

Beautiful Feet Ministry

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

- Romans 10:15



Beautiful Feet Ministry May 2026 Update

May 27, 2026

Letter from the Executive Director Shawn Hermanson

"The ministry is humming along very well!"

These are the words I sent to Verle, Trevor, Dean, and Kory just prior to boarding my flight home from Africa this May! I was filled with gratitude for the fruitful trip, and the amazing team of leaders that God has raised up to serve in this ministry.

I spent just over 3 weeks in Africa from April 20 to May 13. This trip had me travelling with Pastor Luke, our African continental director, and Pastor Mike, our African director for training and development, through 5 different countries - Kenya, Malawi, Zambia, Rwanda, and Burundi. It was a busy schedule, but I am learning to schedule a bit more margin for rest on these trips, so that as we enter each country, we are refreshed and ready to go. Thank you so much for praying. Despite some challenges with flights and scheduling changes, everything worked out very well. I feel this was the healthiest and most rested we have been over the past many visits to Africa!

I would like to share some of the highlights of this trip:

Kenya:

- We began traveling North to the "Samburu" people near Maralal. From here we were able to share the gospel at a local prison. Three men, three women, and a prison guard put their faith in Jesus Christ!
- We travelled into the "bush" to meet some of the local villages where BFM evangelists have been



active in showing the Jesus Film. Pastor James is the local BFM evangelist leader there. He is incredible passionate and committed to reaching the Samburu people. He and his team travel widely in this vast region. It is dangerous, and they are exposed to many perils, but the love of Christ compels them! The people respond to the message of the gospel with child-like faith. The Jesus Film is very powerful to them. They hear the gospel in their "heart language" and the portrayal of Jesus and the hope He offers becomes very real to them.

- There is a scene in the Jesus Film where the devil (depicted as a snake) tempts Jesus in the wilderness. During this scene, one of the tribal men that was watching, hurled his spear at the snake, and right through the screen!! Another young boy ran to get his father when he saw Jesus being beaten and crucified. He was crying out to his father to come save Jesus from these bad men that were hurting him. Many, many people put their faith and trust in Jesus during these outreach events. When our team went back for follow up, the people were perplexed wondering where Jesus was, and why they didn't bring him along! They saw and believed that He is risen!
- Prior to leaving Kenya, we were able to spend an evening with our Somalian leader, (John) to encourage him, hear testimony from the ministry in Somalia, assess how BFM can help them, and learn more about the challenges and dangers they face serving Jesus in that spiritually dark land. John is an inspiration of what faith and courage is all about!

Malawi:

- Luke and I flew on to Malawi, temporarily leaving Mike behind (he would re-join us for Rwanda, and Burundi).
- In Malawi, Luke and I had a wonderful time of fellowship with our Malawi leader Alec, and our Mozambique leader John.
- Together, the four of us travelled to Salima, Malawi. Salima is a bustling densely populated community along the shores of Lake Malawi.
- Last year while there, I felt the Lord impressing on my heart that we need to have a large gospel outreach event there. Islam is pushing into this region very aggressively. The population is roughly 50% Christian and 50% Muslim. The Muslims have adopted a strategy to have a mosque and school every 1 km. They bribe the people with provisions. Money, and schooling if they will convert or accept Islam.
- We met with the inter-denominational ministerial of evangelical churches in Salima. Approximately 40 pastors attended this meeting to hear about BFM, and begin the visioning, planning and assessing for the potential Crusade in Salima.



-The idea was met with an overwhelming positive response, and commitment to work in unity to make this happen. They have had experience with crusades a couple of times in the past and were aware of what is involved in seeing a crusade event succeed. They are currently working on a preliminary budget and committees for this event. If it takes place, it will probably be this November.

-The four of us were able to visit a southern region where we met 5 of our BFM evangelists, witnessed the baptisms of about 100 new believers, and shared the gospel at half-time at a local soccer match.

Zambia:

- Zambia is my African home. Arriving here for the weekend brings a bit of peace and rest while on tour. It is familiar, and Luke's home. We were able to relax, and "let down our guard" a bit.

- We enjoyed good fellowship with Davie, BFM's administrator for Africa and for Luke, and two of our key evangelists for Zambia. These three men were in the middle of their cross Zambia tour of meeting all 33 of BFM's Zambian evangelists. They are meeting with the evangelists to encourage them, assess needs, offer training, and ensure good stewardship of resources. They are very encouraged by their trip so far, and said the Evangelists were so blessed and thankful for their visit.
- I was given the opportunity to speak at Luke's church on Sunday morning and saw a lot of familiar faces!



Rwanda:

- Touching down in Rwanda, we drove several hours to Gisenyi, a border town with Goma in the DRC. Here we were able to meet our Rwandan and DRC leaders, John and Tresor, train and encourage our DRC evangelists who came across the border to see us, as well as the evangelists for Rwanda.
- Unfortunately, we were unable to cross into the DRC as our local leaders said it is far too dangerous for us, and at the very least would cause problems for us in our future destinations when a "Rebel" stamp would be found in our passports.
- We were able to have two nights of Jesus Film showings in the surrounding communities. I am always struck by how engaged the audiences are. For example, in the film when Jesus heals the young girl, Tabitha, and restores the sign of blind Bartemeaus, the crowd will clap and cheer! When Jesus appears for the first time to his disciples after he has risen from the dead, the crowd is elated with cheers, whistles and claps!!



Burundi:

- Our last stop! Burundi is one of the poorest nations in Africa. We are excited to be launching a team of evangelists there! We have selected a team leader, Bosco, and identified 10 key evangelists. We spent two days of fellowship and training there. During the training, we were joined by a total of 22 pastors and church leaders.
- As many of you know, we were waiting for the Jesus Film equipment to arrive in Burundi in time for this training. I applied for this equipment (6 projectors, and 2 tablets) last November. Amazingly it arrived in Burundi a day before we did! Unfortunately, the proper paperwork needed for the customs authorities in Burundi was missing, so the equipment was still tied up in customs at the Burundi airport. At the time of writing this newsletter, I was told that the equipment has now been released.



- While this was disappointing, it all worked out well in the end. We were able to borrow a Jesus Film projector from the local Campus Crusade for Christ office in Burundi. Though this, we developed a good rapport with the CCC leader there, and he and Bosco were able to forge the beginnings of a good working relationship so that they could strategically serve together to reach Burundi for Christ. In the end, I was thankful the equipment did not arrive on time seeing that it helped foster this relationship.

RECAP - 5 Nations visited, and 10 National leaders met! The tour worked out well, in that in a short time, Luke and I were able to meet face to face with 10 of our national leaders! (Kenya, Somalia, Malawi, Mozambique, Zambia, Rwanda, DRC, Burundi, and Uganda /South Sudan. (Luke was able to visit Uganda on his way back to Zambia!)

South Sudan:

Just an update on the South Sudan church project that we mentioned in our last newsletter, started by the Ugandan team. Funds have very generously come in, and ground has been broken and bricks started to be laid for the church near the South Sudanese/Ugandan border. Praise God for providing a permanent structure for these new believers! We are still in need of \$2,500 to complete this project.



Motorcycles!!!!

Another update we would like to share is that we were able to purchase 11 new motorcycles in April, for 4 of our BFM countries! Malawi–2; Zambia–2; DRC–3 and our newest country, Angola–4! The teams are so humbled and grateful for your support in helping them reach their people for Christ! Thank you to all who have donated generously towards these motorcycle projects! Many more will be needed as we add new countries and replace old equipment.



Praise and Prayer items:

- 248 evangelists serving faithfully across Africa! Reaching nearly 850,000 people with the gospel so far in 2026. 171,000 indicating decisions for Christ and 126 churches have been planted!
- We were able to upgrade our South African team, and our Mozambique team to a newer more reliable vehicle for the team to move together further and more safely.
- Several more motorcycles have been purchased! We are currently at 97, with four more scheduled for purchase once the Burundi team is up and running!
- Funds needed for a vehicle purchase in Namibia, as the terrain is not conducive to motorcycles.
- Praise the Lord that our team on the ground is committed to, and excited to be part of serving the Lord together with BFM.

- There is an upcoming Vision, Impact, Strategy, and training conference for the Jesus Film Project. This conference is scheduled for the end of July in Nairobi. Jesus Film told me that they have 943 Jesus Film partners working in Africa, and that only 10 were invited to take part in this conference. Praise the Lord that they extended the invitation to BFM to which we graciously accepted! Luke will travel to Kenya to represent BFM there! I have humbly requested that they also make room for Mike Opiyo to also be there!
- Please pray for the safety of our teams. Pray for their physical and spiritual protection.
- Pray for wisdom and strength for our leaders on the ground there, as well as myself, the board, and Verle here. (Verle works so hard at keeping this all going smoothly!!)
- Praise and thank you to everyone that came out and supported our Fundraiser Dessert night in April! We so enjoyed hosting and sharing with all of you. Thank you again for your generous support, both financially and through your prayers!

On behalf of the board and the team on the ground in Africa, I extend a heartfelt thank-you and celebrate with all of you together in seeing what the Lord is doing in Africa! Rescuing souls for eternity.

The old 80's song by Ray Boltz.... "Thank you, for giving to the Lord...I am a life that was changed... Thank you for giving to the Lord.... I am so glad you gave!"

On behalf of Beautiful Feet Ministry, I am so glad you gave!!

Thank you.

Blessings,

**Shawn Hermanson
Executive Director**

****Just a note – we are in the process of updating our website. We will update you with any changes as soon as the new website is available.**

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