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# Compassion

## THE TANGIBLE LOVE OF GOD

BY ED ELLIOTT

In January of 1995, while praying, I heard the Lord speak these words to my heart, "Son, I never called my church to change the world. I commanded it to love the world."

I wanted to argue with Him because all of my Christian life I had heard how the church would change the world and that that was our task as Christians. Then He said this to my heart, "If you believe that you are called to change people then you will become faultfinding, judgmental, critical and negative but if you will learn to love people the way I love them, my love will change them quicker than you ever could. This is what is wrong with much of my church, they know very little about my love and the power that accompanies it."

I now see what He was saying. I have often been accused of preaching an easy believing message — come and accept His unconditional love for you. One thing that I have found is that it is not easy to believe that God loves us unconditionally. The vast majority of counseling problems all stem from a lack of faith in God's love for us.

As an evangelist, I have majored on the love of God for years and seen tremendous results as I have communicated it to the masses in Africa. I want to share with you what the Lord has taught me in these areas. I believe that the love of God is one of the most important subjects anyone could ever study for a number of reasons. Without an understanding of God's love, your faith will not work. "For in Jesus Christ neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision; but faith which worketh by love." Gal. 5:6. As Christians our success in life, both spiritual and natural, is tied to an understanding about God's love. 1 Cor 13:8 says, "Love never faileth." To properly interpret the Word of God, you must understand that everything that God said or did was motivated by love. Without understanding love, you will not know your heavenly Father. "He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love." 1 Jn. 4:8.

I believe one of the biggest lies that the enemy tries to convince Christians and non-Christians of, is that God does not love them. The fact is that nothing could be fur-

ther from the truth. "But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." Rom. 5:8. Do you think that if God loved us while we were sinners, now that we are His children He stops loving us when we sin? "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." 1 Jn. 1:9. Notice He is FAITHFUL. Love is something you can count on from God. Now, I know some of you are saying, "But brother Ed you do not understand that I am struggling with sin in my life and I feel like such a hypocrite asking God to forgive me of the same sins over and over." That is just what the devil wants you to think, that you are not worthy of God's forgiveness because you have failed so many times already. This is an attempt to rob you of your confidence in God which will have devastating effects in your life. You will never go for help if you believe that the one who could help you rejects you because of your many failures. "Beloved, if our heart condemn us not, then have we confidence toward God. 1 Jn 3:2.

There are many people today who desperately need God's help in their lives but are afraid to go to Him because of past failures and mistakes. Condemnation will rob you of confidence with God and it will try and convince you that God will not help you and that you have exhausted all the mercy that God has.

In the light of God's Word, we see that confidence in God has a reward. *"Cast not away therefore your confidence, which hath great recompense of reward."* Heb. 10:35. There are many things that we should cast away: our cares upon Him, our bread upon the water, we are also to cast out demons but never ever are we to cast away our confidence in Him. The Word of God tells us that His mercy endures forever. You will never exhaust His mercy for you!

The Apostle Paul, speaking about the works of Satan, tells us that we should not be ignorant of his devices. *"And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night."* Rev. 12:10. Satan is called the accuser of the brethren. Now, if Satan is accusing the brethren then the brethren must have done something wrong or there would be no grounds for the accusation. We have all missed it in our life and will in the future but the biggest mistake is not running to your heavenly Father for cleansing and forgiveness when you do sin.

Satan is a master at bringing up your past and using that as a barrier to keep you from the future that God has for you. Remember, that you will have no future if you choose to live in the past. *"Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."* Phil. 3:13-14. The great Apostle Paul realized that he was not perfect yet and even he had things in his background that he had to forget and put behind him so he could attain his future in God. Choosing to forget past failures and sins is appropriating the love of God for yourself. It is how God deals with us. *"For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their iniquities will I remember no more."* Heb. 8:12. If God chooses to remember your sins no more, then you ought to forget them also. Many people today have sabotaged their

success in God because they have allowed condemnation and guilt to hold them back from becoming all that God has for them. They believe that God is punishing them for their past sins and every time things seem to go right in their lives something happens to mess everything up and they believe the lie that God is judging them. If you asked Him to forgive you then how could He possibly judge you for something that He does not even remember? Do not forget that God said, "Their sins I will remember no more."

Jesus said that Satan comes to kill, steal and destroy and that He has come to give us abundant life. It is amazing to me to listen to many Christian people testify they are convinced that it is God who is doing the stealing, killing and destroying in their lives. This confusion about God and His character will lead to a defeated life as well as a testimony that credits God for all the works of the Devil.

I believe that we need to go back and study the gospels and closely examine the life of Jesus to fully understand the character of God. There are many Christians today who are like Philip. *John 14:8-9 "Philip saith unto him, Lord, shew us the Father, and it sufficeth us. Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? he that hath seen me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou then, Shew us the Father?"*

In the book of Hebrews it says this about Jesus, *Who being the brightness of his [God] glory, and the express image of his [God] person.* When you study the ministry of Jesus, His life will reveal our Heavenly Father to us. There is further scripture to support this. *"For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me."* John 6:38. The will of God would be settled in many peoples lives if they would take the time to see how or what Jesus would do in a similar situation. As Christians, we are being conformed into the life of Jesus. We are to be like Him, talk like Him and act like Him.

One of the reasons I believe that Christians sometimes struggle with understanding God's love is that it is unconditional. Human love is very conditional. Parents sometimes tell their children, if you loved me you would not do that! A young man will put pressure on a young lady to have sex before marriage by saying if you love me, you will do this. You see, human love is very conditional. People will always make you work for it. Now, God comes on the

scene and offers us His love unconditionally. *"While we were still sinners He demonstrated His love toward us."* Why? We find the answer to that in 1 Jn 4:19, *"We love him, because he first loved us."*

The message of the gospel is not to command people to love God but to tell them that God loves them. Then, they can love God with His love in their hearts. You cannot give what you do not have. It is hard to love if you have never experienced perfect love from God. Again, we come back to the life of Jesus. He loved people the way He was loved by His Father. *John 15:9 says, "As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you: continue ye in my love."* When a person begins to come to the realization about how much God loves them, it will affect their entire life. It will also impact the lives of others they come into contact with and they can say the same thing that Jesus said, *"As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you."*

How did Jesus love? That is a good question because when we see how He loved then we will know how we are to love and to be loved by God. You will see that love is a source of great power to bring about change in the lives of people who are desperate for it. The love of God needs to be the true foundation for change in a person's life.

God's love will accept and receive what others will reject or consider hopeless. We see this in Mark 1:40 - 42, *"And there came a leper to him, beseeching him, and kneeling down to him, and saying unto him, If thou wilt, thou canst make me clean. And Jesus, moved with compassion, put forth his hand, and touched him, and saith unto him, I will; be thou clean. And as soon as he had spoken, immediately the leprosy departed from him, and he was cleansed."*

I want you to understand how rejected this man was in society. In biblical times, when someone had leprosy, they were made to leave their home and family. They had to survive on their own in the wilderness, outside the city. Anytime anyone approached them, they had to cry out "unclean! unclean!" It was a warning so people would not come too close and accidentally touch them and be contaminated. Can you imagine greeting everybody you meet with a shout of unclean, unclean? Certainly not the way to make new friends! On top of all this misery, if this man had a family, he could not have any contact with them. He would not be able to hug and kiss his wife or play with his children. The leprosy no doubt had left him looking very grotesque with his fingers and facial features falling off. The stench of rotting flesh permeated the air.

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around him. Small children thought he was a monster and others were repulsed at his sight. Isolation, loneliness and rejection were his way of life.

Then, one day, someone told him about Jesus. He probably heard that this man called Jesus was doing miracles and healing the sick. Hope began to arise in his heart by what he was hearing. If people hear the right things about God, it will draw them to Him. This man went in search of Jesus. Have you ever noticed that all through the gospels, every time someone needed a miracle, when they looked for Jesus they always found Him? We do not have one story about somebody who looked and looked and could not find him. Remember, Jesus said, in John 6:38 *"For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me."* The will of God is for everyone who is searching for God to find Him. When this leper found Jesus, he said, *"If thou wilt, thou canst make me clean."* I believe that the leper heard that Jesus was healing through the laying on of hands and that this created a problem for him. The law of God forbid anyone to touch a leper and this man knew that Jesus was a man of God. He was not sure if it was possible for Jesus to heal him. Imagine the leper's surprise when Jesus stretched out His hand to touch him and said, *"I will; be thou clean."*

The touch of God not only healed this man, it gave him a brand new life! It set him free from the rejection and loneliness that the disease had brought into his life. What caused Jesus to do this? Notice it says that Jesus, *moved with compassion.* Compassion is the tangible love of God! It is making love real to people who need it. When we make love real to people then people experience a God who is real for God is love. Jesus never said to anyone in the gospels, "I love you." He demonstrated it through His life. How valuable and precious they were to Him as He loved them in a tangible way! *"My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth."* 1 Jn. 3:18. God's love is far more than just words, it is a powerful force that brings people to a place of intimacy with Him. When we quit trying to change the world and start loving the world the way Jesus did, we will see people change and the love of God will be the power behind the change. God's love will always reach out to the untouchable and show them that He cares when no one else does. As Christians, this is the love that lives inside of us. *"And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed*



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## SOWING SEEDS OF DESTINY

*"And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:" Eph. 4:11-12*

With the dramatic impact of the crusade in Polana Canico, many ministers came out to our minister's conference. Each came seeking a deeper relationship with God and a greater desire to be used by him to touch their nation. These men were so teachable and open to all that God had for them.

Each day, as we taught them, they hung on every word that was spoken. They were smiling to each other as another nugget from God's Word was dug out and explained to them.

Some of these men had been tortured for their faith and even imprisoned for what they believe. They all felt that God was sending a mighty revival to their nation. Some say that while they were in prison, God told them about the revival that would sweep across their nation. We are so thrilled to be playing a part in preparing these men for the work that God has for them.

ence of God in the service as we laid hands upon all the ministers and their wives for a fresh outpouring of God's Spirit upon their lives and ministries. Many of these ministers shook under the power of God as hands were laid upon them. We all knew that a divine importation had taken place in their lives.

*"Neglect not the gift that is in thee, which was given thee by prophecy, with the laying on of the hands of the presbytery. Meditate upon these things; give thyself wholly to them; that thy profiting may appear to all. Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them: for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee."* 1 Tim 4:14-16

Weeks later, we received great reports about how their lives were changed by the conference and crusade. Some said they have never preached with such power and seen God use them in a wonderful way. One pastor said healings and miracles were happening in his church and this had never happened before. They said we are seeing more people saved than ever before. All glory and honor to

# Partners in Progress



I hope you enjoy this edition of Outreach Report. As you can see, Africa is ablaze with a tremendous move of God! The Spirit of the Lord is opening new doors for us all the time to go into new areas to preach the gospel. We are so excited about what lies ahead for us as we continue reaching the nations of Africa. The hunger for the true and living God is everywhere we go! I often hear people saying that you do not want to get out ahead of God but that has never been a problem for us. We are doing our best to just keep up with Him.

I hope you will pray about becoming a partner with us in reaching Southern and Central Africa with the gospel of Jesus Christ. Your financial gift will allow us to expand and grow in some areas that we need to focus on. Jesus said in Matt 9:37-38, "Then saith he unto his disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few. Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest." There is so much that the Lord is calling us to do to reach these nations. We all know the gospel is free but it does take money to spread it around the world. Throughout the Gospels people who gave to the kingdom of God were mightily blessed. The little boy who gave Jesus his meager lunch came home with twelve baskets full of fish and bread all because he obeyed Jesus in giving to feed the hungry. Africa is full of spiritually hungry people and as you are obedient to the Lord so shall the Lord fill up your baskets to overflowing. We are believing God to raise up many new partners to help us in reaching Southern and Central Africa with God's love and mercy. "And another angel came out of the temple, crying with a loud voice to him that sat on the cloud, Thrust in thy sickle, and reap: for the time is come for thee to reap; for the harvest of the earth is ripe." Rev 14:15.

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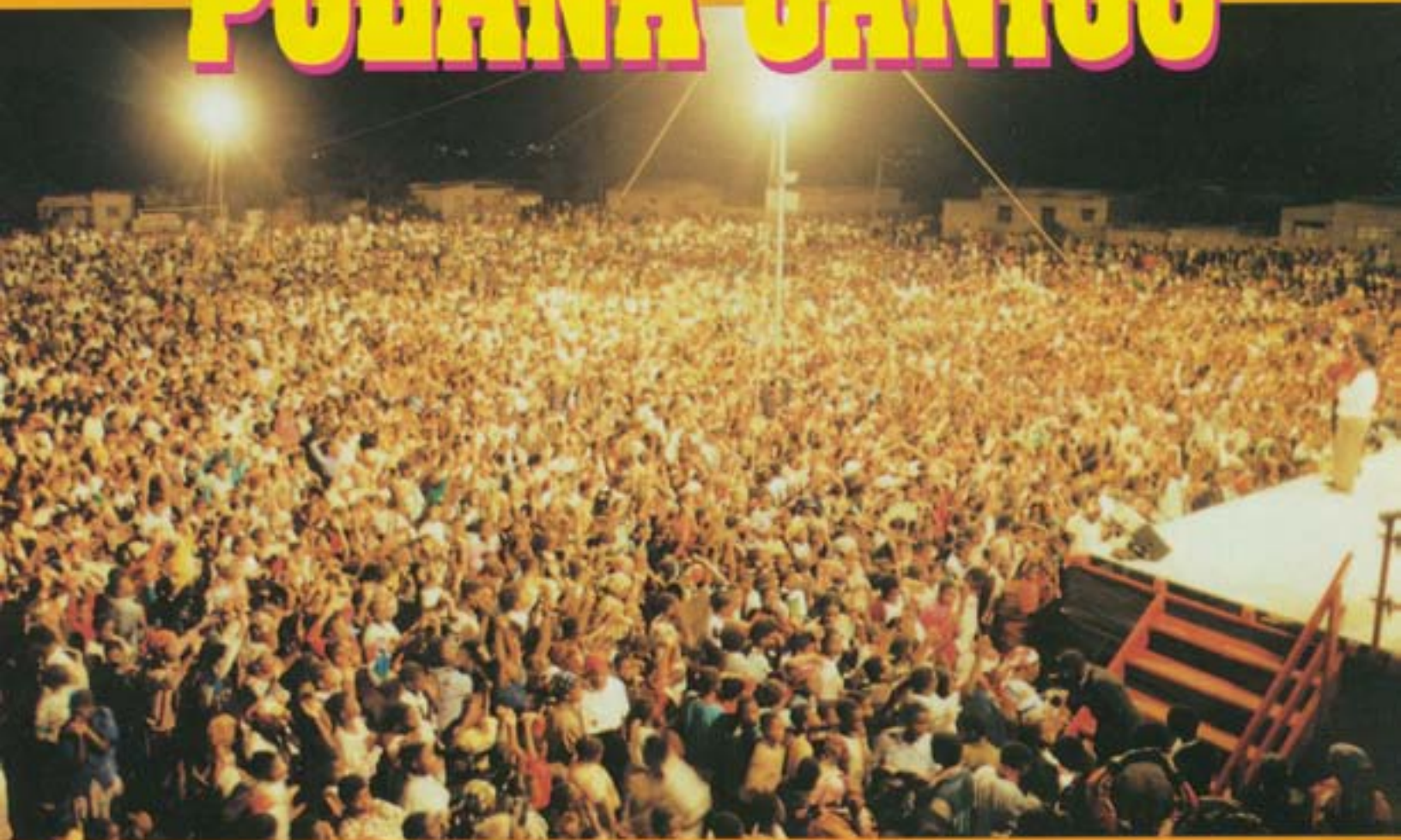
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# GOSPEL EXPLOSION OF POWER IN POLANA CANIGO



"... But where sin abounded, grace did much more abound." Rom. 5:20

Outside the capital city of Maputo in Mozambique is the barrio known as Polana Canigo. Shacks and mud huts cover an area as far as you can see. Poverty and violence are rampant. The Lord had led us here to hold a major gospel crusade and minister's conference and it was a crusade that none of us will ever forget.

Beautiful black faces covered the vast open field stretching out before our platform. Thousands of people had come with a combination of curiosity and eager anticipation. Some had looks of anger and rage. This crusade was going to be very unique.

Our crusade team had met with a tremendous amount of resistance in their preparation for this crusade. Angry young men would rip our

posters down and scream at our team, telling them that we have come to deceive the people and that Jesus was not alive and that God does not do miracles today. This was a generation raised under communism and they were proclaiming what they believed to be true. There were threats of violence if we continued with the crusade. We were not dismayed at all because we knew that we had been sent on a divine mission

to share the Gospel with these precious people. We love a challenge and after all these years, we have seen God show Himself mighty in situations just as tough as this one. The crusade team was filled with excitement at what the Lord was going to do during this crusade.

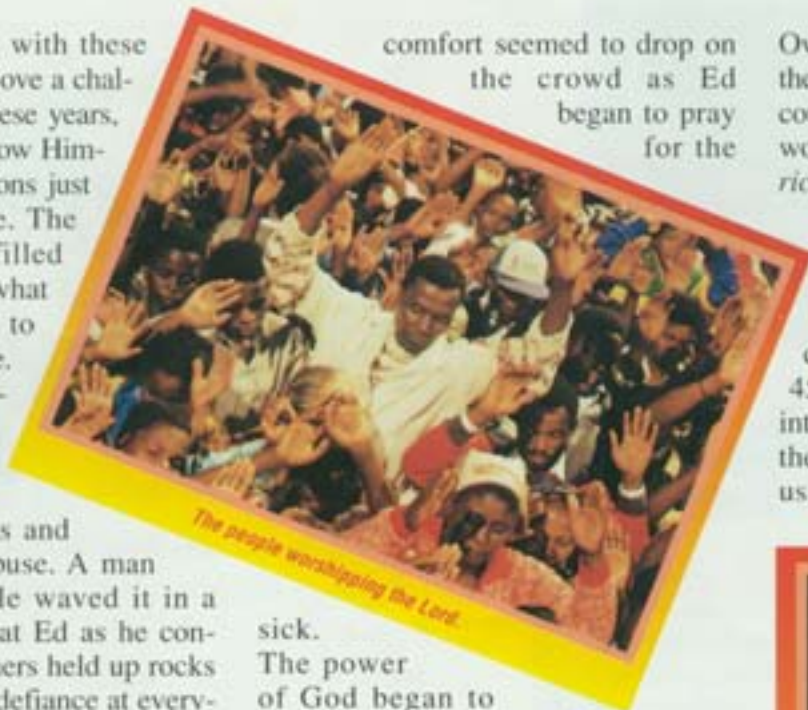
As Ed approached the platform to preach the word of God, the crowd began to get restless and shout threats and abuse. A man with a broken bottle waved it in a threatening manner at Ed as he continued to preach. Others held up rocks or their fist in angry defiance at everything Ed was saying. All this commotion was causing difficulty for the ones who had come with an open heart to hear and receive. After preaching for twenty minutes, Ed suddenly stopped and said nothing. He just stared out at the crowd. With the sudden silence, the crowd and those who had been yelling also grew quiet not knowing what to expect.

Ed finally spoke and said, "We seem to have a problem here. I believe what I have been preaching and many of you don't. You believe that I have come to deceive people with my preaching and that I am telling people lies. Let's see if what I am preaching is true. I have told you that Jesus is alive and that He is still the same today, yesterday and forever. Let me show you that He is alive. If He is, then we will see the sick healed and miracles happen. If nothing happens, no sick are healed and no miracles happen then that must mean that I am a liar and I have come to deceive you. If that happens, you have my permission to burn this platform and chase us out of town."

Ed then asked for all those who needed healing and miracles to come to the front of the platform. Thousands of people began to surge forward, even some of those who had been screaming at Ed.

An invisible blanket of peace and

comfort seemed to drop on the crowd as Ed began to pray for the



The people worshipping the Lord.

sick.

The power of God began to sweep through the crowd touching the sick and doing the miraculous. Suddenly, people began to scream not in anger but with great joy and surprise! Faces that were filled with rage were now smiling and filled with tears of joy. People were jumping and shouting and praising God. Ed asked those that had been healed to raise their hands and thousands of hands went up! Many great miracles had taken place. Four totally blind people had their sight restored, deaf ears were opened and there were many other outstanding miracles. After each testimony, the crowd roared their approval at the great and mighty works of God. Ed challenged the

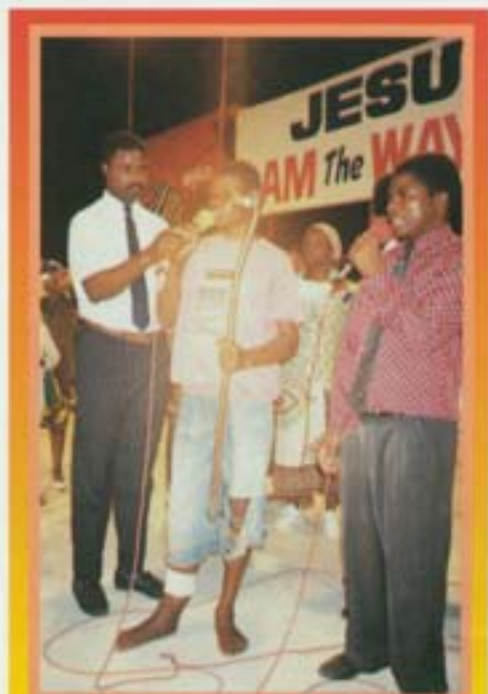


Blind for many years this woman counts Ed's fingers to show the crowd that Jesus has opened her eyes.

people that the Jesus who had done these miracles was indeed alive and wanted to be the Lord of their lives.

Over ten thousand people responded to the call of salvation that first night. Ed could not help but be reminded of the words of Paul "... Or despisest thou the riches of his goodness and forbearance and longsuffering; not knowing that the goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance?" Rom. 2:4

After that glorious first night, the crowds grew from 20,000 to over 45,000 and God's delivering power intensified night after night! Many of the rabble rousers were now helping us with the crusade. Because of the



This young man tells the crowd how Jesus healed his crippled leg and shows the people he doesn't need his crutch anymore.

tremendous reception to the gospel, many new churches were started as a result of this crusade. Others are bursting at the seams with new growth.

On the final night, we witnessed over 30,000 people baptized in the Holy Spirit. It was a Holy Ghost Gospel explosion! Only when we get to Heaven will we fully understand the impact that this crusade had in this area. We met many Mozambicans who wanted to travel throughout their nation preaching the gospel and telling others about the great love God has for all people. "But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." Rom. 5:8.



## Ed & Laurie Elliott

Ed and Laurie Elliott, missionaries to Southern and Central Africa, are committed to taking the gospel of Jesus Christ to the world. They have been working and living in Africa for the past 12 years. Their ministry is two-fold.

**EVANGELISM** — Ed and Laurie have traveled into the countries of Zambia, Zimbabwe, Mozambique, Botswana, Swaziland, Namibia, Malawi and South Africa holding crusades and establishing churches. They currently have a ministry base in Johannesburg, South Africa. It is strategically located to reach the countries God has called them to reach.

**TEACHING SEMINARS** — Ed's teaching ministry focuses on the African pastors and other nationals who feel the call of God on their lives. Teaching and training the African people is the key to revival in Africa.

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