

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

– Romans 10:15



March 2, 2024

Message from Shawn Hermanson, Executive Director for Beautiful Feet Ministry

Ephesians 3: 20-21 "Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, to him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen."

Greetings everyone!

I want to reach out to you and say a **huge thank you** for all your faithful prayers and support of Beautiful Feet Ministry! God is using to you all to reap an abundant harvest in Africa! In 2023 – over 880,000 people heard the Good News and over 115,000 accepted Christ as their personal Saviour! This is the fruit that your support produced for God's Kingdom!

Here are the statistics for each country for 2023:

<u>Year 2023</u>	Jesus Film Showings	Attendance	Decisions	Baptisms	Churches started
Zambia	1330	102095	46516	3152	25
Malawi	856	286969	22610	673	8
Mozambique	509	181054	14639	193	2
Rwanda/DR Congo	1570	241733	18894	3134	0
Uganda	368	46634	7276	0	0
Tanzania	168	24270	5240	1776	12
Totals	4801	882755	115175	8928	47

As we are well underway into 2024 already, I know you will be encouraged by the many opportunities we are experiencing, and fruit that we are seeing in the ministry. Here are some of the highlights:

- We were able to provide funding to train more evangelists in Malawi and Mozambique, and provide them with Jesus Film backpacks, and monthly travel allowances to evangelize into the rural villages. Ten evangelists were added in Malawi, and 13 were added in Mozambique. The response to the gospel with these additional evangelists is amazing! I just saw the report for Mozambique this morning, and in February alone they showed the Jesus Film 172 times to an estimated 22,400 people with approximately 9,070 people giving their lives to Jesus!
- Through your gifts, funding was provided to supply books, food, and travel for bible school students to begin their studies at two of our partner bible schools: 37 students in Zambia, and 14 students in Malawi.

- Four new motorcycles were purchased for evangelists to use to do their work in Tanzania. Power inverters for the bikes to charge the Jesus Film were also donated along with a re-chargeable microphone and speaker system.
- Two Jesus Film packs are being diligently used in the slum areas of Nairobi, Kenya and seeing many come to Christ!
- Our next shipping container is ready to go. Full of food, books, medical supplies, clothes, blankets, etc. Please pray for us as we are having difficulty finding a shipping company willing to take it right now.

Near future plans:

God has abundantly provided for the ministry this past few months. We are so blessed and encouraged! We also consider it a huge responsibility to manage the resources and prayerfully put them to work in Africa. As fast as it comes in, we can put it to work expanding God's kingdom!

We are currently operating in 8 countries and will soon launch into South Africa (June 2024), bringing it to 9!

In total, over the 9 countries, we have **109 existing, and 111 new evangelists trained and ready to go!** National and regional directors are in place, and we are poised to really grow, in fact...double!

I have just submitted an application to Jesus Film Partnership - Africa in hopes that they will have enough Jesus Film Packs and other required equipment, to give these evangelists the tools that they need to spread the gospel! Please pray that they will have the equipment and financial resources to meet our needs.

At BFM, we aim to provide the required training and oversight, supply motorcycles (60 ASAP) and vehicles (3-4 ASAP) where needed and provide them monthly fuel and maintenance support to cover their travel. We currently send them \$50 dollars per month but need to increase this to \$100 per month to enable them to travel more often, and further. In total, we would then be approaching 220 evangelists and pastors in these countries willing to do the work but needing our support! As you can see, this becomes a very large monthly overhead item. We are praying that people would "adopt" these evangelists, and consider supporting one, or more monthly!

Church Buildings:

We want to work with the needs of the local churches. Many are able to make their own bricks and build a structure. We would like to assist them in providing metal roofs, and other needs. In 2023, 47 new churches were planted! We will be co-ordinating with each of our National Directors on the best way to assist the existing and new churches and getting cost estimates.

Beautiful Feet Ministry / Chikondi Farm: (\$11,000 Investment)

We have been informed of an impending humanitarian crisis due to drought. Our African Director, Luke Buleya has challenged us to invest in a farm near his church, and BFM Africa's Headquarters. This will enable them to grow Maize and vegetables to provide for the needs of the church, and others. This is an urgent item, and we plan to invest in fencing, solar panels, pumps, irrigation lines, seed and fertilizer to get them started on this right away.

Zambia Crusade: (\$5,000 investment)

The Zambian directors have been very busy visiting village Chiefs to gain permission to come in and share the gospel. Through this effort, a campaign has been initiated and 60 evangelists from across Zambia will gather in

the Eastern province to share the gospel in 67 villages and 38 schools reaching an estimated 44,000 people with the gospel! This will begin on March 17 for one week.

Upcoming Africa Trip: (Travel costs, trainings, and gospel crusades, \$17,000 investment)

I will be heading back to Africa soon! On March 16 I will fly into Nairobi, Kenya. Pastor Luke will join me there from Zambia. We have been invited by “Thru the Bible” Ministry to attend a 3-day conference with 13 other ministries attending. The goal is to pray and strategize together on how to reach the people living in the “Horn” of Africa. (Somalia, Eritrea, Djibouti, Eastern Ethiopia).

This is an area of radical Islam, and spiritual darkness. We are excited and honoured to be invited to “sit at the table”. We also look forward to and anticipate great opportunities to network and collaborate with these other amazing ministries to enhance the work being done throughout Africa.

Following the conference, we will spend some days working with our Kenyan Director, Mike Opiyo, and helping him launch a team of 10 evangelists into all the regions of Kenya. We will participate in a few days of evangelism and discipleship, and training with him in Western Kenya.

Leaving Kenya, we will enter Uganda. Our wonderful Ugandan Director, Ernest, Will pick us up at the border and we will minister with him at a refugee camp, and then go to different areas of Uganda sharing the gospel as well as put on a 4-day training event at Ernest’s church for 50 pastors and evangelists from different parts of Uganda.

Our plans will then see us heading to Rwanda to meet our National director there, John. This will complete my plan to meet all our national directors, that I had not yet met or worked with, who were involved with BFM through Clair. We will spend some days working with John and his team of 12 evangelists doing ministry and gospel presentations. They have two evangelists that operate in the Democratic Republic of Congo. I will go in with them if I am able.

After Rwanda, Pastor Luke and I will part ways. He needs to get back to Zambia, and I will be picked up at the Tanzanian / Rwandan border by Florian, our Tanzanian director. Florian and I will travel clear across Tanzania together visiting evangelists and sharing the gospel along side of them.

In Tanzania, we will be doing research and planning for a large open-air crusade that we are dreaming and praying about for May of 2025. I am envisioning a multi-national effort of all the BFM pastors and evangelists from the 9 different countries to gather and serve together, receive training, pray, minister in the rural villages, and have massive open-air crusades each night in the National Stadium. I would love to see at least 30 Canadian supporters of BFM fly in and join us for this!!!

This will complete another whirlwind trip, and I will arrive back to Canada on April 9, exhausted but with a full heart! I could go on for pages and pages of all the details and excitement surrounding what God is doing in Africa and how BFM is being used by Him to be a part of it. It is humbling and awesome! Thank you again for all of your prayers and generosity. It has truly been remarkable to see the flood gates of blessings pouring in. Your investment is changing tens of thousands of people’s lives...for eternity!

I look forward to bringing you all the next update when I return in April!

In Christ’s service,

Shawn Hermanson, Beautiful Feet Ministry

We can't express enough our gratitude for supporting this ministry, especially this last year. We are humbled by your support and trust to reach into the remote areas of Africa with the Good News of Jesus Christ. Thank you for being the hands and feet of Jesus to the people in Africa; by giving a new dress or toy to a child; by providing meals for needy family; by sharing the Good News that God Loves them and always has; by giving **Hope** for now and for eternity.

As our storage area is still full, we will be looking to collect donated items again in Spring 2024 for the next shipment. We will be focussing our collection on Bibles, Study Bibles, sewing fabric, and items for children and babies (pillowcase dresses, shorts, baby blankets, cloth diapers and toys), as well as food from Gleaners. These items have been deemed as priority for the areas in which we are currently ministering.

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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| ☐ Where most needed | ☐ 2024 container shipment (approx. \$15,000) |
| ☐ motorcycles (approx. \$2,500/ea.) | ☐ Motorcycle fuel (\$100/mo.) |
| ☐ March Mission (approx. \$17,000) | ☐ Chikondi Farm (\$11,000) |
| ☐ Zambia Crusade (\$5,000) | |

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