

Dear friends,

from **29 June to 3 July** we had an evangelistic outreach in the far south of Ethiopia, in Gidole, a town in the mountains. Four churches invited us and it was the first public evangelistic outreach in that place.

It was a joy to proclaim the word of God to these people as they were so hungry and open to the word and there was great cheering, joy and excitement. We were on the local sports ground and people cheered over God's word as if they had won the lottery jackpot. Someone once said that God's word only becomes effective when you get excited about it. "Blessed are those who have learned to acclaim you," said David. The pastors asked us to come again, but we could not make any promises since we have invitations from many other places.

Jesus is not a religion – he is reality. Jesus sets us free from religion. He is alive, and he proves himself alive wherever his word is proclaimed. We got to experience that in Gidole, too.



For 20 years he had suffered rom a blood disease and had pain all over his body. He said he had been touched by a fire nd all the pain had gone.

A whole series of people testified that they had been healed. One young boy who had been completely deaf from his early childhood on came forward and testified that he could now hear. Someone who had lost their mind four years ago became normal. A woman who had suffered bleeding for six years was healed, and many others testified that they had been healed.

We have one evangelistic outreach in the first week of the school holidays in Hesse and another in the last week. From 20 to 24 July we will be in Kisumu (Kenya) by Lake Victoria for an outreach. Please pray for us and for our finances and help us if you are able to. There is nothing better than handing out to people the bread of life, the word of God. This life is very short and will soon be over, but what we have done for God will last forever.

We wish you a blessed summertime!

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For six years she had suffered constant bleeding, like the woman in the Bible.





Both her hands had been paralyzed and she could not use her fingers nor lift one of her arms. Here she is demonstrating that she is healed.

For 15 years he had suffered

from giardia, a disease that

is caused by parasites.



This man had lost his mind four years ago. He was treated in two different hospitals - without success. Friends brought him to the meeting and he was healed.

10 years of stabbing chest pain

and heart problems are over.



For 18 months he was almost deaf and sometimes he could not hear anything. Now he can hear fully again.



For two years she had suffered from depression. Something lifted from her and went away, she said.



Her sight and hearing had not been good for two years. She also had joint pain that felt like fire. Now everything is OK.



She had had kidney disease for two years. During prayer she had a vision of someone washing her kidneys. After that she was healed.



This boy was deaf in both ears and can now hear.

Here we are testing whether he can hear us.



## The power at work within us

by Ekkehard Hornburg

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us.

Ephesians 3:20

The word of God is at work in us! The power that is at work in us is, for one thing, the word of God if we receive it. The word is like a seed that is sown and then works and becomes active in the ground. A woman conceives life through perishable seed, and we receive life from God through the imperishable seed of the word of God (1 Pet 1:23). Yet to all who did receive him [the Word], [...] he gave the right [power, strength] to become children of God (John 1:12). In 1 Thess 2:13, Paul writes to the Thessalonians that they received the word of God that is now at work in them who believe. The word brings about rebirth and makes us sons of God. Every promise of God is a seed that starts to work in us as soon as we receive it and meditate on it. Mary pondered in her heart the words the angel brought to her and the word in her came alive; it became flesh and Jesus was born.

The resurrection power of Jesus (healing) is now at work in us who believe. This power brings about healing for our whole body. And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of his Spirit who lives in you (Romans 8:11). Here it speaks of mortal bodies, not dead bodies. In other words, our body is mortal but as long as we are living here on earth, God's resurrection power, the Holy Spirit, brings about health and a long life in us. Jesus was made sick with our diseases so that we could have his health. Isaiah 53:10 literally means: He [God] made him [Jesus] sick. This happened substitutionally on the cross for us so that we need no longer be sick. In the same way, Jesus was made sin on the cross so that we no longer need to sin (2 Cor 5:21). In Ephesians 1:17–19, Paul prays for the Ephesians that they would grasp the exceeding greatness of his power towards us and in us who believe. That power is activated through our faith.

The Holy Spirit is at work in us now and making us into living testimonies of Jesus here on earth. You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you and you will be my witnesses, Jesus said to his disciples. This power is at work in us now and every believer is living proof that Jesus is risen and that he saves, heals and baptizes with the Holy Spirit. Without the power of the Holy Spirit we are like a bicycle tube without air, like a furnace without fire, like a car without an engine.

The power to acquire riches is now at work in us. But remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth [acquire riches], and so confirms his covenant (Deut 8:18). Being rich is better than being poor. Jesus became poor for our sake, so that through his poverty we could become rich (2 Cor. 8:9). God wants you to be rich so you can do more good. Paul says in 1 Timothy 6:17ff: Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves [...] for the coming age. If you had more, you could give more. It is not a sin to be poor, but you do not have to stay poor. Believe God for more and become a blessing for more people. God wants us to take action until he returns and not bury our talent but multiply it.

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