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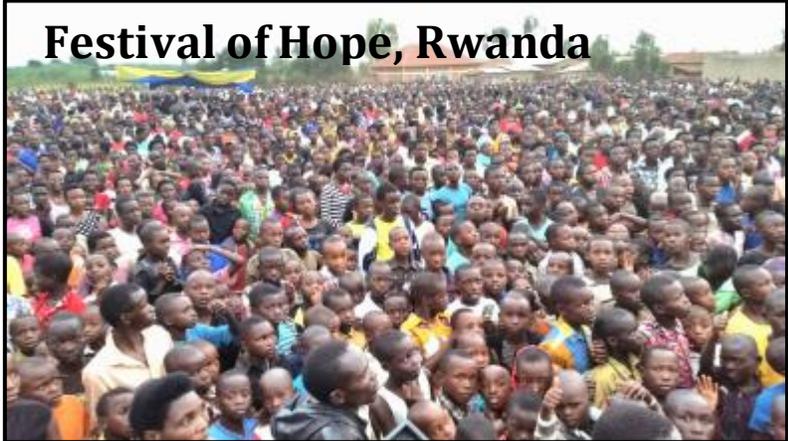
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Two Amazing Festivals – Rwanda and Malawi

This past June and August, God blessed beyond imagination with two of the most incredible, impactful and fruitful festivals I have ever directed.

In June, we had the thrill of ministering and serving the people of the Kamonyi District of Rwanda through the **Festival of Hope**. It took place in a remote mountain region where there had never been an evangelistic outreach like this before. This festival was conducted in partnership with Eternity Minded Ministries with evangelist Dale Gustafson.

It was wonderful to see the people fill the narrow dirt roads leading to the festival grounds. People came from the surrounding mountain tops and valleys to attend the Festival. It was one of the most joyous festivals I've seen. During the three days an estimated 35,000 people attended; the largest we've seen in Rwanda. More than 1000 people made a decision for Christ during the Festival and ministry week outreaches. (Rwanda continued page 2)



Festival of Hope, Rwanda



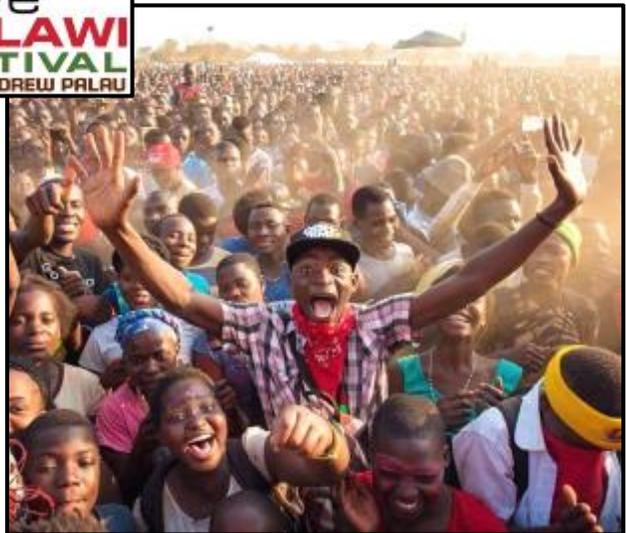
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FESTIVAL
with ANDREW PALAU

“**Malawi** will never be the same,” is a statement repeated by many leaders and pastors.

Each day of the **Love Malawi Festival** in Lilongwe there was a sea of humanity. At least 80,000 people attended the Festival in Lilongwe. Over and over again people said they had never seen anything like this.

They couldn't believe what was happening! On the first day of the Festival, there was a national soccer game scheduled at the stadium with very few people attending. The soccer association complained about the low attendance because everyone had gone to the Festival!

Rev. Mkandawire, General Secretary for the Evangelical Association of Malawi, said: “The Festival has shaken our nation for Christ. It has gone down in Malawi's history as the largest Christian gathering ever. When we hear comments such as ‘It was massive!’; ‘It was powerful!’; ‘It was a taste of heaven!’; ‘It was unprecedented!’ we know God's presence was there. To God be the glory!”



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During the Festival week, the ministry team of seven Americans and seven Rwandans, served thousands of people through various humanitarian projects and outreaches. This was the first time the ministry team was a mix of nationals and Americans. It was an amazing experience. The Rwandans were mostly young men whom God has placed in my life like sons. They had never been involved in something like this and it impacted their lives in amazing ways.



Eye Glass Clinics served 2400 people in eight villages over four days



Hundreds waiting to be served at one of the eye glass clinics



106 Goats were distributed to genocide widows, child-headed households, HIV Aids sufferers and single mothers. Nearly half of the goats were donated by friends of GPM. The goats will be a big help financially and manure for their gardens.



Medical Insurance →

was provided to 1000 individuals and families for one year at a cost of \$4 each.



A Business, Civic and Professional Leader's dinner was held with a capacity crowd of 180 community leaders including the Mayor and Vice Mayors of the District. The Gospel was proclaimed with 110 leaders making a decision for Christ!

Soccer clinics were held on Saturday morning with more than 700 children attending. In addition to teaching soccer techniques, the Gospel was proclaimed.



These four →

young men (left) with Pastor Dany (right) received Jesus as Savior



during the Festival and are now part of Dany's church. One of the men, Jean Baptiste, was a Muslim. He says, "My life has drastically changed. I feel the love of Jesus in my heart and I am happy."



A Counselor ministering to several young boys who responded to the Gospel.

Rafita came to Christ from Islam. She → says, "I feel joyful and have peace. I am happy I am a Christian and will go to heaven."



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More than 19,300 recorded decisions for Christ were made throughout the nation; a harvest beyond belief! And the stories of lives snatched from the grip of the Enemy and born-again into the family of God are amazing completed by through the blood of Jesus Christ.

Some basic stats:

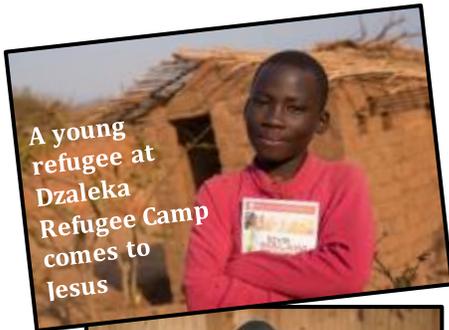
- Nearly 900 churches participated in Lilongwe
- According to the media, the Festival was the most publicized event in the past decade and possibly in the history of the nation
- More than 50 evangelistic events were held nationwide
- Eight cities were reached with the Gospel
- 13 partner evangelists were involved



The **Women's and Business, Civic and Professional Leader's Dinners** had a total of 1230 in attendance with nearly 400 making decisions for Christ. The dinners had a tremendous impact on the lives of many men and women of influence in the nation. Many top government leaders were in attendance.

One person responding to the Gospel at the Business Dinner said, "Today, my life has changed

and I would like to tell my children about the Jesus Christ I have received so they may receive Him as their Savior as well." A young woman attending the Women's Dinner was greatly challenged and decided to start a new life with Christ. Following the dinner, she went to her brother and his family to reconcile with them after a falling out. She said, "My brother was in tears as he couldn't believe I have reached out to him and we were able to talk once again after 10 years."



On the last day of the Festival, Mrs. McFadden, a teacher at a boarding school, traveled four hours to attend the Festival. She came with her husband who is battling cancer. After listening to Andrew's message, she responded to the invitation and prayed to receive Jesus as her Savior. Four days later she had an asthma attack and died because no one was there to help her. We're grateful she came to know Jesus and is now in heaven. Pray for her family.

A Muslim woman who came to know Jesus at the Festival received her own New Testament. She couldn't believe she has her own Bible. She has joined a local church and goes to a member's home each day to read the Word together.



Eye glass & Medical Clinics – more than 10,000 served – 678 decisions



Two prison outreaches with 2100 attending and 50% responding to the Gospel



With Andrew Palau



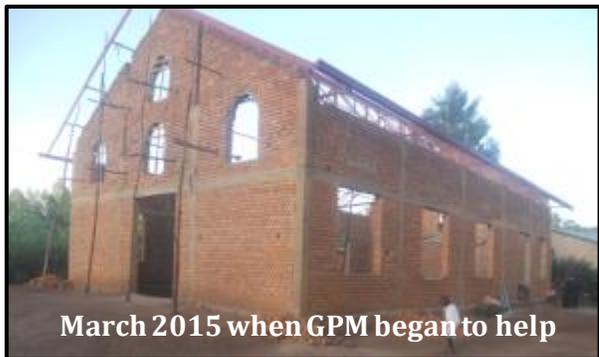
Pastor's receiving New Testaments for follow up



Sport's Clinics – 3000 attending 115 decisions

Kayonza AIC Church Dedication slated for October 30

In March 2015, we came to the aid of the believers at the Kayonza AIC Church in Rwanda to assist with some of the funding needed to complete the church construction. The building has been under construction for five years with many ups and downs along the way. The attendance began to dwindle and the city gave them a deadline for finishing the building, or they would close the church. We're grateful for gifts to GPM which allowed construction to continue. It's now finished to God's glory!



I happily accepted the invitation to preach the dedication service on Sunday, October 30. As the construction has progressed, the church has begun to grow spiritually and in attendance. This is the third church we've had the privilege of assisting with construction. All of the churches are growing spiritually and in number. Many are coming to know Christ through the outreach of all three churches.



Another record gift from the kids at Wildwood Baptist Vacation Bible School for the kids in Rwanda

For the fifth year, the Wildwood Baptist Church Vacation Bible School raised funds for the kids in Ntoma, Rwanda. And once again it was a record amount of \$6,934! What an incredible gift. A portion of their gift was used to purchase several Singer sewing machines to teach students how to sew and help provide an income



once they graduate. Funds were also used to bring electrical power to the compound and wire all the classrooms, church and other buildings. This is the first time they've had electrical power. Additional funds remain to help with another project yet to be determined.

The new school office building is nearing completion. Please pray Compassion International will give approval to set up an office at the school once construction is completed. This would be a huge blessing!



Personal Note: We rejoice at all God has done and continues to do in Rwanda and Malawi. In the coming year we look forward to continued ministry in Rwanda with Eternity Minded Ministries as well as Cote d'Ivoire with the Luis Palau Association.

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Thank you for your prayers and partnership.

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