Missions”**. We met them last year at Part 1 of the conference and have decided to launch a team in Ethiopia together and combine resources to make it happen! We will be flying to a city called Bahar Dar, located at the source of the Blue Nile River. We have a 2.5-day training event planned where Mike, Luke and I will use Dynamic Church’s training materials to equip and train 80 pastors, evangelists and leaders. We will also be training 8 evangelists with new Jesus Film Backpacks and commissioning them to serve in Northern Ethiopia backed by BFM and ANM! **This will make country number 14 for BFM!** Following this training time, we will all begin our journeys home after 4.5 action packed weeks!

Prayer and Praise:

- We thank God for the miraculous provision of 53 new Jesus Film backpacks, numerous tablets, audio bibles, dozens more motorcycles, and many more evangelists and leaders joining our mission! We were able to provide the new backpacks to the following countries: **Zambia – 6; South Africa – 8; DR Congo – 6; Kenya – 3; Ethiopia – 8; Botswana – 6; Zimbabwe – 6; Namibia – 6; and Angola – 4!**

A huge thank you to Jesus Film Project international, and Campus Crusade for Christ for making this a reality, and for this tremendous donation. All the equipment was sent to Kenya for us, where Mike Opiyo was able to pick it up and arrange shipment to the various countries! (Challenging task, but it is coming together!)

-We also had the privilege to co-ordinate with ShareWord Global for the purchase of **4,000 Chichewa Bibles, 3,000 Hope magazines and 1,000 Spark Magazines!** These will be distributed in Zambia, Malawi and Mozambique and will include training from ShareWord Global in evangelism and church partnership. We are so thankful for these resources as the need for scripture in the Chichewa language has grown immensely with the new believers in these rural areas.

- The daily, weekly and monthly reports continue to pour in from the mission field. **Since January of 2024, our teams have reported approximately 330,000 new believers, 21,635 baptisms, and 117 new church plants! Over 1.4 million people have heard the Gospel message through the BFM teams!** Praise God!! With the **addition of 53 new projectors, and the 20 we added to Tanzania and Kenya in May**, we are excited to see what the Lord will do in 2025!

As the ministry grows...

- Please pray for **unity and protection** of our team. They are often working in dangerous locations and face immense spiritual warfare.

- **Provision!** As the ministry expands so rapidly, so do the financial needs. We are trusting God to continue to provide for this faithful team of leaders, evangelists and pastors that serve so selflessly. We endeavour to provide between **\$60-75 US dollars per month** for each of them to cover their costs and provide a bit for their families. **By the end of this year, we will be supporting 186 evangelists – a monthly budget of over \$18,000 CDN!** We also realize the need to begin supporting our national leaders due to their growing demands and commitment levels needed for BFM activities! *Please consider giving abundantly to the end time harvest!*

- This current trip is long and has a lot of moving parts and different dynamics. Please pray that it is fruitful, on task, and that we are protected. Pray that we are given discernment and wisdom. The region of Ethiopia that we are going to is currently experiencing a civil war and is under curfew.

On behalf of the board, and the team on the ground in Africa, I want to thank you all for your prayers and continued support! The Lord is multiplying your gift, and we are excited to be a part of this **with you** as we take the Gospel to the world!

Yours in Christ,

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☐ Where most needed ☐ 2025 Tanzania Crusade ☐ Chichewa Bibles (\$10/ea.)

☐ motorcycle (\$2,500/ea.) ☐ Motorcycle fuel (\$100/mo.) ☐ Jesus Film Backpack

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Thank you so much for your continued support & prayers and your prompt response as God leads!

Souls coming to Christ after an open-air crusade in DR Congo!



Gatherings on the streets in Kenya to watch the Jesus Film.

Sharing the Good News and Jesus film in North and Western Uganda.



BFM Domue team in Mozambique receiving tents and sleeping bags to travel with into the remote areas to show the Jesus Films.



Noriah helping the children read, after church service, with all the wonderful schoolbooks donated from Canada!