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NEWS



THE FULL GOSPEL TO THE WHOLE WORLD!

DUST, DUST, AND EVEN MORE DUST!!!!

Shemena is a remote and rural town in the Sidama region of Ethiopia. It takes about 45 minutes to get there by car from Hawassa. The best way to get there is by using an off-road vehicle because the last section of the journey is an unpaved and steep road. Three words describe this part of the journey accurately: dust, dust, and even more dust! The visibility is heavily reduced by the whirling dust. The approaching bikers would cover their faces with their jackets.

Once one finally gets through the dusty part of the route and the rugged mountains, a plateau with a big green meadow opens up – the marketplace. On Saturdays, local products are sold here – cattle, pulses, sugar cane, and coffee. This weekend the field is used for the gospel meeting. The gospel is for free!

It is the first time that a gospel meeting takes place in Shemena. The visitors come early and full of expectations, even though the sun is burning hot.

Some are hiding in the shades of a few trees on the field, forming clusters wherever the shades fall. The vivid worship on the stage invites the people to sing along, dance or jump and makes them forget the heat. Clouds of dust rise over the field!

As the evangelist grabs the microphone it is still light. “Keeero” he screams, and “Keeero” is screamed back at him by the many thousands of people who attend the gospel meeting. This is the way people greet each other in this region.

A dynamic message follows. Those who attend are taken along and respond with loud Hallelujahs and Amens. Time and again Evangelist Schott demonstrates the gospel practically and vividly. On the last night, he explains that the “rod of the devil” has been broken. To demonstrate it, he breaks a stick on the stage. In this way, the gospel is well-received by those who attend.



DON'T LOSE FOCUS!!!!

The Covid-19 pandemic and dealing with it, and the escalating conflict between Russia and Ukraine, confront the world with new and unexpected challenges.

Friends become enemies. We currently experience a global division in society: tensions, conflicts, verbal, and even physical attacks between hardened fronts, even far away from the warfront.

Christians also hold differing positions on both topics. The church – God's official representation on earth – is in danger of fighting each other, wearing themselves out, and therefore losing focus.

One thing is for certain: suffering, sickness, and death are the works of Satan! His plan is the enslavement and extermination of humanity, which is created in the image of God. The devil comes to steal and kill and destroy. He uses human henchmen, to implement his murderous plans. Satan as well as his demonic and human servants will be brought to justice for all their atrocities – at the Last Judgement, at the latest. God is just!

But be warned! We are at risk of losing focus. Jesus says:

You will hear of wars and rumors of wars, but see to it that you are not alarmed ... There will be famines and earthquakes in various places. (Mt 24:6-7)

Jesus continues his speech about the last days:

but the one who stands firm to the end will be saved. And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come. (Mt 24:13-14)

Jesus does not trivialize the cruelty of the events, instead, he sharpens the focus of his disciples regarding our times. Now is not the time to be frightened but to stand firm and preach the gospel globally!

This is and will be our focus at GEN! Now more than ever our goal is: The full gospel to the whole world!

Thank you for your support.



Daniel Schott



People of five different tribes hear and accept the gospel. In this region, the crime rate is very high, and Daniel calls on the people to repent. Jesus forgives and many visitors experience a new beginning.

Many prayers for healing follow. The evangelist commands every sickness to go, in the name of Jesus. Many people get healed, followed by amazing testimonies on the stage. The crowd rejoices and celebrates God! It has gotten dark by now. Finally, the off-road vehicle makes its way across the field onto the dusty road, going back to Hawassa. On the way, people are waving and saying goodbye to the evangelist.

On four evenings Daniel proclaims the gospel with unambiguous clarity and simplicity. Every night the number of people attending increases. Just on Sunday evening, about 70,000 people come to hear the gospel. Thousands experience the forgiveness of sins or healing this weekend. Shemeena will never be the same!





SERVICE UNDER THE BURNING SUN////

The morning events on the same field attracted primarily Christians of that region. Daniel preached about revival and unity among Christians. Kneeling in the dust and under the burning sun, Christians asked for forgiveness of their sins and those of their ancestors. In this way, a foundation for revival was laid and the atmosphere on the field changed. On Sunday Daniel urged the pastors to hug and pray for each other. Acceptance and unity were demonstrated publicly on the stage. Those symbolic and prophetic acts were a sign that revival had already started in Shemena.

The local pastors were happy about the successful gospel meeting. To show their gratitude Daniel was given a large cloth. Chris, his son, who accompanied him, was given a container filled with honey.



FOR THE FIRST TIME IN AFRICA////



I have heard many stories about Africa, but to see it with my own eyes was a special experience. After a long flight and a couple of complications caused by a missing photo on the visa, I found myself under the heat of the African sun.

Breaks and times of rest were looked for in vain, the schedule was full, and time was short. But in a good mood and filled with Tibs and Injera (a dish consisting of goat meat and sour flatbread) we would make our way to the gospel meetings in the afternoons.

Traveling back and forth between the locations we were confronted by suffering time and again: begging children, poverty, and hopelessness were found at every corner. A picture that makes one conscious of how good life is in Germany.

Another thing that also impressed me was the hunger for God and the joy in Him. No service and no event passed, without masses of people coming to the front, desiring more of God. No time of worship passed without dancing and jumping – gratitude and joy despite difficult circumstances.

Chris Schott

REVIVAL MEETINGS////

After the gospel meeting, Daniel Schott and his son Chris stayed in Hawassa for another week. Daniel preached at multiple revival meetings. People received forgiveness of their sins, healing, and fresh anointing. The Holy Spirit moved powerfully.

After one of the church services, with the topic on glory, the driver of the van reported that he had gotten healed. He had had a tumor on his back for three years and had refused to get an operation. On that evening the tumor disappeared. Only a scar was left. In the glory of the Lord, the impossible becomes possible. Thank you, Jesus!



RAIN INSTEAD OF DUST////

On the way to Shemana, one could see dozens of donkeys, loaded with water canisters, traveling the bone-dry road, every day. There was a heavy rush at the well. The enduring drought had strongly affected the people and the agriculture in the region.

Evangelist Daniel prophesied during the gospel meeting that the Lord would make it rain after the event. The following week the exciting news arrived: the rain had finally come! It rained in Shemana the whole night on Wednesday, as well as on Thursday, and later again. Thank you, Jesus!



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