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A REPORT FROM THE MINISTRY OF EVANGELIST CHRIS FRANZ



## TUMORS DISAPPEAR IN DURAME, ETHIOPIA

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**M**y heart was overflowing with so many emotions, memories, and thoughts as we boarded the plane to Ethiopia. After ten years, I was going back to Africa and this time with my entire family. After traveling for an exhausting 24 hours, we finally landed in Addis Ababa where we spent a short night, and then, we continued our journey for another 13 hours by car. Finally, tired but full of expectation, we reached Durame – a town directly at the foothill of the largest mountain in Southern Ethiopia. Later, we discovered that this mountain is a meeting place for witchdoctors from all over Ethiopia.

Two tumors healed



# R IN DURAME, ETHIOPIA

Report by Simone Franz

## Healing the Sick

From the first service to the last, the presence of God was so strong on our field. A woman with two tumors in her neck that tormented her for more than seven years came to our meeting; she went to a local hospital; however, the doctors told her that there was nothing they could do for her. "Your case is too complicated," they argued and suggested that she should venture to a larger hospital in a distant city. Now she stood on our platform and told us that she had come to the service full of expectation knowing that she could be healed by the power of the Lord. The Lord heard her cry and healed her completely!

She again and again touched her neck and could not believe that both tumors were gone! For the first time in a very long time, she was able to speak again.

## Helping the Poor

That night, as Chris gave the altar call and people stood in front of him confessing Jesus as their Lord and Savior, a deep compassion came over him towards one older man. This man was very poor, his clothes were torn, and he stood on the cold ground totally barefoot. Chris took off his own shoes and socks and gave them to the poor man who joyfully accepted them. The crowd immediately started to cheer, and Chris simply preached the rest of the evening barefoot. At the end of the service, a motorcycle close to the platform picked up Chris so he wouldn't step into any thorns.

## Spreading Joy

During one of the services, the Lord spoke to Chris that a woman with a problem in her uterus was in the crowd. As Chris gave this word to the crowds, a woman immediately responded to the call and came forward for prayer. After the prayer, she told us that she had many major problems for many years and suffered constant pain. While she was still speaking, she suddenly realized what the Lord had done for her and began to loudly cheer and dance. The whole crowd was energized, and

together they all began to cheer and celebrate.

## Freed from Witchcraft

The Lord spoke to Chris again and showed him a young man in the crowd that came from a family bound by witchcraft. Again, that young man responded immediately to the call and came to the platform. He told us then that he had given his life to Jesus some time ago but was under constant demonic attacks. Chris prayed for him, taking authority over all the powers of darkness in Jesus' name. The young man began to tremble as the power of God was setting him free! The young man began to tremble under the power of Jesus. He was completely set free!

## Leading to Christ

Every night, hundreds came to Christ, and at the end of the week, 7120 had re-dedicated their lives or made a first time decision for Christ. We are so excited about what God is doing.

## Being Thankful

Our daughters, Melody, Melissa and Mikaela, attended every meeting with great excitement. On Saturday, they prepared a special program for the children; they sang in Amharic and told an evangelistic story with a hand puppet named Mamo. The children loved it and listened very intently. As Melody gave the altar call, she was able to lead 200 children to Christ.

What a privilege and joy it was to travel and serve the Lord as a whole family in Ethiopia! The people we met touched our hearts deeply and ignited a deep love for them in us. Thank you all so much for praying and supporting us; it means so much!



*Young man freed from witchcraft*



*Chris proclaims the Good News*

# Shoes for Children



**W**hat a welcome we received as we drove up to the orphanage! The children crowded around our car so much that it was almost impossible for us to get out. There was so much anticipation and excitement in the air as the shoes were being counted and organized. The children could hardly wait and kept pressing in closer and closer to where the shoes were being sorted. They were so full of curiosity and excitement; they did not want to wait so long to get their pair of shoes. Once distribution started, the kids came to the front their eyes gleaming with eagerness; I held in my hands a brand new pair of leather

shoes for each child. I bent down to give it to the little girl that looked at me with great expectation in her eyes. As I handed her the shoes, she took them and held on tight to her new treasure. One after another, the children received their shoes with elation and gratefulness. The excitement on their faces impacted me greatly. We are excited to report that, at this distribution, we were able to give 300 orphan children a brand new pair of real leather shoes.

In rural Ethiopia, 20-30% of the children have to walk barefoot because their families are so poor that they simply cannot afford to buy shoes. This exposes their feet to a variety of terrible, tropical diseases because the volcanic soil contains harmful substances, such as sulfur crystals. Around 11 million people are at risk of getting Podoconiosis. However, we are trying to prevent this disease from spreading further by blessing kids with shoes.

Please pray and ask the Lord how you can help a child in need by donating \$19 for a pair of shoes. I am so grateful that we get to do a project like this to show the love of Christ to kids in a practical way.



**JULY**  
3-5 **Christliche Glaubens-  
gemeinde Füssen,  
Germany**

**AUGUST**  
7-9 **New Life Church  
Pennsylvania**

**SEPTEMBER**  
11-20. **Holland Tour**

**21-24 BFP Conference,  
Germany**

**26-27 Freie Christen-  
gemeinde Pucking,  
Austria**

**SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER**  
28-6 **Ethiopia Crusade**

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