

## MISSION REPORT

Kampala, Uganda 2006

Pastors Conference: 21 – 25 August

Crusade: 30 August – 3 September

Setting Nations Ablaze

### *Dear Friends and Family*

Thank you so much for lifting us up in prayer and for standing with us during our 15 day mission trip to Uganda. Andy & I had a truly amazing time and we felt very privileged to be serving God together and on the behalf of so many folk who were standing with us.

**Arrival Entebbe Airport: Monday 21<sup>st</sup> August 2006, 05:40AM.**

It's a hot & dry morning, and we're transported the hours journey from Entebbe alongside Lake Victoria and then into Kampala, to the Fairway Hotel, our African 3\* hotel destination. Our driver speeds down the highways, avoiding numerous potholes, overtaking heavily laden motorbikes carrying 2 – 3 people who are also overtaking heavily laden cyclists carrying water cans, sugar cane...you name it. The red dust of the roads is overwhelming, and teenage security guards bearing AK47s just doesn't feel right! We enter Kampala and drive past a little 6 yr old homeless girl as she wakes up and gets ready to start her day...just another day on the streets.



The arrival day is spent adjusting, resting and preparing for the next 4 days of the Pastors Conference. We greatly look forward to it in anticipation of what God will be doing. What an exciting life it is with God!

**Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> August – Friday 25<sup>th</sup> August 2006**

Each day we're fetched from our hotel at 10AM and taken to Grace Assembly Church, where the Pastors Conference is being hosted. The journey is perhaps 3 miles away, but the state of the roads and the numerous dangers along the way makes it feel 5 times the distance! We're escorted from the busy road down to the Church, greeted by numerous wonderful people on the way. At a squeeze the building seats approx 250 people, and with an overflow area outside the church, a further 100 people can hear and participate with the meetings.



The church signage



The cooking area on the left, the church on the right



The overflow area of the church

# Pastors Conference



Andy preaching at  
Pastors Conference



One cute PK! (preacher's kid)



Andy with Pastor Mark Wamala

**The topic of the Pastors Conference was "Overcoming the Enemy".** Like most African nations, Uganda is very bound by witchcraft and fear of the devil. Even today, witchdoctors carry out child sacrifices to increase their power or their client's power, while charging their clients extortionate fees. The Ugandan national newspaper actually published an article on 21<sup>st</sup> August 2006, entitled, '*Witches warned on child sacrifice*'. The government requested that witches should "*avoid sacrificing human beings and extorting money from their clients*". It also stated that security offices are tired of reports of traditional healers sacrificing people. These witchdoctors are equivalently partnering with the devil, and gaining power from the devil through serving his evil desires.

Unlike England & The West, African people don't need convincing that the devil and evil spirits exist. Many have experienced manifestations of poltergeists in their own homes, have felt the effects of curses, be it in the form of visible physical disabilities & sicknesses, or through mental and spiritual tormenting. Even many Christian people are fearful of the devil as they see the effects of witchcraft on a daily basis, so the topic of 'Overcoming the Enemy' is very relevant.

On a positive note, this awareness of Good and Evil is helpful when presenting the wonderful Gospel of Jesus Christ. In the west, so many people don't believe in a God or the devil, or actually aren't interested in making peace with God, and they put their faith in materialism, culture, sport, academia and their own intellect. Perhaps this is one of the reasons why we saw so many miracles in Uganda: the people already believe in Good and Evil, in God and the devil, and they're desperate to be free from the grip of Satan.

**Thank God, through Jesus Christ we are on the winning team, every time. The demons flee at the name of Jesus, and we saw it many times – both at the Pastors conference and subsequently at the Crusade.**

Andy preached two sessions each day for 1½ hr each session with ministry time, from Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> through to Friday 25<sup>th</sup> August. Frequently giving out words of prophecy, encouragement and words of knowledge to individuals, it was awesome to see how the Pastors, Elders and Leaders of over 150 churches visibly became enthused as the week wore on.

During the Pastors Conference we saw approx 60 people recommit their lives to Jesus and 'make an appointment with God'. We saw people healed with heart problems, deaf ears open, people delivered from evil spirits and numerous folk get fired up taking their rightful place in Jesus Christ. Most of Andy's talks were to teach and encourage them on 'who they are in Christ'. We truly have an awesome God, a powerful message and an amazing Gospel.

On the last day of the Pastors Conference the team of 10 joined with us as we laid on hands and prayed for each of the attending delegates. I'm not sure who was blessed more: the team or the pastors & leaders!

## Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> August, Church Ministry

Bushfire team members went in 2's to 5 churches to preach & minister. This was a superb opportunity to meet more Pastors in their own churches and to practice the preaching of the word accompanied by signs and wonders. Responses were awesome in each of the churches. Children were giving their lives to Jesus with tears rolling down their faces, people were receiving healing ministry, and in one church, folk were carrying out acts of forgiveness to each other through the washing of each other's feet. Hey, awesome!!!

# Run up to the Crusade

## Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> – Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> August: Trip to Jinja

On Sunday afternoon the team of 12 plus our guests, Pastor Mark & Margaret Wamala, travelled to the Nile Resort for rest, recuperation, preparation and team bonding prior to the Crusade commencing on Wed 30<sup>th</sup> August. The two nights away did us all a lot of good...it was the calm before the storm, the rest bite before the battle...



Journey to Jinja



Andy & Elias by the Nile

## Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> August: Evangelism, Mugalu Zone Market



Andy Tiplady & Pastor Mark next to their poster at Mugalu Zone Market

Pastor Mark advised us that the best way to begin is to greet all the owners of the market stalls, befriend them and then invite them to join us if they want to. We were keen to 'get it right', and grateful for this sensible advice. So each of us with a minimal knowledge of the Ugandan language and a few interpreters set out to greet the folk in the market place.



Deaf & dumb girl healed

Surrounded by butcher's tables, small 'cafes' and fruit & veg stalls, the Bushfire Team sang and preached, inviting folk to receive prayer for healing. **We were determined to show the people of Uganda that our God lives, He loves, He's powerful and that He wants to be known by them!**

A small deaf & dumb girl was pushed to the front. We prayed for her and she began to speak and hear! Then a woman with a lame leg came forward and she was also healed. And then it seemed that the whole market place wanted prayer...and boy did they receive it! People were being set free from chest pains, asthma, delivered from evil spirits...etc.

**And 15 people gave their lives to Jesus Christ within 1 hour!**

**...Mukama Yebazibwe! (Praise the Lord!)**



Woman with lame leg healed

## Let the Crusade commence!!!

*"The deaf hear, the lame walk, the blind see, the dead live and so much more. Praise the Lord"*



An excerpt from a 'laptop diary' written by Judy Manners, Bushfire team member.

Judy writes:

### Aug 31st

Last night was the first of five nights of meetings in the village 'square'. Chaos reigned!! First of all there was torrential rain. It stopped just in time but was used as the excuse for the fact that we passed our sound system on the road on our way to the meeting! Everything started about 2 hours later than scheduled. Security was negligible and everything disorganized

albeit happily so! Lots of loud singing and dancing and then it became apparent as the night approached that the lighting system was the wrong voltage. We sat on the extremely rickety stage erected in the main village meeting place with several hundred gathering around us and it got darker and darker. We thought we could get our coach to shine its headlights in our direction but the driver had gone AWOL! Then literally in the nick of time a single bright bulb saved the day.

God however was not perturbed. Andy preached and 60 or so came forward to respond. Then the first miracle happened. At this point I imagine some of you may be sceptical. All I can say is that because you know me, I hope you believe that I would not dream of lying or even exaggerating what happened next. Some of us had spent a couple of hours praying in the afternoon and asking God for what the Bible calls



Andy leading people in prayer to receive Jesus into their lives.



# The Crusade

'words of knowledge'. Various conditions were revealed and when Andy, called them out, the first to respond was a pretty little blind girl. She had to be helped onto the platform where he laid his hands on her, and commanded healing in the name of Jesus - and she miraculously began to see. Great roar from the crowd who had known her as blind since birth. Then a little boy deaf in one ear heard - more excitement.



A very old lady was then lifted painfully onto the platform and Andy asked me to lay hands on her and pray. She told the interpreter that her back was broken and she had been in pain for ten years. She stood still - supported by a couple of helpers - as I prayed a simple prayer and after a minute or so she made as if to leave. I called her back and she proceeded to run energetically around the rickety stage and then refused all help to get down the steep ladder. She was completely healed and determined to prove it! Miracles continued all around as people came forward for prayer from the team. One of our midwife nurses confirmed that a limp, feverish little baby boy brought to the platform by his tearful mum was near death from Malaria. As she prayed he gradually began to lift his head, the fever dropped, his eyes became clear and he regained strength in his limbs. One lady who had arrived totally lame ran off so fast we didn't know where she had gone. I also prayed for a young woman who said she was beginning to lose her baby. She told me that the bleeding stopped and she felt fine. Many came forward asking for prayer from each of us and many were completely healed.

Just dashing now for the second night having spent most of the day visiting two orphanages - not to mention dealing with the Fawlty Towers Kampala-style shenanigans of the team hotel where I have moved for a few days! They have no duplicate key to my room so eventually broke in with ladders via the balcony when I left my key in the room very late last night!

## Sept 4th

Yesterday was amazing. I preached again in the morning, this time at a Baptist Church with a congregation of 200 or so. Many came forward for prayer - single mums, the rejected and many who wanted to discover God's plan for their lives. We were running late (surprise surprise!) and then they admitted they had no transport to take us back to the bus a mile or so away. Meanwhile they asked if they could bring a lady called Margaret. She had been in an awful disaster 6 months ago before when a building collapsed and 28 people died. She leaned on a stick as her leg was still in a plaster cast and she had gone blind in one eye - she was also pregnant. I prayed and was overjoyed when I asked her to cover her good eye and tell me how many fingers she could see held in front of her. She got it right every time. I have always prayed that God would use me to bring healing to a blind person - and it happened on the last day of the mission. Thank God for delayed transport!

The crusade got bigger and more exciting each night. Several hundred came forward to become Christians, including a number of Muslims - and they all signed up for churches. And we saw countless miracles. Deaf mutes are very common in Africa and last night I prayed for two separate children on the stage. Both were known to have been deaf and dumb since birth - and both began to speak. They repeated Mamma, Tata and Iesu into the mic for all to hear much to the joy of the crowd of nearly 1,000. Wow! Back pain, asthma, tonsillitis, tumors, broken bones, stutters - we just lost count.

The 5 day crusade concluded in a full emersion baptism using a paddling pool and thousands of litres of water. Planned for Saturday 2nd, the baptism had to be postponed to Sunday, since water was not available in the city on the planned day, and containers of water had to be brought in...by pushbike

# Sozo Statistics!

Salvation: 400-500 people (that we know about)

## Healings & Deliverances:

- Little boy with hepatitis: HEALED
- Painful shoulders: HEALED
- Blind girl: HEALED
- Lame girl: HEALED
- Boy's hand crippled from accident: : HEALED
- 8yr old pregnant girl in pain: HEALED
- Stiff knees: HEALED
- Boy with Asthma: HEALED
- Young Muslim man DELIVERED of evil spirit and SAVED
- Breathing problems: HEALED
- Baby with malaria, hours from death: HEALED
- Lady with broken spine: HEALED
- Lame girl: HEALED
- Lady deaf in right ear & short sighted: HEALED
- Stomach ulcer & chest pain: HEALED
- Man with evil spirit: DELIVERED
- Deaf & dumb children: HEALED
- Boy cursed by neighbour grew woman's breasts: they disappeared: HEALED
- Young man with severe pain in lungs for 2 years: HEALED
- Young woman with asthma & aids responded to word of knowledge
- 8 year old with speech impediment: HEALED
- Girl fractured wrist gained full mobility: HEALED
- Lady with deaf left ear: HEALED
- Teenage with broken wrist: HEALED
- Another girl deaf & dumb: HEALED
- 2 children with pneumonia and problems breathing: HEALED
- Numerous hip problems, chest pains, headaches etc: HEALED

MUKAMA YEBAZIBWE !!!  
(Praise the Lord!!!)

# Snapshots



Bushfire team member Pauline giving testimony of her own healing from 17 yrs of ME



Heidi leading in some pre-preach worship. The Spirit of God fell.



Team member, Anne Marie (from France) greeting our security guards



Andy & Max praying for the crowds



Elias holding a dying baby... who by the power of the Holy Spirit was revived back to life that very evening!



Team member Teri sharing her testimony



Bushfire team member Richard leading the Crowds to Jesus in prayer.



Andy & Greg! "Wow, God..."

# Snapshots



Andy & Max Manners



Team member Elias sharing his testimony



Andy & Pastor Mark Wamala



Heidi & Pastor Margaret Wamala



Back row from left: Richard, Errol, Gregory, Elias, Teri, Pauline, Max, Angela, Rachel,  
Front row from left: Kay, Joel, Andy, Judy, Anne Marie.

## Highlights of the Mission Trip

### The Healings

**A baby near death brought back to life.** The mother travelled several miles to get to the crusade with her dying baby. She said the baby had malaria...the 9<sup>th</sup> month old certainly had a very high fever, very dull 'misty' eyes that seemed to have a mist wouldn't focus, he couldn't control his head, and he hadn't eaten/breast fed for 3 days.

For 3 consecutive days, Andy had the word of knowledge that there's a baby close to death that God wants to heal. Finally, on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of handing out this word of knowledge, the mother brings the baby onto the stage, and is prayed for. Two team members (Kay & Pauline) are both former midwives / infant nurses, so their assessment of the situation was listened to! After Andy first prayed for the baby, Kay continued to hold and pray for the baby, perhaps over a period of 30 mins or so. Following prayer, the baby's temperature dropped down to normal, the eyes of the baby cleared and he focused on those praying for him and holding him, he lifted his head and took interest in the surroundings, and the icing on the cake: he breast fed for the first time in 3 days! "He is the God that heals me!"

**A team member, Richard, prayed for a man who had blisters on his chest as a result of a curse** from a witchdoctor - *or so he thought!* Richard prayed for him, and his interpreter joined in, laying hands on the man's chest. All of a sudden the interpreter started jumping with excitement. He shouted out: they're going, they're going...they've gone!!! Richard was surprised that the interpreter could tell that beneath the clothing the blisters had disappeared...until it was explained to him that the man didn't have blisters – he had grown women's breasts! And the reason for the excitement, was that the breasts disappeared physically as he was being prayed for! Praise Jesus!

**The woman with a broken back** who is called to the stage in response to a word of knowledge given by Andy. She continues to receive prayer from Judy, and then runs around on the stage in sheer excitement that SHE CAN! She's so excited about her healing that she runs for the steps to run around the crusade grounds...and she's off!

**A boy complains about pain in his stomach...it's also protruding severely.** As Elias prays for the boy, the interpreter also holds her hand on the boy's stomach and suddenly starts jumping and shouting with excitement! The stomach physically shrinks before their very eyes...and the pain in the stomach? It's gone praise God!

**A young woman tormented by evil spirits** was brought forward for prayer at the Pastors Conference. She was evidently in a terrible condition. As Andy cast the demons out her she was dramatically set free. We saw her the next day – a different woman! She asked for prayer for her 9 mth old baby who was being thrown around at night by evil spirits. Following prayer she was instructed to bring the presence of God into each room of her house, and to command the evil spirits out. She was baptised on the last day of the crusade, and informed us that the baby is sleeping fine now – no more torment! Hallelujah.

**A pastor attending the conference received prayer for a heart condition,** and told us during the crusade that he had been totally healed.

**Last August Andy prayed for a man who needed a heart transplant,** which due to financial reasons was not an option. Fred gave testimony that after returning to the consultant and having tests carried out on his heart, his heart was declared totally healthy! In fact, Andy couldn't recognise Fred, as he was looking so much younger, fitter and leaner than he did a year ago, thanks to the Lord's healing touch!

## The Orphanages

### Divine Grace Orphanage

We were really honoured to meet some amazing people. The first orphanage we visited was the **Divine Grace Orphanage**, run by Pastor Esther. The land was purchased in the 1960's, and they now have over 100 orphans in an area outside of Kampala, where they make their own bricks, grow their own fruit, and build their own classrooms.

Children wake up each morning and pray from 4 – 6am, and each week they go into the surrounding villages to evangelise. The little children preach and pray for the sick. We truly have an amazing spiritual family!



We were greeted with fresh flowers.



Little Mark with Richard.



Elias with the children.

We brought them some little presents: pens, pads, a few toys and each child was given a biscuit and a sweetie...

I have never seen a child be so excited about a shortcake biscuit.

The children sang and danced for us and they were desperate to be chosen by the Mama to pray for the visiting team. The 2 girls chosen to pray for their breath - they were praying so hard, so sincerely and so long for us. Again, we were humbled by their love.



us could hardly catch

**We then visited a children's centre, the Step by Step Foundation** near to Mpererwe.



Again, a large crowd of expectant children excitedly greeted us. We had little time, but we didn't leave without first telling them a story...



**We spent a morning with **Max Manners** and the Jones family at a children's home where children have been rescued from the North...**

**His mother Judy explains:**

Max's vision is to rescue children who have fled from the evil (and many say deranged) Joseph Kony's Lord's Resistance Army. For 19 years he has presided over a reign of terror over his own Acholi tribe in Northern Uganda, abducting little boys for soldiers and little girls as sex slaves or as gifts to Sudanese arms dealers.

The LRA is responsible for brutally raping, torturing, maiming and killing local people as well as harassing government forces and local officials and employees and targeting humanitarian aid convoys and NGOs. Often the kidnapped children were forced to shoot their own parents and each other if they tried to escape. More than half a million people have been displaced as a result and what remains of their families now live in squalid, temporary IDP (internally displaced peoples) camps around Gulu in the North, protected by the Ugandan army. Life there is truly awful and there are thousands of orphans living on or below the breadline.

Since moving to Kampala in May 2006, Max has helped rescue 58 orphans from Gulu and set them up in a children's home in Kampala. As he learns more about the country and the situation, it seems to be becoming clearer to him that he should be building his orphanage in the North, so that the Acholi children can remain in their own tribal land, speak their own language and be empowered as productive adults when peace returns.

The team spent a few hours at the new children's home and after hearing a couple of the children's own testimonies, every eye had shed tears.

**It's our vision to help and support Max in bringing a hope and a future to all these children and many more.**

**If you'd like to know more, please get in touch.**

