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MISSION REPORT **COTONOU, BENIN**

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It was worth it!

More than 2 million people find Jesus
at CfaN campaigns in 2012

**“Gospel Celebration”
in Cotonou**

CfaN Great Gospel Campaign
in the “cradle of voodoo”

FREE MISSION
TRIP TO
AFRICA

From the diaries of the
European winners



Welcome to

benin cotonou

A pagan altar, like those still found in many parts of Africa today. Benin - whose **national flag** is shown on the left - is a country where many people are still firmly in the grip of ancient demonic systems.



An unusual sight in Africa: houses in the Ouémé River estuary area.

The name of the city of Cotonou is derived from "Ku-Tonu", meaning "mouth of the river of death". The river in question is the Ouémé River. The city was originally a little fishing village but it gradually grew into a huge transit station for the slave trade. Although the slave trade was abolished in Europe in the early 19th century, it continued for many years afterwards.





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Dear Mission Partners

In 2012 we and the CfaN team were in the African countries of Burkina Faso, Sierra Leone and Liberia, twice in Uganda, in Ethiopia and last, in Benin. In order to meet the unique logistical challenges posed by this huge amount of travelling, we had to split our equipment into two separate sets and place one in West Africa and one in East Africa. There were many dangers, toils and snares along the way, but God gave us grace and **well over two million people accepted Jesus Christ as their Lord and Saviour at CfaN campaigns in 2012.** Is that not worth every effort?

We are sure that there is nothing more important or more meaningful than taking the Gospel message to the people of this dying world. People think that they have found alternatives to the Biblical message of redemption – positive thinking, meditation, healing cults, and so on – but the truth is that there are no more alternatives than in a game of chess: black or white. The Gospel is like breathing – the future will not offer any alternatives. Each individual is entitled to make his or her own decision but the choices are limited: life or death.

People need to be saved and only Jesus saves. That is why we went to Cotonou in Benin. **And that is why we go on ... and on ... and on.** The message of the cross must be proclaimed. In this IMPACT we report on what we experienced in Cotonou.

Yours in the love of Jesus,

Daniel Kolenda and Reinhard Bonnke
Evangelists

**PS We have already planned a great deal for 2013.
Please continue to support us.**



On the first day of the Great Gospel Campaign the evangelists were invited to visit the **President of Benin, Yayi Boni**, who is also the chairman of the African Union, at his palace. He welcomed us with open arms and paid tribute to the impact that the ministry of

Reinhard Bonnke and Christ for all Nations has had on his great nation. The next day the President conferred his country's **Order of Merit medal** on Evangelist Bonnke, who said, "I accept this honour in the name of the one who has said, 'Without me you can do nothing.'"



Reinhard Bonnke

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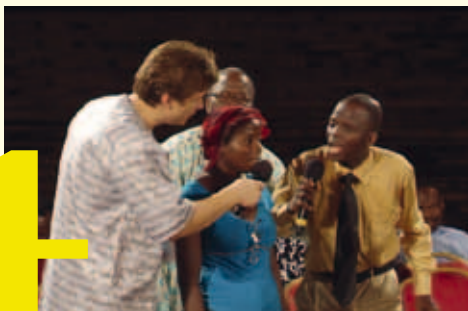
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Do you know who has healed you?

Of the many miracles that the CfaN team saw on the final evening in Cotonou, Evangelist Daniel Kolenda was particularly impressed by a **15-year old girl who had been crippled from birth**. That evening she walked for the first time in her life! Daniel said, "I will never forget the expression of joy on her face – it was so precious. I asked her, "Do you know who has healed you?" She smiled and said in French,

“Jesus!”



tumour

This woman had a tumour in each breast. They both vanished during the prayer on the Friday evening.



deaf

This girl had been deaf. She received her hearing on the Saturday evening.

On the very first day of the campaign, the CfaN video crew documented the amazing story of a man named **Donne** who had been **totally deaf since birth**. When CfaN went to Cotonou 12 years ago he was thirty years old. Up to that point Donne had only been able to communicate through sign language but that night, when evangelist Bonnke prayed for the sick, Jesus miraculously healed him. He said that it felt as if someone were sticking their fingers in his ears; liquid began to pour from them and he heard what he described as resembling the buzzing of bees. As the buzzing faded he began to hear another sound ... the massive crowd. Now, more than a decade later, he can still hear and speak perfectly – an enduring testimony of fruit that remains.



A number of remarkable miracles, healings and release from demonic bondage occurred on the final evening. Leprosy disappeared. Crippled people walked. Blind eyes were opened. Here are just some of the large number of testimonies:

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deaf

Cover: ulcer

This woman had suffered from a gastrointestinal ulcer for more than a year and could no longer move about without pain. Jesus touched and healed her during the campaign.



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fibroid

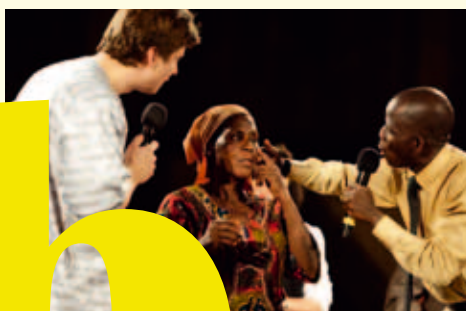
This woman's painful fibroid vanished instantly during the prayer for the sick on the third day – after tormenting her for 12 years.



i

insane

This insane man came to his right mind on the penultimate evening.



b

blind

This woman's blind eye suddenly received sight!



c

crippled

Prayer was made for the sick on the Saturday evening and now this previously crippled young man can walk.

COTONOU, BENIN
251,258

... decision cards for Jesus Christ! Benin is 8 million. More people live in Lagos, the Nigeria, than in the whole country of Benin.

a relatively small country with a population of some huge economic metropolis of its large neighbour, CfaN workers and local pastors were therefore particularly excited when the number of returned decision cards was announced. What a mighty victory for the kingdom of God in that spiritually embattled nation. The follow-up work started immediately.

**When the
darkness
is forced to retreat**



EVERYONE WHO CALLS ON THE NAME OF THE LORD WILL BE SAVED.

How, then, can they call on the one they have not **believed** in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not **heard**? And how can they hear without someone **preaching** to them? And how can they preach unless they are **sent**?

Romans 10:13-15

The nation of Benin is known as the **“cradle of voodoo”**. Voodoo is one of West Africa’s ancient demonised tribal religions. It is practised today mainly in Benin, Ghana and Togo and in the Caribbean state of Haiti, where it was taken by slaves. In Benin, voodoo is even a religion that is officially recognised by the government, alongside Christianity and Islam. Voodoo Day is celebrated on 10 January. In the Western world, voodoo is known primarily because of the practice of sticking needles into little dolls that represent specific people, the aim being to harm or kill them. According to statistics, more than 70% of the people (across all different religions) practice animism and ancestor worship. For thousands of years, Satan has had free reign in this nation and has inflicted terrible suffering on the people who were ensnared by superstition and fear.

Trance ceremonies, worship of the dead and ancestors, ritualistic animal sacrifices and especially harmful white and black magic are an integral part of voodoo. Demonic possession is part of the ritually performed unification with the “deity”. It is considered an honour to be possessed by gods or spirits. Such priests are revered and sought by those seeking healing or help while they are in a trance. Witchcraft is very widespread in the day-to-day life of the people of Benin.

Yet during the week of the campaign the glorious light of the Gospel shone forth, the kingdom of God emerged and the darkness was forced to retreat!

On the third evening, as the campaign had already produced astounding results, Daniel Kolenda deliberately took authority over demonic spirits and rebuked them and their influence in the name of Jesus. All over the field, demoniacs began to manifest violently. They were carried to

a tent outside the campaign site where a deliverance team comprising pastors and experienced church workers cast out the evil spirits. We call that tent the “snake pit” and on that evening it was full.

Daniel Kolenda also called out the ancient traditional curses and broke their power in the name of Jesus. Just like in Acts 19, many people took amulets, juju objects, fetishes, voodoo idols, lucky charms and so on to the campaign site to be burned publicly.

Fire Conference

On the Saturday morning the Reverend Peter van den Berg and Evangelist Daniel Kolenda ministered to the pastors and church leaders at the final Fire Conference meeting. It was so moving to see the way that those people received from the Lord. It was simple. It was easy. It was all Jesus. At first they were silent. Then it began – all over the field pent-up fountains began bursting forth and soon the whole crowd was swimming in a river of Holy Spirit unction. It was wonderful and made a great impression on us.



From the diaries of the European winners

Their journey took them with the CfaN team to Addis Ababa in the heart of Africa. Here is an excerpt from their travel diaries.

In the "Win a Mission Trip to Africa" competition, there were two winners from Europe: Lothar Krämer from St Ingbert in Germany and Irena Hakulínová from Liberec in the Czech Republic. In early November 2012, they and their chosen travelling companions set off on the journey of a lifetime. Lothar took his cousin Rebekka with him, while Irena travelled with her husband Jiri.

Irena Hakulínová
with her husband Jiri



Lothar Krämer with his
cousin Rebekka



One Saturday in October, Irena's phone started to ring and I could tell from the area code that someone was calling from a foreign country. A quick thought came to my mind: "Perhaps ...?" I answered the phone because Irena was busy working in the kitchen. It was Bret Sipek. I handed the phone over to my wife and – yes – it was an official phone call: "Rejoice, you are one of the 12 people drawn!" The interview was over quickly and we were left feeling surprised and stunned. For the rest of the day we were unable to do anything. It was fantastic to have got that far but we tried to calm ourselves down saying that it did not mean anything yet, because only two winners would be selected from the group of 12. At the same time we remembered that in the summer God had spoken to me about a holiday in the autumn.

When it was finally confirmed that Irena was one of the two winners, we could hardly sleep at all. We were so excited! Our minds raced

with all sorts of ideas and we were like little children on Christmas day. God is awesome; He had a plan for us and He began to reveal it to us. We held on to a personal promise that God would lead us step by step. We prayed and began to wonder whether this was part of a special and deeper plan that God had for us, related to our next ministry, or whether God just wanted to let us share in His great riches.

After breakfast we went to a hall in the hotel for a prayer meeting. About 60 people had gathered there, including Reinhard Bonnke and Daniel Kolenda. We shook hands with both of them and introduced ourselves. They are both humble, ordinary people who are doing remarkable things for the Lord. Daniel

preached from Genesis 3:22 – a short, powerful message. Then we all united in prayer which flowed like a loud river!

Peter van den Berg talked about the troubles that CfaN had experienced in organising this campaign. The place where similar events would normally be held had not been available and it had been extremely difficult to find another site. One Christian contact knew a Muslim, who knew a member of the local government. It might seem impossible for a Muslim to arrange a place for Christian evangelistic outreach meetings but after many prayers God made a way and opened the door for the campaign to be held on an excellent site close to the city centre.



At 4:30 pm we set off for the first meeting of the Great Gospel Campaign. We were all on edge. We climbed into a small African mini-bus, which jerked its way through the traffic. The way that the traffic flow is organised is fascinating. We saw a six-lane road crossing a four-lane road without any traffic lights. Cars try to get through any way they can and from all directions at the same time, accompanied by a lot of loud tooting of their horns. It obviously works, though – to our great surprise. Drivers are actually nice to each other and understand that everyone needs to wait at times. We finally arrived at the campaign site. It was a huge, cracked expanse of land with a stage, sound towers, artificial lighting and chemical toilet cabins all over the field. The campaign field began to fill with people. They were coming from all directions – in droves. It looked like a number of zigzagging tributaries flowing into a pond. Truly, we were going fishing! We had reserved seats right under one of the sound towers. It was going to be noisy! I tore up a paper napkin and made earplugs. I looked like ET but, fortunately, I was not the only one ...

An opening sermon in Amharic by one of the local pastors was planned, while even more people came to the meeting. Finally, Reinhard Bonnke stood up and took the microphone in his hands. He preached about coming out of darkness and entering into God's light (Acts 26:18). Then Daniel Kolenda said that neither he nor Reinhard Bonnke have ever healed a single person; Jesus is the only One who heals. He gave an invitation for people to receive Jesus as their Lord and Saviour and the crowd gave a mighty response. After a while, many were holding small booklets in their hands ("Now that you are saved"). Finally, it was time

for prayer for all kinds of healing. Throughout the evening, the crowd kept moving around, jumping, shouting and calling the name of Jesus out loud over and over again. At the end, Daniel invited people who had experienced healing in their bodies to come forward to testify. I saw two empty wheelchairs being carried towards the platform. In front of them the people who had been healed were walking and shouting for joy. A man stepped onto the platform carrying a crutch, dancing and shouting for joy – he had been healed after 9 months of finding it difficult to walk.

The next morning started with breakfast at 6 am, a prayer meeting at 6:30 am and then off we went to the Fire Conference. Our seats were right in front of the platform and we listened as Evangelists Reinhard Bonnke, Daniel Kolenda and Peter van den Berg preached. The sun was shining very brightly and many women took out their umbrellas and used them as parasols. We thought that some sun could only do us good but we did not realise what the autumn African sunshine could do. When we got up to leave, we saw that we were all sunburnt. I had been wearing sunglasses and so my whole face was red except for the area around my eyes, which was white. It looked as though I was wearing a white face mask!

After the opening blessings by local pastors, Daniel Kolenda started by preaching about Moses and the burning bush. He was followed by Peter van den Berg, who preached about Jonathan with a lot of energy and enthusiasm. Many were fired up by his message and responded to it with great excitement.

The final day of the Fire Conference was rather different. After



preaching, Daniel Kolenda led us all into deep silence and a personal time of prayer. Then he stood in front of the stage and began to lay hands on people. After that we were invited to pray for people, too. About four or five thousand people were present. The local people are very pleasant and open. To them we were strangers bringing them something special, but we were also being enriched by them. Just before leaving, I looked inside the church building nearby. It was 18 years old and equipped simply and practically. It contained between 700 and 1,000 comfortable seats. At the moment we can only dream about something like that in our city. But dreams do come true ...



People were joyful and full of expectation and so were we. Both Daniel Kolenda and Reinhard Bonnke preached and then the time came to pray for healing. Reinhard was led by the Holy Spirit and prophesied the return of missing people, lost daughters and sons. After that, prayers continued for specific kinds of sicknesses. People made their way to the front to testify. The first was a young lady who had had a constant

humming in her ear. She had actually gone through a surgery, which had left her deaf in one of her ears and with constant humming in the other. Now she can hear with both ears. Reinhard blessed her and she fell under the power of God. Another woman had been unable to move for many years, a man had had severe stomach problems ... the testimonies went on and on.

We were worn out by all the dryness, dust and tension, but our hearts were full and happy. The experiences were all really wonderful. We asked ourselves many questions, most of which remained unanswered – at least for the time being. What can be done for Europe and for our country? We believe that the answer will surely come.

In the afternoon we left for the final meeting of the campaign. When we arrived at the site it was obvious that there were more people there than on previous evenings. The news about the miracles had spread. People were even standing behind the stage and at its sides, where they could not see anything ... but they could definitely hear.

The main part of the evangelism began. The Deputy Prime Minister was even present in person. We sat in the row just behind him. Fortunately, we only found out who he was afterwards. We probably would not have behaved as freely as we did if we had known.

Praise and worship began and we danced and clapped our hands just like everyone else. Our shyness was gone and we revelled in the joy of the Lord. Reinhard Bonnke stood up and people greeted him with love. His name is greatly honoured in that country. He preached about Lazarus and Abraham and explained who can

go to heaven, who is a sinner and what sin is. The only thing that counts is receiving Jesus Christ and His forgiveness. Everything is in the name of Jesus. Together, we all shouted the name several times: "Jesus! Jesus! Jesus!"



Next a call was given for people to repent and to receive Jesus Christ as their Lord and Saviour – the prayer of salvation – and, again, many hands went up for the follow-up booklet. Many people were clapping and rejoicing. More worship songs in the Amharic language. We all danced and clapped our hands, casting off all our remaining restraint, and our joy just kept increasing. The campaign was really packed. It was astounding. People had been standing for several hours; most of them had been there from 4 to 8 pm and some even longer than that. Amazing.



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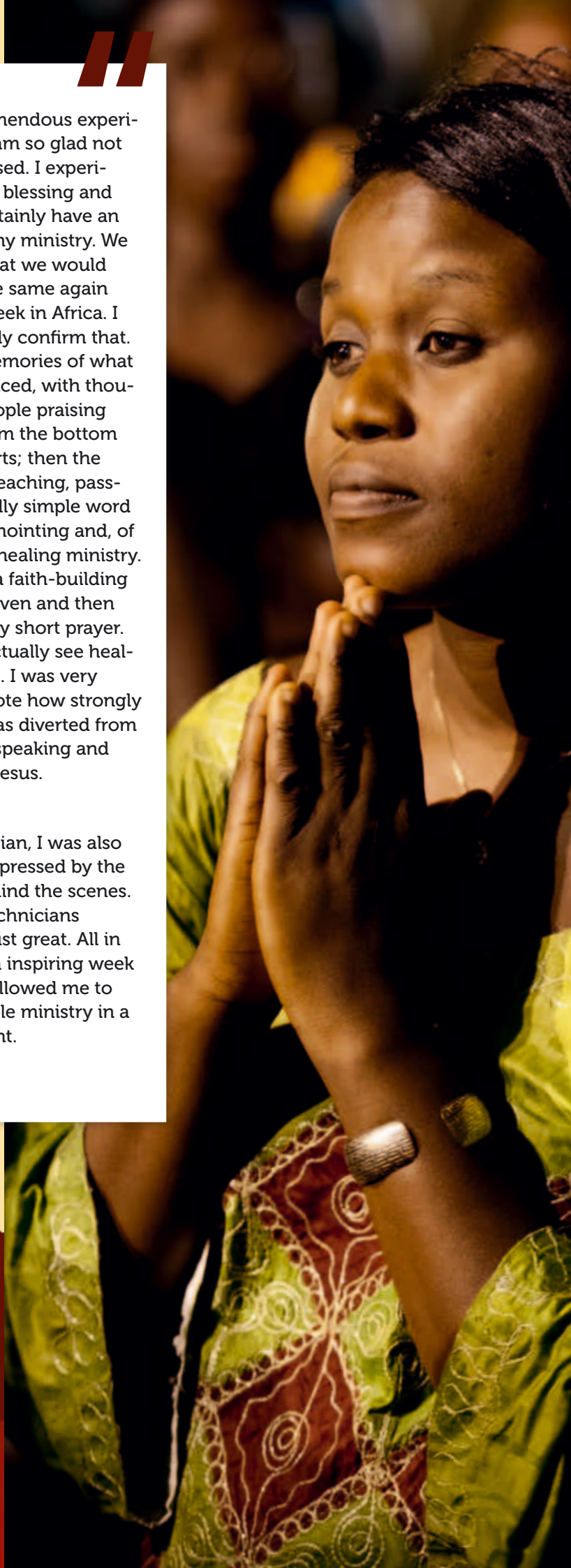
Daniel Kolenda stepped forward again and barrels full of witchcraft paraphernalia were burnt. The flames leapt high, and people rejoiced in their freedom. Daniel prayed for healing of sicknesses. He did not discuss, but commanded them to leave in the authority of the name of Jesus. He named sicknesses one by one including HIV. He then asked the crowd, "Which of you have received healing over the past few days?" A great number of hands shot into the air. Then two big blue boxes were carried onto the stage, each with a slot for prayer requests to be posted. Both were nearly full of cards and letters containing prayer requests. Daniel invited the crowd and us to join together in prayer. It was incredible as we all prayed together for thousands of cards from all over the world.

After lunch we enjoyed the African sun – this time taking greater care – and watched birds twittering and flying around as we tried to digest our experiences of the previous few days. Everything was so incredible: the overwhelming poverty, the omnipresent red-brown dust, the powerful praise, thousands of converts, so many great miracles, a hundred thousand people crowding together at the campaign, the on-fire people at the Fire Conference, the warmth, the hard work and friendly behaviour of our Christian brothers and sisters from around the whole world ... God is so good and so powerful!

It was a tremendous experience that I am so glad not to have missed. I experienced great blessing and that will certainly have an impact on my ministry. We were told that we would never be the same again after that week in Africa. I can definitely confirm that. First, the memories of what we experienced, with thousands of people praising the Lord from the bottom of their hearts; then the powerful preaching, passing on a really simple word under the anointing and, of course, the healing ministry. There, too, a faith-building word was given and then came a really short prayer. We could actually see healing miracles. I was very moved to note how strongly attention was diverted from the person speaking and pointed to Jesus.

As a technician, I was also naturally impressed by the glimpse behind the scenes. What the technicians achieve is just great. All in all, it was an inspiring week which has allowed me to see the whole ministry in a different light.

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Africa shall be saved

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