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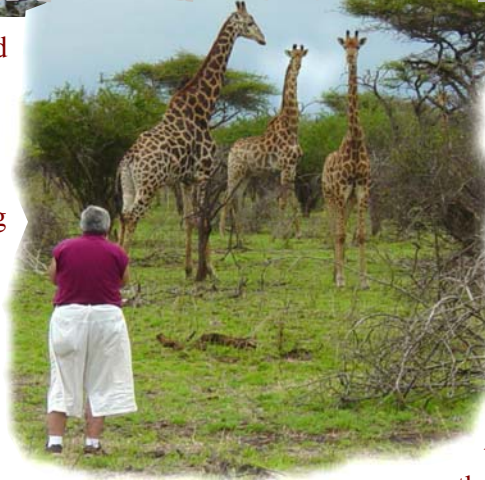
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RETURN TO AFRICA

The Swazi people laughed at my love for chasing and photographing the giraffe. There wasn't much free time, but I spent what I could finding and filming big game. One thing I did learn, though, a fat guy cannot outrun a giraffe!

Seriously, we are excited to return to **Swaziland** in September and October, but not for the big game. Life is anything but a game for the Swazi people. It is a battle, a struggle to survive. We will minister with Mike and Tim Zello as the Global Team and Kevin Ward of Swaziland host a ten-nation Southern African Summit.

In addition, it will be our privilege to record and produce the first CD of *Khulula*, the Continental African TC choir (which we helped



launch last year). From here we will blast off for a 3 nation tour of South Africa, Mozambique and Swaziland. Join the team, sign up for strategic prayer and e-mail updates at Bernstuff@aol.com. We need prayer partners to stand with us as we take

on the powers of darkness and prepare Teen Challenge students for outreach ministry. We also hope to help Teen Challenge prepare to move into **Bulembu**, the new Teen Challenge complex. At 6.2 square miles it includes 1200 homes, 2 schools, a hospital, and a factory and will be used to minister to the needs of addicts as well as AIDS infected and affected children.

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Scotland Report

...from e-mail report, May 17
 Actually on Thursday and Friday night, we left the Steve Hill crusade after we did praise and worship. Even though he was great and the altar calls were amazing, since they had over 300 altar workers (that actually understand what other Scottish people were saying), we felt our work in **City Centre** with the prostitutes and addicts at the Teen Challenge bus was more strategic.

We ministered downtown from 9 p.m. till midnight or 2 AM, then headed home for a spot of sleep.

Over the course of the week we saw over 1000 first-time decisions for Christ. Tim, Michelle,

Craig, and I ministered to a family of 7 that didn't get to the crusade until Friday night-but God got them there.

The first day we visited them in Ferguslye... (pronounced Ferguslee) --they prayed to receive Christ. On the last day, they invited our entire team into their home for tea. There were tears in Tim Zello's eyes when he said-- "This is just like Zacchaeus's house -- they invited us and now salvation is come to this home."

On Thursday night, the Book of Hope team joined us on the street. Travis sang and the Rap Team from New England Teen Challenge brought a bigger PA. The

New England TC rappers and street ministers, were great. We had a wonderful time.

This picture is a capsule of a night of ministry in City Center. As I sing "What Will You Do When the Party's Over?" to two prostitutes, (there were heroin addicts behind me), one of our ladies is praying for a prostitute who had received

Christ just moments earlier. She didn't have to go back out on the street that night. She had a chance for a new life in Teen Challenge.



Glasgow Scotland

The New Pushers

As a part of the European Union's **Harm Prevention Program**, the huge lobby of pharmaceutical companies is leading a charge to **demand** methadone maintenance for registered heroin users. They concentrate on profits and so-called safety for society, not freedom for the addict.

Worldwide, methadone generates billions in revenue despite the fact that for decades it is widely recognized to be more harmful than heroin. It does not reduce abuse, cross-addiction or provide any cure at the root of addiction. The program is financially lucrative for pharmaceuticals, but inherently flawed.

The position of the government is that addicts must take methadone, to insure the fact that they will not abuse other drugs. The testimony of Teen Challenge students and those we work with on the streets is that methadone did not curb other drug use.

Methadone users routinely abuse valium to heighten or lengthen the methadone "high."

In Poland, a number of **Teen Challenge** graduates, drug free for over 15 months, were denied housing unless they went back on methadone. The government says there is no cure for heroin addiction and they refuse the obvious evidence of the lives Jesus has changed here in Teen Challenge.

The result is a lifetime of methadone dependence, billions in revenue for huge pharmaceuticals and a steady stream of "lobby money" for politicians. **It is a scandal.**

Much of my ministry over the years has been to **Teen Challenge** students and in evangelistic outreach, I now see the strategic urgency of raising up new works and the importance of training national leaders for the work of ministry in **Teen Challenge Centers** worldwide.



Claudia one face of addiction



Prenable

The toll of heroin addiction in Africa is terrible. The gift of God is wonderful. This front page story from the Swazi times (left) led to a call to Prenable's mother to offer help.

Pictured right is Prenable 10 months after coming to Teen Challenge and meeting Jesus.



Seeking Partners

The Lord has opened an exciting series of doors for us. Our next 8 months will be a financial and spiritual challenge, as we sow into lives of hurting people worldwide.



Planned Trips

October/November 2003

Swaziland, South Africa Mozambique

Developments of Bulembu may require additional visits to Swaziland

January 2004: American Samoa

Spring 2004: Serbia

June 2004: Calcutta, India

GTC coordinates our travel and points us to strategic hot spots as part of the Teen Challenge Global initiative. Cathy and I are responsible to cover our own support and all expenses, so your monthly support, prayers, intercession, and gifts keep us at the cutting edge. With 2 children still in Bible college, your gifts help to continue the ministry legacy of our entire family. **We need you!**

Claudia

Seen standing with Silka from Berlin Teen Challenge and myself, Claudia was a product of addiction, a picture of despair. God truly touched this heroin addict. She was a prostitute working the street. The scars on her body and track marks up her arms broke my heart. As we ministered, we found out she was pregnant.

After she gave her life to Christ, Silka offered to take her home to pray through withdrawal since there were no open beds in Berlin Teen Challenge. Please pray with us for Claudia's baby and her complete freedom from heroin and pills.

Continue to believe with us for lasting changes in the hundreds who committed to Christ during the Eastern Europe and African mission trips. Thank you for your partnership in this ministry.



BREAKING NEWS

Promising victory from the eye of the storm, Swaziland Teen Challenge has strategically intervened in the AIDS pandemic with boldness and vision.

Swaziland Teen Challenge is poised to launch **the largest Teen Challenge in the world** as they prepare to occupy the city of **Bulembu**, a 1700 hectare (6.2 square mile) plot in the north of Swaziland just 200 yards from the South African border. This abandoned mining town, purchased on a standard 50-year lease from King Mswati III has 1,200 houses, a hospital and 2 schools.

Residential care for addicts and outreach will be launched from the Chinda House, a centerpiece of the city with 42 rooms. Care for AIDS affected or infected children and orphans will be provided in individual foster homes. Forty individuals have already come forward to offer to minister to the children and lead these homes. With development of infrastructure and staffing, care can be provided for thousands of addicts and children!

THE CHALLENGE OF AIDS

Today 14 million children have lost their mother, father, or both parents to AIDS. The fact that 75% of these children live in sub-Sahara Africa reveals the heavy toll this disease is exacting from the region.

The UN now acknowledges 8,000 deaths and 14,000 new infections every day. **In the time it takes to eat your dinner, 50 will die and another 100 new victims will contract the virus.** Reliable reports compiled by internationally respected development institutions (such as the World Bank and UN-AIDS) estimate that **there will be 40 million orphans in sub-Saharan Africa by 2010.**

At center stage of this holocaust are the world's two billion children and adolescents. Children, once considered comparatively safe from HIV/AIDS, are now at significant risk. In a frightening development, more than half of all new infections now strike victims under the age of 25. Infant and child death rates have risen sharply and millions of other children are on their own, orphaned by this holocaust.

Though young people are at the greatest risk, they also offer the greatest hope for combating this epidemic.

In the eye of the storm is the tiny nation of Swaziland. Figures from the July 2002 report "Children

On The Brink", conservatively reported Swaziland's total number of orphans at 59,000. Last year, the United Nations Children's Fund, UNICEF, released a controversial report pegging the number of AIDS orphans in Swaziland at 105,000.

The most affected age group is 15-23; approximately 53% of this age group carries the infection. It is easier to get figures on women because they are required to be tested prior to childbirth. **Records show that a startling 80% of women tested during pre-natal care are HIV positive.**

We know that **Jesus is the only answer.**

Swaziland: Siph



I wish you could have seen the children and staff of the Ark rally to shower him with love. They donned rubber gloves and lovingly washed away the filth that the social welfare workers had been too fearful to touch.

It will be the responsibility of Teen Challenge to feed, clothe and pay for him to undergo a regimen of examination and medical treatment. At the same time, the love of Jesus will be poured into his heart by staff and the children at the Ark.

The government claims credit for grabbing him in the headline, but

the harsh reality is that social welfare will not give one dime.

Jesus paid the price for his salvation, but like the good Samaritan, **Teen Challenge** will have to bear additional costs of recovery and the full expense of his care. The work of reclaiming this tiny life will take so much more than AIDS tests, medical care, food and washing the filth from the outside.

Once the layers of

grime are peeled away, who will touch the wounds of a child who has lost his mother to AIDS as he wonders whether he carries the deadly virus which may **claim his own tiny life?**

Only Jesus can heal the wound of the rejection delivered by the father and family members that should be caring for him through this tragic time, rather than abandoning him to live in an outhouse. Who will teach him that his heavenly Father loves him and he was not created to cower in a filthy pit latrine. **Teen Challenge** will be there and Bulembu will help us to reach hundreds of other children just like Siph.



Siph 2 weeks later as Cathy and I prepare to return to the USA. He is still in the ARK.

From the front page of the Swazi Observer, a major Swaziland newspaper we read the story of Siph Thwala. They found him sleeping in a pit latrine (an outhouse) and called him the crocodile skinned boy because of the scales that covered his body.

His skin condition and personal hygiene were so frightening that the social welfare workers feared for their safety and allowed him to sit for 2 days covered in grime, refusing to touch him.

Swaziland Tour of Khulula touches the Queen

Khulula was composed of Teen Challenge staff, students and graduates from across Swaziland and South Africa. Team members ranged in age from 9 to 46 years old. The team collectively represented over 100 years of addiction. We ministered in English and Siswati. We prayerfully identified ministry gifts, trained voices and prepared staff and students to launch this team.

One exciting moment among many highlights of the tour was the opportunity to minister Christ to King Mswati's first wife, Her Majesty Inkhosikati Lambikizai. The tent had to be cleared before authorities would permit her to come to the altar. Inkhosikati Lambikizai Bernie and I were left alone at the altar to minister to her as one of the entourage reminded Bernie

that he was "not to touch the King's woman." God is not constrained by the laying on of hands. The Lord moved powerfully. It was an incredible scene as she sought God, wept, and prayed in the Spirit. A number of others in her entourage were ministered to and she returned to attend several meetings for further ministry.

A Swazi official came to the altar to announce, "Clear this tent, the Queen wants the preacher to pray for her."

King Mswati III converted to the Muslim faith during Hajj in 2003. We believe she is "Esther" for her nation and that God has saved her for "such a time as this." Please pray for the queen. Her oldest son is heir to the throne and she is quite strategic, with both Khadaffi and the Communist Government of China aggressively courting King Mswati.

The Queen has been helpful in securing rights to the

Bulembu for Teen Challenge. Even more important, has been the favor granted by the **King of Kings**. The bureaucracy is fighting the completion of the contracts. Please continue to agree with us in prayer as the final paperwork is yet to be completed.

Please share your prayer needs, we want to pray for YOU!



Stateside Outreach

In addition to our international work, Bernie continues to work in ministry, consultation and support with Teen Challenge Centers across the east coast. He has worked on the street, preached, ministered in music and coached at 3 **Hoop Challenge** basketball camps in New York City this year. When we are stateside Bernie spends one week each month working with a Teen Challenge center in the United States. Bernie will be in New England in September.



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