



LAST POST BEFORE EAST MEETS WEST (AFRICA)

We flew into Dar-es-Salaam, Tanzania from Uganda in the early hours of a Wednesday morning. Later on that day, we had our first ministry in Tanzania in what proved to be a packed tour of 7 meetings in 5 days. Click on the image to see our short tour video:



<https://youtu.be/4LbP2p0tw2k>

Pastor Absolom Mwalubalile was our main organiser who diligently accompanied us to all our meetings. He was assisted greatly in the planning by his daughter Leah and his whole family was a help and support to us throughout our stay.

We were blessed with accommodation from Albert and Marie-Anne from one of the churches who gave us their guest quarters for the entirety of our stay.

Whilst Pastor Absolom was planning the meetings, he was involved in a very serious road accident, where the driver of the bus that he was traveling on lost control of the vehicle whilst traveling at high speed around a corner. Many people lost their lives and Pastor Absolom was one of the few survivors. Pastor Absolom and Daniel had arranged a very important

telephone appointment, which it turns out, was scheduled for the exact time that the accident happened.

Pastor Absolom said that following the accident, he was convinced that the enemy's intention had been to take him out, but because of God's protection over his life, he had survived. The fact that the accident happened at the exact time that he and Daniel had scheduled their telephone meeting was confirmation to him that the enemy did not want us to be in Tanzania. It was for this reason that Pastor Absolom did not use the accident as an excuse to cancel our coming, but rather used it as a concrete reason to continue with the plans with greater focus and vigour.

We learned during the tour that Pastor Absolom's church had raised funds to cover our food and transportation costs. It was remarkable that they would do this for us, especially as we were not booked to minister in their church



as they felt that they were too small and also that the demand from other churches was greater than the amount of dates that we had available for ministry. Every morning his wife and daughters would arrive with provisions to prepare delicious brunches for us. Nothing was too much for them.

We were able to visit the church after ministry one evening. The whole church gathered to meet us, these missionaries from overseas to whom they had greatly contributed. It is a small church right in the middle of a Muslim neighbourhood. We were so humbled by their love for us and all that they did to prepare for our coming financially and also through their prayers.



MINISTRY

Our ministry times in Tanzania were very special and we saw many people encouraged and strengthened through worship and the word. Many songs have gone on before us such as 'Let Your Living Water Flow', 'Holy Spirit Move Me Now', 'Worship the Lord', to name but a few. Many people told us of how these songs have encouraged them in their Christian walk and how they

could not believe that they would ever meet the man that God used to compose these songs and the team that God started as a result.

TESTIMONIES

Following one of our times of ministry, we were having a time of fellowship with the Pastor and his wife. They told us that they had children, but the wife recalled with great sadness that one of their daughter's that had died of a sudden heart-attack 3years ago, in her 20's. They told us that the wife was now suffering with severe chest pains and is still struggling to come to terms with such a painful loss.

Pastor John had real compassion on her and saw how the enemy wanted to use this bereavement to push this woman out of the race. His message during the service had been 'Running the Race' emphasising that in life often we are going along fine and suddenly something unexpected happens to push us out of the race. With God's help we can get up and get back in the race.

Pastor John spoke to her and ministered to her situation realising that she had a broken heart. He prayed for her, releasing her from any guilt and pain that would even prevent smiles and laughter from coming to her lips. We all stood and agreed as a team. Following our time of prayer and ministry, she stood to thank us for taking the time out to minister to her situation. She said that she felt strengthened and that burdens had been lifted from her. We pray that God would continue to heal and strengthen her.



THANKS

Throughout our time in Tanzania, Mwenge Christian Centre loaned us one of their vehicles and their driver Lamek. He was always on time and such a pleasure to be around and work with. He had such a servant heart and we were so blessed by his ministry to us.

Our accommodation with Albert and Anne-Marie was fantastic, without help such as this tour costs can spiral. Their willingness to give and their wonderful love and hospitality cannot be underestimated.

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