

Beautiful Feet Ministry

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

- Romans 10:15



May 11, 2024

Spring 2024 update from Shawn Hermanson, Executive Director for Beautiful Feet Ministry

Greetings!

Most of you know that I was recently in Africa from March 17 to April 9. I left home with a foot of snow on the ground here, enjoyed the warm weather in Africa, and have returned to the arrival of spring!

This trip had another busy schedule, as I continued the tour of SE Africa to meet the rest of the leaders that we have working with BFM. This time, I was able to visit Kenya, and Tanzania again, as well as visit our leaders and teams in Uganda, and Rwanda for the first time.

I have now been around to all the countries that BFM is operating in! What I have discovered is that we are blessed to have amazing national leaders in each country! They all have different gifts, talents, and leadership styles, and ministry philosophies. They are all deeply committed to the spread of the gospel, and equipping believers; helping them to grow in their faith! They have surrounded themselves with great team members! As a reminder, BFM is operating in: Zambia, Malawi, Mozambique, Tanzania, Kenya, Uganda, and Rwanda. The Rwanda team also sends evangelists into the Congo. (We will soon be launching into South Africa!)

Here is an overview of my recent trip:

Kenya

- Pastor Luke and I attended the "Kenya Gathering Conference" in Nairobi. Networking, collaborating, and strategizing with 13 other ministries, on how to bring the gospel into the Horn of Africa (Somalia, Eritrea, Djibouti, Eastern Ethiopia, and Eastern Kenya). We all had an amazing time together. Fellowshiping under the theme "No ego, no logo, let the gospel go!"
- Conducted pastor / evangelist training, and gospel crusades in Western Kenya
- Continued to plan with our Kenyan director as we will launch the Kenyan team of 9 evangelists shortly. Next week, they will all attend a three-day training course in Nairobi at the African Jesus Film Headquarters and have two days of crusades in the area to apply their learning.
- As funds allow, we will equip them with Jesus Film Packs, Motorcycles, and a vehicle for our Kenyan director, Mike Opiyo. (Update! We just received word a few days ago that 20 Jesus Film Backpacks have been made available for Kenya and Tanzania – 10 for each country! PTL!!)

Uganda

- Pastor Mike drove us to the Ugandan border, where we were met by our Ugandan director, Ernest.
- We travelled across Uganda and conducted a five-day conference attended by 71 church leaders, and new evangelists. We trained them in Evangelism and Discipleship and hands-on use of the Jesus Film Projector kits. Each night, gospel presentations and preaching were done by the teams, putting their new learning to practice! Hundreds of people came to Christ this week!

- Following the conference, we headed to the Ugandan / Congo border to visit a refugee camp and meet a wonderful woman who takes care of 50 orphans. The refugee camp holds over 600,000 people mostly from Congo displaced by war. The needs here are great.

Rwanda

- We left Uganda by air and flew to Kigali, Rwanda
- Pastor Jean, our Rwandan director picked us up, and we had a wonderful Easter weekend, and several days in Rwanda.
- We visited many church plants and participated in Jesus Film showings each night. Some nights, the crowds swelled to up to 1000 people!

Tanzania

- Pastor Florian picked me up in Rwanda and drove me into Tanzania. Pastor Luke returned to Zambia at this time.
- Florian and I had a wonderful time travelling across the entire country of Tanzania!
- We visited many of BFM's evangelists and churches along the way. We were so warmly greeted by each church and were able to hear their needs and briefly encourage them as we continued our journey.
- Upon reaching Dodoma, the capital of Tanzania, Florian and I went to meet the manager of the national soccer stadium, "Freedom Stadium".
- In June of 2025, BFM is planning on having a large-scale Crusade in Dodoma at this stadium! It will span 5 days, and the manager expects that we will reach people into the millions! He said, promote it, and the people will fill it every night, "They will be desperate to come!" He stated. Our goal is to have 30+ Canadians join us in serving at this Crusade to help, and witness firsthand what God is doing in the hearts of the people in Africa, and to help us spread the word!!
- One evening, we spent time with one of BFM's evangelist who has a radio ministry. We were able to join him on the air as he preached, and people called in to give their lives to Jesus or receive prayer for healing and deliverance! He has pages of testimonies of people's lives being transformed over the radio program!

The ministry continues to grow rapidly! As you may recall, in 2023 we have documented approximately 115,000 salvations through the efforts of BFM's evangelists in the power of the Holy Spirit. In the first three months of 2024, we are already reporting approximately 85,000! Last month, our team in Zambia held a 5-day outreach event and saw nearly 15,000 come to Christ!

As we add more evangelists, Jesus Film Packs, motorcycles and other resources, the bountiful harvest is reaped, and God's kingdom expands! Churches are being planted, pastors are being trained, new believers are being baptized every week! As I write this letter, with the time change to Africa, I know that many Jesus Film events are being held, and hundreds are coming to Christ...right now! Hallelujah!

On behalf of Beautiful Feet Ministry, I can not thank you enough for your continued support of the ministry! You are making a huge difference in the lives of thousands of people! For eternity!!

Things to be praying for:

- Wisdom and discernment for myself and the board as we glean through the mountain of needs in each country. That we steward the resources wisely under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.
- Pray for a fruitful upcoming trip to Africa. I will be travelling to Mauritius, Africa, with Athletes in Action on May 27. Athletes in Action has graciously allowed me to book my own flight home to do BFM work on continental Africa. I will be using this opportunity to meet pastor Luke in South Africa (Northwest of Durban) to launch a new team of 6 BFM evangelists. We will get to know them, and provide training in using the Jesus Film Packs, and in doing evangelism and discipleship, as well as outline the expectations that BFM will have of them.

- The ocean container is underway with over 30,000 kgs of dried soup mix, plus 10,000 kgs of hand sewn gifts, personal hygiene supplies and materials, books, bibles, and more! Please pray that that the container arrives safely and that all the necessary import paperwork goes smoothly. **(We will be shipping one more container this fall but will be ceasing shipping containers after this due to the extremely high cost of ocean freight.)**

- Following the South Africa trip, Luke and I will fly to Zambia. We are bringing all our national leaders in to meet each other for four days. This will provide an amazing time to fellowship, learning from each other, and give me the opportunity to get to know them all better. It will also help us all to assess the many different needs that each country has. The leaders are very excited about this, as am I. **Please be praying for a fruitful time, and Spirit led strategic planning!**

- Continued and increasing resources! As the ministry grows, we are overwhelmed with the needs and opportunities. We are in urgent need of:

- Church building materials (\$2,000 per church)

- Motorcycles (\$2,500 per bike)

- Sound systems for the large crowds at the Jesus Film showings (\$200+ each)

- More Jesus Film Backpacks. Jesus Film Project USA is currently 2500 units behind, and we are patiently waiting to get more. We are researching ways to test and “build” our own kits. Kits from USA are currently \$2500 plus each)

- Refugee camp: Orphanage food, housing, and church.

- Funds for the evangelists. Would you consider “adopting” one or more to support monthly?

- Travel costs for trips, gospel crusades and training events.

- Much of the area where BFM serves is experiencing devastating droughts. As a trial, we have equipped Pastor Luke’s church in Zambia with a solar powered well, custom tractor plowing, fencing, irrigation lines, seed, and fertilizer to assist in the church being able to feed itself and the community. They have planted Maize and are currently planting tomatoes and cabbage. We intend to continue to grow this farm as resources allow and may be something we can replicate in other countries to help them become self-sufficient. Please pray for rain for Zambia, Malawi, Mozambique, Zimbabwe, Botswana and more. They will be facing a desperate situation in the coming months.

- The Tanzanian “Freedom Crusade 2025” planning. This will be a huge event and will require an immense amount of planning, funds, and organization. It is something that I feel will be a huge blessing to the area and push back the darkness as the church grows! Upon its success, it is something I pray about replicating in each BFM country going forward. Pray about joining us in Tanzania!

There is so much to share, and the letters just get so long. We appreciate you all so much. I am thankful for the amazing team God has put together in Africa and Canada.

In conclusion, I just want to share the exciting news that we received just over one week ago! **Beautiful Feet Ministry is now officially a registered Charitable Organization under the Canada Revenue Agency!** All donations can now be made directly to **Beautiful Feet Ministry**. We can not thank Dynamic Churches International enough for their partnership and support over the years and enabling our ministry to flow through them and function!

I pray God richly blesses you as we head into Spring. I will send another update at the end of June upon returning from Africa!

Blessings, Shawn Hermanson Executive Director

As you can see from Shawn’s report – God is opening more doors across the continent of Africa, and Beautiful Feet Ministry is so humbled to be a part of this, along with you – our supporters. As we strive to be efficient with our funds,

we will be discontinuing the collection of items for shipping overseas. As Shawn stated, the shipping costs are very high – they have not come down, as we had anticipated. **Thank you all for your amazing and wonderful contributions of Bibles, books, and hand-made items over the years – YOU HAVE NO IDEA HOW MUCH THESE GIFTS HAVE MEANT AND CHANGED LIVES IN ZAMBIA AND MALAWI!!** Every week, I receive messages from Noriah, Pastor Luke's wife, about someone, who came to her in need, and that she was able to go into the storage container and find blankets, diapers, baby clothes and toys for them. Your gifts have brought comfort and smiles to hundreds and hundreds of people.

Regarding our new charitable status, we will be doing a transition over from Dynamic Churches International to our Beautiful Feet Ministry. We are so thankful for all the work and assistance that DCI has given us these past years. Any donations that came through to this point this year will be receipted by Dynamic Churches. **Currently, we can accept cheques or e-transfers directly for Beautiful Feet Ministry.** We are working on getting pre-authorized debits set up for our supporters, along with getting Beautiful Feet set up on Canada Helps for one time or monthly credit card contributions. We appreciate your patience with us as we transition. Once we have everything in place, we will send out an update with all the information for PAD and credit card contributions. Thank you for your continued support and prayers for this ministry. We are honoured to partner with you in the work of God's kingdom!

God Bless!

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Cheques can be made out to **Beautiful Feet Ministry** and mailed to:

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E-transfers can be emailed to: beautifulfeetcanada@gmail.com In the Note box, please the project you want to support, along with your name and address (if not on file).

Credit Card donations can be done by calling Verle at 306-665-1089. These donations will be receipted through Canada Helps via DCI until we get our BFM account set up on Canada Helps.)

☐ Where most needed

☐ 2025 Tanzania Crusade

☐ Church Supplies

☐ motorcycles (approx. \$2,500/ea.)

☐ Motorcycle fuel (\$100/mo.)

☐ Jesus Film Backpack

☐ Sound systems (\$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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Beautiful Feet Ministry Stats from January 2024 – March 2024:

Year 2024 Jan - Mar	Jesus Film Showings	Attendance	Decisions	Baptisms	Churches started
Zambia	558	58211	28699	816	4
Malawi	478	200598	22783	568	3
Mozambique	317	50362	21130	822	17
Rwanda/DR Congo	290	24350	11050	0	0
Uganda	109	19130	3683	472	0
Tanzania	57	9900	1521	699	13
Kenya	30	2210	225	0	0
Totals	1839	364761	<u>89091</u>	3377	37

Baptisms in Mozambique:



Jesus Film in Malawi:



BFM Team in Rwanda with Team T-shirts:



Motorcycle Evangelists in Tanzania:



Jesus Film Showing in Kenya:



Shawn sharing the Gospel in Tanzania:



Jesus Film Training in Rwanda:



Noriah with Children at “Clair’s Reading Camp” in Zambia:

