

Beautiful Feet Ministry

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

- Romans 10:15



July 12, 2024 - Summer update from Shawn Hermanson, Executive Director for Beautiful Feet Ministry

Greetings everyone! Well, it's the hottest day the summer today! I decided to take the opportunity to find a nice, air-conditioned spot to bring you up to date on the happenings with Beautiful Feet Ministry, and some highlights of the activities taking place in East Africa!

As you may know, I recently returned home from Africa once again. This time I was able to visit Mauritius, South Africa and Zambia! It was once again a fruitful and wonderful trip! Pastor Luke and I met up in South Africa and travelled by car to the east coast to a small town called Jozini. There, we were able to meet a newly assembled team of eager evangelists. We had a blessed time of fellowship and training together over three days. Luke and I were able to spend quality time with our newly appointed leader of South Africa: a fine young man named Phumulani. His team of 9 evangelists were gathered, and on top of the training, BFM was able to equip them with 10" digital tablets, and portable speakers. These tablets will be used in door-to-door evangelism with the Jesus Film (and segments of it) as well as bible study and church planting tools. We are waiting for our order of 6 Jesus Film backpack kits to arrive to further equip this team!

On to Zambia, we assembled all the national leaders from each of the countries that BFM is operating in. This was the first time many of them had met each other. It was so good to watch them interact, encourage each other, exchange stories and strategies, learn more about the vision and direction of BFM. They provided me with feedback for what they need from BFM to enable them to continue to grow and nurture the ministry in their respective countries! They quickly became good friends, and I feel they left for their respective countries inspired, refreshed, appreciated, and motivated!

It has been an exciting time of ministry growth this past six months. The Lord has provided the ministry with resources to enable us to purchase more backpacks, motorcycles, and meet other needs of the ministry in Africa. Here are some of the highlights of what BFM has been able to facilitate by God's grace, and your generous giving and prayers!

To date in 2024, BFM has been able to:

- Successfully ship another container of supplies to Zambia. It should be arriving in the next few days!! It contains much needed supplies: approximately 33,000 lbs of dried soup mix from Prairie Gleaners in Medicine Hat, and dozens of pallets, of Bibles, Christian books, personal hygiene supplies and more!

Please note – we have discontinued collecting items for shipping, due to rising freight costs.

- Procure 20 new Jesus Film Backpacks (10 for Kenya, and 10 for Tanzania) from the generosity and support of Jesus Film Project (Cru Ministry - USA)

- Begin a farm in Zambia to grow food for the local church community and generate revenue to self-support the efforts of BFM in Zambia! (Solar water pumps, irrigation, seed and fertilizer). The farm is growing Maize, Tomatoes, and Cabbages.

- Purchase more motorcycles for the evangelists in Africa! 8 for Kenya, 6 for Tanzania, 4 for Rwanda, 6 for Uganda, 1 for Zambia and 6 for Mozambique (in progress)
- We are currently awaiting 52 more Jesus Film Backpacks to be dispersed throughout the ministry in Africa!
- Purchase a much needed and upgraded vehicle for our African Continental Director, Pastor Luke!
- Purchase a used SUV for our Kenyan Director to enable him to travel throughout Kenya to facilitate the ministry in the 8 zones that have been determined.
- Start a Radio Ministry program in Tanzania with **90 hours** of airtime per month for outreach, prayer and evangelism, reaching thousands of listeners and people calling in for prayer.
- Provided each country with funds for church planting efforts, and co-ordinated mass evangelism and discipleship campaigns.
- Continued to provide monthly travel funds for the growing number of evangelists - 147 evangelists now!

God is really moving in Africa through this ministry! We have such a committed, called and gifted team there! The fruit so far in 2024 continues to amaze us! Up to the end of June, for 2024, here are the statistics:

Year 2024 Jan - June	Jesus Film Showings	Attendance	Decisions	Baptisms	Churches started
Zambia	969	99091	48885	2197	10
Malawi	785	377158	55700	1014	4
Mozambique	686	101015	40559	1032	25
Rwanda/DR Congo	713	52750	25350	4420	0
Uganda	224	29605	4675	504	0
Tanzania	108	19042	3887	2342	29
Kenya	159	13378	1529	0	0
South Africa	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	3644	692039	180585	11509	68

These are incredible numbers, and we thank God for his grace and mercy in the lives of all these new believers, and new churches!! And we praise him for the faithful workers he has called to be His ministers in Africa! Please continue to pray for the ministry:

- For protection over the evangelists as they traverse dangerous roads, often in the dark
- For provision for new churches! (trained pastors, buildings and equipment)
- For continued growth of the ministry in the existing countries, and wisdom for launching into new countries. (Ethiopia, increased presence in DRC/Congo, and others)
- For Monthly support for our evangelists. We have decided to increase the amount of support our evangelists receive to enable them to travel more often and further into the remote areas of each country. Costs continue to rise all over the world, and in many of our countries - food is scarce right now due to drought! We want to help sustain their families and help them fulfill the call that God has placed on their lives! We are looking for monthly donors to “adopt” an evangelist and commit to the monthly cost. Would you prayerfully consider setting up a monthly donation for one or more of these faithful servants? We are currently sending them \$60-75 USD per month.
- As the ministry grows, so do the needs. We continue to depend on your partnership throughout the year! It is so exciting to see how God is building this ministry, and bringing salvation, growth, and hope to so many people! We are blessed to all play a part in it! Please help us spread the word!

If you would like Beautiful Feet Ministry to share at your church or ministry event, please contact me, Shawn, at shermanson@sasktel.net to arrange times and availability. BFM will be attending the Waldheim Mission conference on July 21 – 24, 2024. Come by and say 'hello' if you are in the area!

On behalf of the Board of Beautiful Feet Ministry, and a very committed and devoted team in Africa, we want to say how grateful we are for each one of you that is receiving this letter! Thank you for your ongoing financial support, prayers and encouragement. At the moment, my next planned trip will be in November to Ethiopia. Luke and I are praying about launching a team of evangelists and pastors there. From there, I will plan to travel to Malawi, and Mozambique for some ministry time there! I hope you have a wonderful summer! Hope to see many of you over the next couple of months if possible!

God bless you, Shawn Hermanson

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www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/beautiful-feet-ministry-inc

Pre-authorized Debit (PAD) for monthly donations – please see attached PAD agreement

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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 |
| ☐ Sound system (\$200/ea.) | ☐ Chikondi Farm Project | |

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

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New motorcycles for Kenya team with BFM branding, under the leadership of Pastor Mike.



Leadership meeting in Zambia June 2024: Pastor Ernest (Uganda), Pastor Jean (Rwanda), Pastor John (Mozambique), Pastor Luke (Zambia), Pastor Mike (Kenya), Phumlani (South Africa), Pastor Florian (Tanzania) and Shawn in back. Missing Pastor Alec (Malawi).



New team in South Africa with Pastor Luke (far left), Phumlani (next to Luke) and Shawn (far right):



Farm project in Zambia. Corn crop looking good!

