



CONGO 2017

If we can change a heart, we can change a life and create destiny ...

Bukavu Maximum Prison



Outside Bukavu Maximum Prison

There are 1600 men, 25 Women and about 20 juveniles incarcerated in this prison.

The entrance was very well guarded with a big steel bar gate which separates the offenders from the outside world. I saw a number of Catholic priests inside visiting the prisoners.

There are no guards inside the prison, only plain clothes offenders with batons to control the offenders. When the offenders saw us they were very inquisitive as to why we were there. Some of the "guards" began to hit the offenders to keep them in line; I saw the pain in their eyes as the baton connected with their body. There was a soccer match going on in a small section of the entrance to the prison, all the players were dressed in soccer clothes and a roar went up as someone scored a goal. The offenders facing me were not interested in the game, only in these new visitors!

We were only allowed a 10 minute visit with them, there must have been 100 offenders present. I preached a short message on the Love of the Father and the Hope of Jesus. All of them made a commitment for Christ.

I saw a very tall man who stood out from the rest and was told he was the Chaplain. I found out

later on that he is an offender but had been given the title of Chaplain inside the prison.

After visiting the men we were taken to an office where the food that we had purchased for the prisoners, had been stored. We were told that it would be distributed amongst the different sections - we just hope and pray that it gets to them.

The next visit was to the women with their children, ranging in age from a few months to five years old. There were about 20 women in a courtyard with very high walls. An elderly woman, possibly close to 70 years of age was amongst them. I preached the same message to them and they all accepted Jesus as their Lord and Saviour. Two of the women began to weep as Jesus touched them.

The next section was a bunch of strong, young juvenile boys probably around 16-18 years old. They were all so pleased to see us and listened intently to the Word that was preached. They were so excited to want to know their Heavenly Father by accepting Jesus, all made a commitment to Christ, praise Jesus. They followed us to the exit door, waving us goodbye.

There are no programs or courses running in this prison, so when we told them we would be back with our Save The Boys project to help them, they were filled joy and expectation. I will never forget this visit as one that will be hard to surpass.



Food Donations for Offenders



Casting the Vision

The vision casting went well and we believe God stirred the hearts of the people in the room of ±250 church members. When Bishop Byamungu called all those who were interested in getting involved, we had more than one hundred (100) names.

I have never seen such a show of hands to volunteer for prison ministry. We thank God for answering our prayers as we prayed to the Lord of the Harvest to send His laborers.

We have made the decision to go back there in October to train the volunteers.

We will split them into two categories; namely Facilitators for the Transformed Inside programs and Evangelists to do crusades and outreaches in the prisons.

At our meeting later that day we learned from the Bishop that the Justice Department had sent scouts to verify our intentions for the prisons in Bukavu. We heard that they were very happy and impressed with our programs and with what we intend to bring to the prisoners.

In our prayer time one morning the Lord took me to Isaiah 45:2-3.

Chief Justice of Bukavu

Pastor Reuben Sangera and I met with the Chief Justice of Bukavu. He received us well and welcomed us and the Transformed Inside project. He is a born again Christian and was happy for me to pray for him. The security around him was extremely tight. Soldiers armed with AK 47's and hand guns were present in our meeting.

The prisons in Bukavu are run by the Justice Department. This was the reason for our meeting with the Chief Justice of Bukavu.

We were introduced to the Deputy to the Chief Justice. He endorsed and accepted the Transformed Inside Project and said he was looking forward to working with us in the near future.

Our visit to the main prison in Bukavu was duly approved. This is the prison we visited on Wednesday 19 July 2017, holding men, women and juveniles.

Speaking to the Bishop during supper that evening, he told us that there is another prison nearby that had been forgotten by the authorities. It was documented that many died of starvation because of this. This statement broke my heart and I wept thinking of these poor forgotten souls.

A decision was made to buy much needed food for the inmates of Bukavu Maximum Prison. We were told that it would seem like a miracle to the inmates for us to bring food for them to eat.

The scriptures say in 1 John 3:17 - But whoever has this world's goods, and sees his brother in need, and shuts up his heart from him, how does the love of God abide in him?

We are going to bless them!!!!

Later on today we will be ministering to the youth at the conference.



Myself, Bishop Byamunqu and Pst Reuben

Hidden Riches of Secret Places

The Lord showed me that the diamonds and Gold that are mined here in the DRC have been bought with the blood of men. The riches they have received are merely possessions which can't be taken with when they depart this life.

These are treasures hidden in dark places where life and limb are risked to get their reward.

The treasures (inmates) in the dark places (prison) have been bought by the Blood of Jesus. They do not have to purchase such concessions. God has already made a way and our reward and effort has an eternal consequence.

On my return to South Africa, I felt to research the story of Reinhard Bonnke's visit to a prison in Zaire where he ministered to a death row prisoner. This man was supernaturally released and began a church in the city.

I was honored to have gone to that very prison to begin the Transformed Inside programs.

Please see this article in the [JOY Magazine](#).

Isaiah 45:2-3

'I will go before you and make the crooked places straight;
I will break in pieces the gates of bronze and cut the bars of iron.

I will give you the treasures of darkness and hidden riches of secret places,
That you may know that I, the Lord, who call you by your name, am the God of Israel.

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