

Oct 2008, Hundreds healed in Kenya



Directly outside the church where our International Training School took place in Nairobi, Kenya, was the Gikomba tomato market. Inside was a slice of heaven – our team of twenty from New Zealand ministering to 700 hungry souls. Outside the compound walls was a taste of hell.

A seething throng of vendors, hand-carts, fruit-laden lorries, matatus [mini-bus public transport], labourers, traders and housewives struggled through six inches of glutinous, festering black mud. The wealthy or fortunate few had gumboots. Most didn't, and the mud crept up their legs like black leeches. Down both sides of the potholed mud-baths that were supposed to be streets vendors piled their wares in boxes, crates, baskets, or old tyres – anything to keep their precious fruit out of the all-plastering sludge. There were tomatoes here 'for Africa' (!). But any that toppled from the



The muck of the tomato market - right outside the pristine church

over-stacked piles were instantly engulfed. Astonishingly the people seemed resigned, if not at peace with this misery. The human spirit is truly a miracle.

Behind the 'market', a high block wall hid the Muslim cemetery. Here, like the Valley of Gehenna outside old Jerusalem, rubbish fires burned continuously. Depending on today's 'fuel', the air was filled with either the acrid pungence of burning plastic or the sickly sweet stench of rotting meat. Occasional wafts managed to penetrate the sanctuary of the church reminding our delegates of the other world outside.

We were teaching the Spiritual gifts. Rodney Francis of Gospel Faith Messenger had invited me to join his team of twenty from New Zealand to help teach on healing the sick. The six-day course attracted people from 58 churches, and people even came from neighbouring Tanzania and Uganda.

Rodney soon had everyone prophesying over each other in groups of six. Amazingly in almost every group everyone had a 'word' for everyone else, and given the accuracy of the prophecies, people were clearly hearing from God. It was immensely encouraging. Each group ended with Kenyan hugs and new friendships made, despite only being together for half an hour. Surely this is what the Lord intends us to do when we gather together! *What then shall we say, brothers? When you come together, everyone has a hymn, or a word of instruction, a revelation, a tongue or an interpretation. All of these must be done for the strengthening of the church* **1 Corinthians 14:26**. But is it what we do? Do our liturgies allow? Even our Pentecostal churches have theirs... Peter Ridling, our other main speaker, said, 'I am fed up with three-fast-songs-three-slow-songs-notices-message-coffee-go-home.' Could we make space for hearing from God? And encouraging each other? Isn't that what we gather for?

Later we began to encourage each other to heal the sick as well, and by the end of the week we had seen literally hundreds healed, including many members of our own team! Perhaps the highlight for me came midweek when I asked the Lord how he wanted me to begin the next session. 'Ears', he simply replied! So in some trepidation I called all who had ear problems. About 25 made a long line at the front. I then called delegate volun-

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teers to minister to them, one on one. After a few minutes we asked for testimonies, and going down the line, almost 20 declared they were healed! Some said they were hearing in formerly deaf ears, while four of our own team were hearing much more clearly, including Rodney Francis, our leader!

On the first day, Teresia, one of the choir, had asked me to pray for her and her sons. She had pain in her spinal cord, while her sons suffered confusion and fears. The next day, she & her sons were totally free! Now in the 'ears' line, she prayed for Jackie, another member of our NZ team, who was instantly healed, hearing perfectly. She had had partial hearing since she was a small child, after being hit by her father. She later tested her hearing with her delighted husband!

Teresia's great day was not over yet! She later told us that she had a neighbour who had lost his mind and was admitted to a mental home. When she returned home this man was in her street. She said she would normally run from him as he could be violent. But this time he came and fell at her feet, asking her to pray for him. With her new faith and authority she commanded him to be whole, at which he stood up declaring that he was

healed and would never return to the mental home. She brought him to the School on Saturday and we were able to interview him, now in his right mind, his face shining with joy at his miracle!

Other miracles included a man healed of 19 years of ENT trouble, Peggy healed of a painful hip and running for the first time in seven years, one lady's eyesight restored, and over 50 healed in a simple 'Be healed' exercise! We repeated this in the Sunday morning service with over 1500 present, and at least 100 testified to being healed! Olivia was healed of dizzy spells, poor eyesight and a hip problem. A girl reported that a breast lump had disappeared. And Benjamin! He had hobbled into the School on Monday, looking 120 years old. He had painful legs, bad knees, dizziness, stress, insomnia, general weakness, and voices telling him continually that if he fell he would die. By the end of the week, God had given him a total

makeover, and he was a new man, all these ailments a thing of the past!

Many delegates returned home to heal their family and friends. Salome prayed for a child in hospital who was on oxygen. The boy was healed. Gladys saw her bedridden son healed. Everyone was deeply touched by the week, and many pastors declared that they would introduce all they had learned to their churches. We really believe that many thousands will feel the impact of this great week. • [Latest Report - School of Healing in Hamilton](#)



Those with ear problems receiving ministry. Almost ¾ were healed!

