



Witchdoctors in Madagascar surrender their hearts to Jesus!

Towards the end of 1997, Madagascar, on the east coast of Africa to be touched by the ministry of Wheel's for God's Word and our literature arm, Word on Wheels.

One of the most effective tools in the hands of God's ministers in Africa has been the Heart of Man chart, a visual aid that is wonderfully suited to sharing the Gospel with illiterate and unsophisticated village folk. In August last year, 20 Heart of Man charts were distributed 4) Christian ministers by contact person, Ravoahangy Rasundrason. In the months that followed, thrilling reports flowed in telling of the miraculous way lives were being touched and changed as the Lord Jesus blessed and anointed the efforts of His evangelists.

One evangelist from the region of Ambatovola had journeyed 50 km to get a Heart of Man chart and an instruction booklet. On his return journey, passing through the little village of Maromitety, he unrolled the chart, hung it up and started preaching the Gospel of Jesus. What he didn't know was that the village witchdoctor had been sick and none of the healing rituals or traditional medicines had helped at all. As this witchdoctor heard the good news that Jesus loved him, he bowed his heart and gave himself to Jesus. Then to the amazement of all the bystanders he stood up completely and wonderfully healed, Jesus not only gave him a new heart ... Jesus totally restored his sick and emaciated body.

Today, totally delivered from witchcraft, this new convert to Jesus holds regular Christian meetings in his home ... sharing the Gospel with all who will take the time to listen. All this

because a faithful man of God, equipped with a Heart of Man chart took the trouble to stop and tell the good news in a remote Madagascar village. But the story doesn't stop with just one witchdoctor ... reports of six more converted witchdoctors followed in quick succession ... proof that the Holy Spirit is mightily anointing the work in Madagascar.

Earlier this year, 33 mountain bikes were given to evangelists, greatly speeding the spread of the good news among people hungry for the good news. For many, this will be the very first time they'll have heard the name of Jesus.

Helicopter used in Rain Forests

Parts of Madagascar are so inhospitable and difficult to reach and it took the generosity of a Johannesburg businessman to sponsor three helicopter flights into the rain forests on the south eastern side of the island. In time, wherever there are people on the island of Madagascar, they'll hear the good news. At the time of writing this news report, more heart of man charts and bicycles are being taken to the people of Madagascar and the Lord has even laid on free transport with a cargo ship which regularly sails between Durban and Taomasine Tama Tave, Madagascar.



Preachers in Madagascar receive their bicycles and Heart of Man charts.

God's doing great things in West Africa

A short while back, Dr Diafwila-Mbwangi, director for Every Home for Christ in French speaking Africa, invited Pastor Raymond of Wheel's for God's Word to join him in a tour of the Ivory Coast, Togo and Benin.

The invitation included a request for more bicycles and Heart of Man charts. On that trip, 84 pastors received bicycles. One of them had previously established 25 churches in Togo, walking from village to village preaching the good news. In that area, there's a settlement of between 100 and 5000 people every few kilometers. Just imagine how useful bicycles will be to such men of God.

Some villages and settlements are so bound and oppressed by the forces of darkness that Pastor Lombard often came under spiritual attack. Many of the local Christian workers fear for their lives at times and have resorted to undercover evangelism. Dressing as workers, they work side by side with the locals, first befriending, then sharing the gospel. One by one, hearts are being won for Jesus.

In Benin, God opened a very special door. Visiting a remote village, Pastor Raymond was preaching with the help of a Heart of Man chart and an interpreter. All the village leaders and elders were present ... many hearing the message of God's salvation for the very first time. As they were preparing to leave, they were told that they could not go ... the king of the tribe wanted to speak to them! Through an interpreter the king asked whether Pastor Raymond had a word from God for him personally. Pastor Raymond answered: "Yes, I have a word for you. You are a king but I bring a message from the King of Kings ... The Lord Jesus Christ".

Responding to the call of the King of Kings on his life" this African monarch opened his heart and gave his blessing to the spreading of the Gospel among his subjects truly every knee will eventually bow before our wonderful Lord.

A doctor's life changed by the Heart of Man message

On route to Maun, Pastor Raymond's flight had to be diverted to Abidjan



Pastor Edoh (right) hands over Heart of Man charts to the evangelist who started 25 churches by foot. He also received a bicycle.

because of bad weather. The carefully planned Wheels for God's Word itinerary suddenly took an unexpected turn ... the Lord God had a different, more glorious plan! New territory for the Gospel!

The following Friday, once again heading for Maun, exactly the same thing happened ... God had another plan. Striking up conversation with a fellow passenger, a lady doctor who had studied medicine in Canada, Pastor Raymond learned that she had been involved in the occult and had some horrible experiences. Searching in vain for purpose in life, about eighteen months earlier, while visiting France she had come across a French version of the Heart of Man booklet and as a result this medical doctor came to know the Lord Jesus as her personal saviour.

Delving into her briefcase, the doctor pulled out a well-worn Heart of Man booklet, lent to her by an old man in Abidjan. She had borrowed it to use in Maun to win people to Jesus. As a doctor, she shared the gospel with every one of her patients. To her astonishment, Pastor Raymond also took out a copy of the Heart of Man booklet. Tears streamed down her face as she exclaimed: "God has sent you.

Do you know how many souls I can win to Jesus with just one of these booklets?" She begged Pastor Raymond to give her the booklet since her copy was borrowed.

She had promised the owner that she would guard the copy with her life, "If you could choose, how many copies would you really want?" asked Pastor Raymond. "25!" came the answer. Pastor Raymond reminded her of the story of the man of God who was told to strike the ground with his staff in order to have his petition answered. After he had struck the ground, God told him that if he had struck with greater enthusiasm and faith, he would have received much, much more. "How many booklets do you really want?", asked Pastor Raymond.

"I want 1000 booklets" exclaimed the doctor. How could this child of the Living God ever have

imagined that the cargo hold of the aeroplane she was flying in would contain hundreds of Heart of Man charts and booklets, She received her 1000 booklets and went on her way rejoicing in God's incredible provision. Isn't God great!

(See letter from Dr Amba Mputela on back page).

East Africa - Next stop ... Malawi

Pastor Simon Msowoya of Malawi wrestled with a problem. For five years he had laid his need before the Lord. He and his fellow workers at Christian Love Ministries were involved in working in some of the remotest parts of Malawi, Mocambique, eastern Zambia and Tanzania. Their problem was the lack of transport. Getting out to remote areas took weeks on foot.

On the 12th of October 1997, God answered their prayers. Meeting with Pastor Raymond in Cape Town, Simon received 25 bicycles for his ministry team, with a promise of a further 25 later ... Now they had another problem ... how to get the bicycles back to Malawi. Bringing their need before God, they were told to wait and see the great thing God would do for them.

The following Monday Simon got a call from Ettienne and Tharina Visser. They had heard of the need and felt that God wanted to use their Land Rover to take the bikes back to Malawi. On the 2nd November 1997, the Vissers as well as

ETTIENNE AND THARINA VISSER and their fellow team members next to their 4x4 Land Rover, which they used to assist *Wheels for God's Word* by transporting bicycles to Malawi. 25 Bicycles fitted onto the trailer.

Riaan de Wet and Peter Theron departed and arrived safely 6 days later in Malawi.

Their arrival was met with great jubilation. With the bicycles, came God's answer to the prayers of His people.

The happiness of the people was so great that they started singing and dancing with joy and praising the Lord for what he had done for them. The pain of the preceding five years was transformed into happiness. They thanked God for fulfilling their prayers by making it possible for the Gospel to be spread into Africa faster.

The first 25 bicycles were divided as follows:

CHURCH	NO. OF BICYCLES
Karonga	3
Mpata	3
Mzuzu	3
Nyinawe	3
Chilumba	2
Kasisi	2
Mogunda	2
Namalamba	2
Thumbwe	2
Kaporo	2
Euthini	1



MINISTERS IN KARONGA, northern Malawi, receive their bicycles. During a follow-up visit, we were astounded at the growth-rate of local churches. One church in Chilumba had doubled in size in just two months. Just as encouraging was the news that far flung villages, previously unreached were now being touched by the Gospel because of bicycles sent by *Wheels for God's Word*.

Personal Testimonies from Ivory Coast & Zambia

The following letter was received from Dr Amba Mputela of Abijan, the woman doctor whom Pastor Raymond had met on route to Maun. (See story on page 2).

“Best greetings in the name of Jesus our Lord,

I thank God from the bottom of my heart for the very special way he provided for the booklets “Heart of Man”.

I also thank you very much for the love of missions in the world and in Ivory Coast.

Let me just tell you that the booklet “Le coeur de L’Homme” was a powerful instrument in my own life after my conversion and today, this brochure continues to speak to my heart and help my ministry.

I have already distributed 300 to many ministries, and now they are being used by university students and churches. I’m so happy that these booklets will be used widely and effectively in many ways and by many groups.

Through the pictures and diagrams, even children and illiterate people can grasp clearly the message of the Gospel.

PRAISE GOD

May God continue to bless you and your ministry richly in Christ our Lord and saviour.

Joyfully in Christ

Dr Amba Mputela



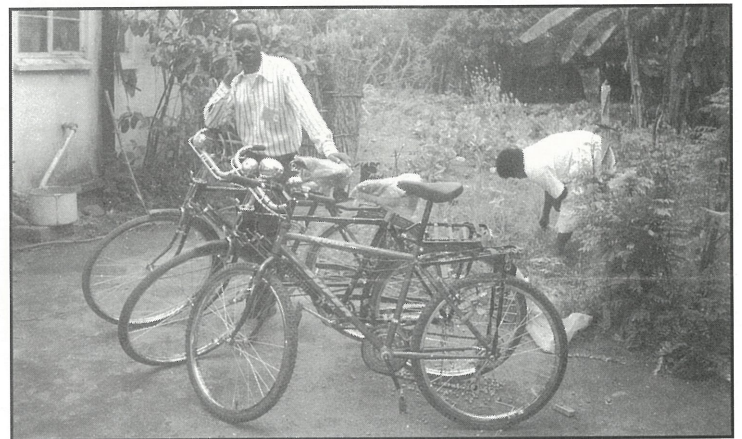
Dr Amba Mputela

The following letter came from Chongwe, Zambia.

Greetings to you and the team that works with you in the name of the Lord Jesus. After reading an article about you in a magazine, I have felt strongly to write to you and request a bicycle or two.

I received a vision to reach out to the rural people of this small district way back in 1985, while leading and Assemblies church right here in Chongwe.

PASTOR BANDA with the 3 bicycles he has received.



I responded to this vision in 1992 after assembling a bicycle from an old frame.

Later someone sold me an old humber bicycle which has kept me going until now.

The result of this has been two congregations opening up; one at Kapete 13 km east of here which opened in May 1993; one right here which opened in May last year.

The potential is vast as some unreached people are as far away as 43 km. Essentially there is no need for a van, but two good bicycles would do as two ministers are better than one.

The only problem is the price of bicycles in the country have become beyond the reach of any of us. If you feel moved to help us, please do come to our rescue. Bicycles with gears would be better as the terrain is quite hilly.

May the Lord of all Glory bless you and the ministry.

Pastor Knock Banda

Wheels for God’s Word responded by sending 3 bicycles, greatly blessing the work in the Chongwe area.

Wheels for God's Word has an informative video available at only R30 per copy. Filmed in various places in Africa by the Wheels for God's Word team, the video vividly portrays the need ... and God's answer to that need. Copies can be ordered (see address details below).

Extra copies of our quarterly newsletter as well as our information brochure can also be ordered for distribution in home churches and among friends.

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