

## 3rd Quarter 2009 Newsletter

### Away from home

At Happy Hearts God always exceed our highest expectations! In Job26:14 it is written *"Indeed these are mere edges of His ways and how small a whisper we hear of Him! But the thunder of His power who can understand?"* This is the best way to express another incredible mission trip into the remote parts of the DRC!

For five weeks Benjie and a friend, Henry, travelled through remote parts of the DRC, sometimes by motorbike sometimes by truck and sometimes by boat! These areas haven't seen missionaries for years, and the locals in one area said that Benjie must have been the first white man rowing down that river since Belgium-independence, 50 years



Travelled by  
means of foot,  
motorcycle, boat  
and plain



### In a Nutshell:

Mission trips always have attacks, both spiritual and physical. This trip had both, but with the focus pretty much on the physical. Benjie and Henry had a couple of interesting technical challenges on their motorbikes, leaving them stranded in the middle of nowhere with another 100km to go to their destination. But this is where God loves to intervene, just when you get to the end of your own plans! When you suddenly realize that if He does not do something... well then nobody else will! Then out of nowhere, like in a story, the sound of a truck broke the silence of the very quiet late afternoon! A truck appeared and a very special Congolese, with a heart for God, stopped next to them... a little while later they were happily sitting in front of the truck singing praises and thanking God for His goodness!!! Who still wonders if God is still doing wonderful things for His children?

## The story continues...

The next obstacle came a few hours later. Another nightmare-story with a Godly ending! Driving on a very bad road through the rainforest, the truck hit an obstacle and the truck-driver lost control over it... everything came to a standstill. Henry was crying out with pain. He had badly injured his leg. Benjie said that Henry fainted from pain twice, but every time that he recovered from the faint, he was praying in tongues! And then God did it! While they were praying, God just touched Henry and took away the pain! Just doing a miracle! That is our God and that is the way He works! Both men will tell this story to their children and to their children's children. Both of them have seen the hand of a living God!

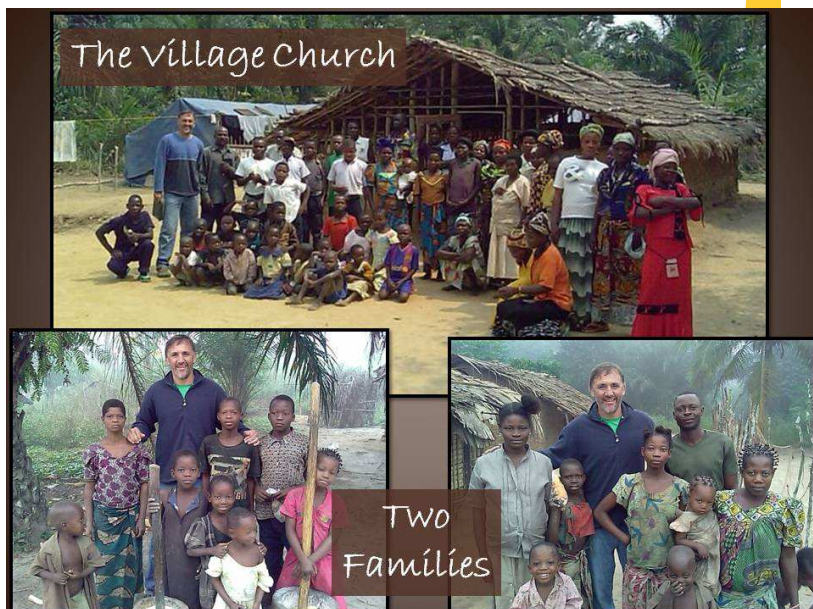


The Village Chief that prayed for Benjie for healing

Benjie is feeling sick from malaria

There were more challenges in many different shapes and sizes. Some had answers à like the time when Benjie got really sick with Malaria and after four days was showing no signs of recovery; well then God sent the village Chief (a man in his 70's) to come and pray and lay hands on Benjie. Benjie testifies how the turning point came at that moment! God touched him and healed him!

There were also sad times when the tears of sorrow filled their eyes, when walking through villages where people are daily dying from Malaria and other diseases. Benjie told how a baby was brought to them who was only 6 months old and already hours away from dying. The people would have had to row for about two days by boat to the nearest clinic. Fortunately they got the child to the clinic in four hours with the small engine boat that Benjie had there... but the child still died that night in hospital. Those are the daily battles that are fought in Africa day after day. That is also the reason why we at the Happy Hearts are so passionately involved in helping. Not just through word but also through deed. Our next trip to the area will see us taking in mosquito nets and more medicine. Exciting times!



The Village Church

Two Families

## Word from Benjie

"I believe that when the Lord sends us out, whether it is in our own neighborhood, town, country or continent, we need to know with what tremendous authority we go out! We need to know that we have the only solution for a broken world. And how wonderful and how fantastic is this journey with a Living God!

Nobody can take experiences that you had with God away from you. Somebody said that a man with an experience is never at the mercy of a man with an argument! I love this! I have seen in my life that God

heals, multiplies, provides and still does amazing miracles! I do not argue about it... I have seen it!!!

So let's go and live the verse in 2 Tim 1: 7 when we go out to the nations tomorrow: *"for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control"*.

**We just want to thank Henry Honiball that did the last trip with Benjie, he was an excellent "armorbearer" and a huge support to Benjie and the Ministry. May God bless him and his family !**

## Happy Hearts next mission to the DRC



By the end of September 2009 Benjie will be going to the DRC again and this time taking his son, Ben, along on his first mission trip to the DRC. Time for the next generation to start getting into action! Both Benjie and Ben are jumping around with excitement... another chance to go out! What a privilege!

Please pray with us! We need it.

## Contact our South African Office

If you need to get hold of Benjie's first DVD, ***Tracking With God***, or if you have Word or Scripture that could bless Benjie, his family, the team or any project... please send an e-mail or fax to:

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