# Abundant Life Ministries Miracle Rally and Crusade March 2013 Budaka and Sironko

In a world full of hurt and many ills; soap operas on television awash with offensive language, illicit sexual relationships and gratuitous violence, drunkenness and the illegal and reckless use of drugs, Abundant Life International Ministries (ALIM) believes that Jesus Christ is the only lasting hope. In response to God's call for the church to further Jesus Mission on earth to set the "captives free" (Luke 4: 18), ALIM held a miracle rally on the 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> of March 2013 in the Eastern District of Budaka and a crusade and conference in the town of Sironko from 13<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> March 2013. The Miracle Rally was conducted by Pastor Ernest,



and Mike, in conjunction with the Budaka District Pastors and Elders Fellowship. The crusade team composed of Pastor Mike Smith and Darren from New Life Family Church in Suffolk, England, Ursina Capeder from Jesus Alive Church in Tobemore, Martha Williams from St James' Church in Buckinghamshire, England and Pastor Ernest and Maureen Howie from Abundant Life Christian Fellowship in Coleraine, Northern Ireland. During this time of ministry, the team got involved in prison, Hospital, School and street preaching. The crusade was in response to the invitation by the pastors of Sironko that was extended to the ALIM team after the Miracle rally in September 2012. A total Number of 1020 souls accepted Jesus Christ as their personal Lord and savior during the crusade week.

#### MIRACLE RALLY IN BUDAKA

This took place on the 8<sup>TH</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> of March 2013. The rally brought about an awesome acknowledgement of God's presence in the House of meeting and was characterized with Miracles of healing, signs and wonders, about what God Can do. Over 700 delegates who attended the rally were encouraged, revived and healed. Pastor Ernest and Mike ministered to Pastors and Church leaders and many who attended the conference confessed that they have been transformed by the word of God and their lives shall never be the same again. During the miracle rally, 36 people received a miracle of Miracles by accepting Jesus Christ as their Lord and savior. This was besides



many other miracles of healing and deliverance from demonic oppression. The conference was attended by 700 delegates.

#### ABUNDANT LIFE CRUSADE- SIRONKO

The crusade took place on the evenings of 13<sup>th</sup> -16<sup>th</sup>March 2013 (see left). The Ministers at the crusade were Pastor Ernest Howie and Mike Smith.

A number of activities took place during the crusade. There was a prayer tent for the sick and all those that needed counseling and prayer. With counseling and prayer, many people were delivered from all forms of oppression while others received

Jesus Christ as their personal Lord and savior. As

people yielded to the gospel, many miracles of healing and deliverance came to pass and were witnessed by those present through testimonies by those healed.

#### STREET PREACHING

ALIM has adopted street preaching as a strategy for spreading the good news. This is a strategy where the ministry team looks out for the people in their own local settings. The teams moved through the villages with a truck loaded with the sound system with occasional stopovers in trading centres where they staged and preached the word. Many people had a positive response to the gospel and accepted Jesus as Lord and saviour.



## Above right: Darren praying with people giving their lives to Christ

ALIM also turned an eye to the needs of the community during this exercise. The neediest among the

needy where identified by the community pastors and they were given a food pack comprising a kg of sugar, a litre of cooking oil and a bar of soap. They also received mosquito nets as a preventive measure against Malaria. During one of the street preaching, 2 Muslim leaders, one of them with his wife got saved.

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#### CONFERENCE

The conference for Pastors and leaders started on the 13<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup>. March 2013 and was conducted in the morning hours (9.00am-1.00pm). The main purpose of the conference was a continuity approach to equip the pastors and leaders to enable them make a meaningful effort in following up and disciple the new converts. Over 650 delegates attended the conference.

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#### HUMANITARIAN

#### i) School Ministry

Eight schools were visited in five days, 5 primary and 3 secondary. During the

visit, the team was given an opportunity by the schools to talk to members of staff and students. The gospel was preached and many students responded by giving their lives to Jesus Christ. Each school received gifts of a football and a net ball, pens, pencils and other scholarly materials.



#### ii) Prison Ministry

The team went for ministry to the main prison in the area. While in the prison, the team was welcomed by the Officer in Charge (OC) who

introduced the team to the inmates. Ursina preached to the inmates many of whom gave their lives to Jesus Christ. Martha and Darren presented gifts of mats and blankets to the inmates. The OC was grateful for the gesture of love that was demonstrated by the Ministry team and commended the good relationship they enjoy with the church in the district as a development partner.

#### iii) Hospital Ministry

The hospital ministry was carried out in Muyembe and Budadiri Health Centres. The team prayed with the

sick, and presented to each one of them a gift of soap, sugar and Milk for babies. Those who gave their lives to Jesus Christ were attended to by the counselors and where given a booklet to introduce them to the reality of salvation.



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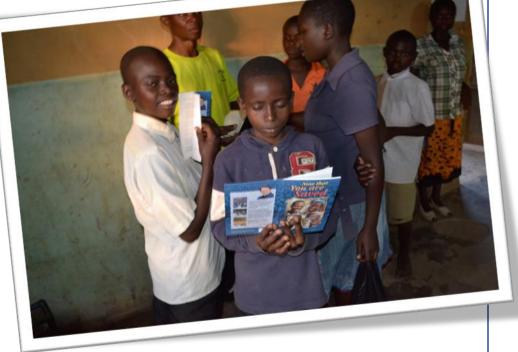
#### **NEW BELIEVERS**

On the last day of the crusade, Pastor Ernest and the ministry team met in fellowship with all those who gave their lives to Jesus Christ during the week of ministry. Pastor Ernest

welcomed them to the Kingdom and

encouraged them to be strong in the Lord and not to turn back. He presented to them a gift of a t-shirt to remind them of their new fatherhood whenever they put it on. The fellowship was concluded with a meal and the new believers were handed over to the Local Pastors for nurturing.

Right: Young people who were saved receiving guidance and booklets.



#### CONCLUSION

The ministry of ALIM is grateful to the most high God, our Father through His Son Jesus Christ for giving us an opportunity to share in the blessing of being His Epistle to the world. Through acceptance of this call, we have seen many change allegiance from the devil and his ways to follow Jesus Christ. Thanks to the ministry team leader Pastor Ernest Howie for all his sacrifices to make this gospel outreach a reality. May God richly reward you Pastor Ernest and your entire household, together with the Pastors in Budaka and Sironko who worked tirelessly.

Blessings to you all,

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