

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

– Romans 10:15



December 14, 2023

Merry Christmas Everyone!

Wow! Where has the last year gone? Almost Christmas 2023! It's been hard to comprehend that Christmas is now less than 2 weeks away, especially for us here in Saskatchewan with little to NO SNOW! A rare and amazing event indeed. But an even more amazing event we are about to celebrate – the birth of our Lord Jesus! God's gift to us, to send his only Son to this earth, to be born, to live a sinless life and then be crucified for our sins, so that we can one day stand blameless in front of God's holy throne and declare that Jesus paid it all for us! This is what Clair experienced a year ago, when God called him home! What peace and joy this brings to our souls as believers! Can you imagine the hope and peace this has brought to **thousands** of souls across Africa this year, as they heard and responded to the Good News of Jesus Christ? This is the Hope that Beautiful Feet Ministry desires to share with many in the rural areas of Africa.

The team has been so blessed and thankful that Shawn Hermanson was able to travel to Africa in November, meeting and encouraging the team members on the ground in Africa, who are tirelessly travelling into the remote areas to share this Good News. **Please find below Shawn's message about the mission:**

Matthew 9:35-38. 35 Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people. 36 But when He saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion for them, because they were weary and scattered, like sheep having no shepherd. 37 Then He said to His disciples, "The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few. 38 Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest."



As I departed on the recent mission trip on November 1st, my mind was racing, and my emotions bounced all over the place. The thought of leaving home, friends and family for 4 weeks, closing my construction company down to go back into full-time ministry, taking up the task of being the Executive Director for Beautiful Feet Ministry, and returning to Africa this time...without Clair. I had made Clair and God a promise, that if God was willing, I would go back to Africa and continue the mission!

Over the past 12 months, God has put together a team to carry Beautiful Feet Ministry forward. I thank God so much for Verle, Dean, Kory and Luke who have answered the call to serve God on the board of Beautiful Feet Ministry. Their gifts and heart for the ministry are

invaluable! I also would not be writing you this report had it not been for their friendship, encouragement and support.

As a board, we knew that it was imperative to get back to Africa as soon as possible, in order to encourage the many pastors, churches and evangelists that are part of BFM in Africa. Also, to discover new, and enhance the existing ways we support their evangelism and discipleship efforts. And to help foster their church growth, as we take the gospel into rural Africa to an ever-expanding list of countries. These countries now include Zambia, Malawi, Mozambique, Tanzania, Uganda, Rwanda, and Kenya!

Once the dates were chosen for my departure, Pastor Luke, in Zambia, went to work putting together our itinerary. He and I would spend a full 3.5 weeks on the road in Africa trying to visit as many pastors and evangelists as possible, and join in on multiple gospel crusades in rural villages in the various countries. It was an absolute whirlwind, and such a blessing to be a part of. On these travels, it was a privilege and blessing to witness:

- the joyful laughter and play of children at school in Chongwe in their nicely sewn school uniforms.
- the gratitude of a single mother who had felt hopeless, but was now laying prostrate flat on the ground at my feet upon discovering that BFM would be providing food for her and her children, and funds for her oldest child to begin school.
- the fully functioning air-conditioned container converted to a women's sewing club - providing school uniforms and other needs of women in the community.
- the excitement and anticipation as 33 evangelists and church leaders loaded a bus and headed off for a week of evangelism together in Zambia...showing the Jesus Film, discipling new believers, establishing churches, and baptizing new believers. 4600 people came to Christ as a result of this effort!!
- the presentation of graduation certificates to 12 Bible School students in Malawi, and 13 in Mozambique...ready and equipped to serve the Lord! (Next week 12 new evangelists will be trained and equipped with Jesus Film Backpacks in Malawi!)
- the joy in the faces of all the girls in a village in Mozambique as they received their new Pillow Case dresses sewn with love from Canada!
- the fruit coming from days of preaching and worship at crusade events in Tanzania where hundreds received Christ for the first time, and dozens were released from the bondage and torment of evil spirits and were set free by the power of Jesus!
- the transformation of a young teenage girl named Godliva, in Tanzania who gave her life to Jesus, and kept returning for prayer, needing a healing miracle... her faith and perseverance were rewarded. Her body physically shook as the demons left in fear, and she experience complete healing from a crippling affliction that she had had since birth. The joy on her face is burned in my memory!
- the hunger of 77 pastors in Kenya for God's word as we taught them discipleship material from Dynamic Churches International. They were so thankful for the teaching and longed for us to stay and teach them more.
- the realization that while I'm travelling through Africa, BFM evangelists are daily sharing the gospel and showing the Jesus Film, so much that I have to read Verle's reports just to keep up with it all! And even as I write this letter, Jesus films are being shown throughout Zambia, Malawi, Mozambique, Tanzania, Uganda, Rwanda, and Kenya, and thousands will be coming to Christ.... right now!

There are far too many stories to tell, but an overwhelming feeling had been impressed on my heart. That God has allowed us to be part of something big here. And by us, I mean - not just the board, but **all of you**. We are all labourers in God's harvest field. As I saw the vastness of the crowds in Africa, their yearning for a Saviour, and their eager response to the Gospel, I was humbled and blown away. Like a farmer looking at an absolute bumper crop of a lifetime, I thought to myself..." Lord, we're going to need a bigger combine! We gotta blow this thing wide open!!" **I needed to dream big!**

I challenged all of the BFM team in Africa to dream big, and to ask God for seemingly impossible things. **I challenge all of you to dream big along with us!** We do not yet know the final statistics for 2023, but it would appear that it may surpass **800,000+ people, who have heard the Gospel and over 100,000 people, who have accepted Jesus as their Lord and Saviour** through God's Spirit working through BFM just this year! Glory to God!! Hallelujah!

At this point, the more resources we gather, directly correlates to immediate spiritual fruit. Lost souls are saved, people are set free, the hungry are fed, and God is glorified! I wish you could see it! Again, I ask you to dream big with us! We are so grateful that you are all partnering with us in this ministry! Your gifts and prayers are cherished and needed. I pray God's continued blessing and guidance over this ministry, and his blessing and favour upon all of you as we enter this Christmas season, and are reminded of our very reason for being!

In Christ's service,

Shawn Hermanson

What an incredible report and vision we are challenged with, to dream big, because we serve a God Who can accomplish bigger things than we can imagine! As we come to the end of 2023, we ask that you consider a year end donation to help the team dream big: by 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.

We are looking to ship out the next container of donated books, items and food, early in the new year to Zambia. As our storage area is now full, we will be looking to collect donated items again in Spring 2024 for the next shipment. Thank you so much for amazing books and hand made items that so many of you have donated! As Clair would always say, "I wish you could see the smiles on the faces of those receiving these precious items, and know that you have impacted their lives with the love of God in a powerful way".

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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E-transfers can be emailed to: crziolkowski@hotmail.com

Credit Card donations can be done by calling Verle at 306-665-1089

Donations can also be made through Canada Helps:

www.canadahelps.org to Dynamic Churches International (Airdrie, AB) and select for Beautiful Feet Ministry.

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| ☐ motorcycles (approx. \$2,500/ea.) | ☐ Motorcycle fuel (\$100/mo.) |

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2023 donations must be postmarked no later than December 31, 2023

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