

#### Dear friends!

In March we were in Ilesa, Nigeria, for an evangelistic campaign and in April we went to Mojo, Ethiopia. Everywhere we went we had powerful meetings and saw the working of the Holy Spirit.

In Mojo the churches experienced a breakthrough. Making up about 5%, the evangelical churches are a minority. They had never been given the stadium before. They took a step of faith and asked the government for the stadium, which they surprisingly got. Sometimes we have to be like the woman who went to the unrighteous judge and demanded justice. A witch doctor in the city, who saw himself as the guardian of the city, cursed us from his home. He had a dizzy spell and fell to the ground. His family suspected it had something to do with our meeting in the stadium. They called the pastors, who drove to the witch doctor's house. They drove the demons out of him, the man came to faith and he is now following Jesus.

From 22 to 26 May we have our next campaign in Ondo, Nigeria, and another campaign the same week in Ethiopia. This campaign will be conducted by evangelist Dereje Tafesse, who has been our co-worker from the beginning and organizes all the campaigns. We work in Ethiopia under his ministry Ethiopia Glory Praise Church. As a young man he was dying of tuberculosis and had some friends carry him to a meeting.

There he was supernaturally healed. Recently, he was to become the Second Chairperson of the Assembly of God church in Ethiopia, but he sees it as divine guidance that God has brought us together and we can do this work side by side.

To the extent that we have the funds, we want to work simultaneously in Ethiopia and Nigeria. The doors are open and we have plenty of invitations, but we need more finances to be able to do that. Thanks to a special donation, we have been able to pay off our new sound system ahead of time. Now all that is lacking is the customs duty, which will not be cheap. We are praying for favour with the authorities, as the official rate is 68%, which would be \$73,000 (or €68,000) for our public address system.

The new system is being transported by ship from Houston to Djibouti and as soon as there is space for the container, the journey will begin. We hope that will be this month.

We are deeply grateful for all your support! Please think of us and pray for us!

Very warm greetings to you!

### **Ekkehard Hornburg**

Coverphoto: With Bishop Waleoke in Ilesa, Nigeria!



# HEALING TESTIMONIES ETHIOPIA





This woman had not been able to bend her knees for a year. Jesus healed her knees.

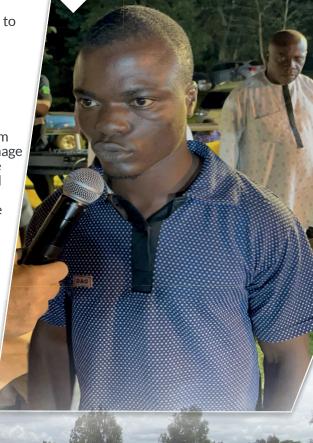
This woman had been deaf for four years. Jesus opened her ears.

He had difficulty in breathing and pain in his chest.
Jesus healed him.



This woman had never been to school because of her short-sightedness.
Jesus healed her eyes.

She had suffered from intervertebral disc damage for seven years. She had severe pain and could not stand or walk upright. All the pain has gone and she is healed.





### The word of the cross—the power of God!

"For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God ... but we preach Christ crucified ... Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God" (1 Cor 1:18, 23, 24).

"My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words, but with a demonstration of the Spirit's power, so that your faith might not rest on human wisdom, but on God's power" (1 Cor 2:4–5).

There is a difference between preaching the message of the cross, God's power, or simply preaching about the cross. The cross is God's "power station" from which power for salvation, healing and deliverance flows. The Holy Spirit brings to life in me what Jesus did on the cross. The message of the cross is: sin is defeated, sickness has been healed and death has died! My sins are forgiven! My diseases have been healed! Every curse has been broken! I am no longer a sinner but a son of God! I am no longer sick but have been healed by his wounds. I am no longer under the curse but under the blessing. God did not say to Abraham: "I will make you a father of many nations," but rather "I have made you a father of many nations." Jesus never said: "I will heal you," but rather: "Go, you are healed! By my wounds you have been healed." Jesus does not say: "I will forgive your sins," but rather, "Go, your sins are forgiven."

As long as we keep trying to get our healing, we will never obtain it. But if I look to the cross, I see myself healed. I don't try to obtain something that already belongs to me. I have to own it in faith first, before it becomes a reality in the physical realm.

On the cross, Jesus wholly identified with us. He became what we were: sin, sickness, the curse, poverty and death! He not only bore our sins, he was made sin (2 Cor 5:21). He not only bore our diseases, he was made sick (Is 53:10). Jesus became the curse (Gal 3:13). He became a sinner, a sick man and a cursed one!

He became the lost son. He was separated from the Father, for God has no fellowship with sinners. He lost the glory that Adam had lost when he sinned. Jesus drank the bitter cup that contained all sins, sicknesses, curses and death, down to the last drop. He tasted death for us. That was not just physical death but also spiritual death, being separated from God. He went to hell for us. He suffered our punishment and stood as the guilty one in our sinful clothing before the Father. God's judgement for the sins of all humanity came on him. Owing to his sinless blood, God was able to cleanse him from all our sins and declare him righteous again. Jesus himself experienced a spiritual and physical transformation. He who became sin was made righteous again. He was wrapped in grave clothes. I imagine a caterpillar spinning a cocoon around itself and then a completely new creature emerging: a butterfly. Jesus was three days and nights in the grave. He died as a sinner and rose as a righteous man. He died as a sick person and rose as one healed. He died as a cursed one and rose glorified. God the Father restored him with all the glory he had possessed before. Jesus became the firstborn from among the dead. He was the first one to be born again. Jesus identified with us on the cross and we are now identified with him in his glory. On the cross he became like us and now we are like him.

I recently had an operation to remove a tooth. On the cross, an operation also took place. Jesus removed all the devil's teeth! His poisonous fangs can no longer bite. Sin, sickness and death have no more power over us. Jesus gave us his resurrection life.

He defeated death, hell and Satan for us. Through Adam we all became sinners, and through Jesus we were all made righteous. It has already happened! I just need to accept it and say yes to it!

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