



March 2009 Newsletter

Review on the DRC

The Lord has provided and blessed Benjie to be able to minister at a few places in the DRC during his trip in March. Benjie and one of his South African friends, Johan noticed the extreme physical hunger in Mbusji-Mayi, a remote village in the Congo. Some evenings when Benjie decided to sleep outside because of the heat, he had the sad experience of hearing children crying of hunger right through the night.

The people doesn't work or get any form of income, but the amazing spiritual part of this is that many churches are having church services now on a daily basis. Benjie had the opportunity to witness some of the sermons, as well as having the privilege to lead one service. At the time that Benjie was there, each community, of about 500 people, prayed for 10 days from 5 o'clock until 10 o'clock in the evenings, with about 300 people attending each day.

What is so amazing about this is the scripture that says in **Amos 8:11** "Behold, the days are coming," declares the Lord GOD, "when I will send a famine on the land-- not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the LORD." "

It is almost impossible not to notice the peace & confidence & contentment of these people.

2 Kings 6 describes where the king of Syria wanted to seize Elisha, "...so he sent there horses and chariots and a great army, and they came by night and surrounded the city." (**2Ki 6:14**). But the prophet Elisha said in verse 16 "...**Do not be afraid, for those who are with us are more than those who are with them.**" and in verse 17 "...Elisha prayed and said, "O LORD, please open his eyes that he may see." **So the LORD opened the eyes of the young man, and he saw**, and behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha."

The moral of this story is that even though the odds may be against us, God is with us and He is more than those who are against us

Just like Joshua and Caleb

It starts in Numbers 13 where the Lord has instructed Moses to choose chief men from each of the twelve tribes and send them out to go and spy on the land of Canaan. After forty days they returned bringing back a cluster of grapes that two

men carried on a pole between them and giving word to Moses and Aaron and the congregation that the land is overflowing with milk and honey and showing them its fruit.

Just like Joshua and Caleb (continues...)

They reported in verse 28 that “...the people who dwell in the land are strong, and the cities are fortified and very large...” But in verse 30 it says that “...Caleb quieted the people before Moses and said, **“Let us go up at once and occupy it, for we are well able to overcome it.”**”

The Lord expects of us in this times to look at things with His eyes. This doesn't mean that we do not see our giants (i.e. economic crisis, etc.), but that we have the **attitudes of Joshua and Caleb** and say “Let's possess the land”!!

This is why there has been such a marvelous harvest in the DRC from the Farming God's Way Project (read below). If Benjie and his family had focused

on the giants (Ebola viruses, malaria, etc.), he never would have gone to the DRC, but because the Lord said “GO”, there was great fruit.



Farming God's Way

The Farming God's Way Project had produced very good harvest, to such a degree that one family has decided not to just plant half a hectare of corn, but **5 hectares**. For these people 5ha is quite big, because they prepare the land by hand.

We praise God for the fruitfulness of the land and that He had used Wilhelm Els to present Farming God's Way to them.

The people are so encouraged now that more people, on their

own, are starting to do the FGW project.

The ground in the Congo are very rich, because of the fruitfulness and the high rainfall, therefore the people are able to harvest two to three times per year.

Happening next...

Benjie has a three week trip coming up now in April where he will be needing interceding prayer quite seriously. There is great expectation!! Please pray.

Upon returning to South Africa, he and his family will start to move to West Zambia. We will keep you updated on the process.

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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