



Teen Challenge at 50 years



Bernie leading worship

Today hundreds of powerful evangelistic outreaches are reaching into hopeless communities, bringing a relevant message of hope.

Over 600 international guests from 36 countries joined thousands from the USA in the place where it all began.

Leviticus 25:10 commands: "At the end of the 50th year each of you shall return."

One of the most captivating images was Sonny Argonzoni, Nicky Cruz, Israel, and David Wilkerson, the central characters of ***Cross and the Switchblade***, on the platform giving glory to God. All are still involved in active ministry 50 years later, living testimony that the message of **Teen Challenge** is not what God did in 1958, but the miracles that still happen today, and the best yet to come.



Nicky, Israel, Sonny, David Wilkerson

The trumpet sounded and thousands gathered in New York City where the Teen Challenge miracle began. The celebration was not about Teen Challenge, but about Jesus and the work He has done. God used the obedience of one man with a vision to reach the lost and TC has grown from that first step of faith to carry the message around the world. **Now the Lord has raised up 20,000 beds in over 1,000 centers, in 82 countries.**



Bernie with Nicky Cruz at the 50th



WHICH CHILD HOLDS THE FUTURE OF AFRICA
I met both in Uganda . . . see page 3



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Kenya

On March 6-8th, 2007 David and Gary Wilkerson hosted a **Renewing Your Passion for Christ Conference** in Nairobi, Kenya. They brought a **cry for reconciliation** and a solemn word from the Lord about the future of this nation of 38 million in 12 tribal divisions. Thousands of pastors and leaders came from all over Kenya and neighboring countries to attend the conference.

While many gave lip service to the word, real reconciliation

between tribes did not take place. In the midst of political infighting over 9 months, every part of the word came to pass. On December 30, 2007, as Mwai Kibaki was declared winner of Kenya's presidential election, the nation erupted in violence.

Thousands were killed and hundreds of thousands were displaced from their homes. Even some Teen Challenge staff lost everything in the wake of the escalating violence. Many of you prayed for **Joseph Karanja** in January as we shared his saga. His family has moved back to the same neighborhood and ministers Jesus to the very people that burned

him out of his home. His testimony has such favor, that we were able to walk the Mathare slums together despite the fact that I am mzungu (white).

Mathare is home to more than half a million people. About 60% are under 16. It is recognized as one of the world's most congested, ugliest and harshest slums. We visited the illegal **changaa dens** where we saw people drowning in illegal "hooch." After getting pictures, I felt compelled to testify to them. God moved **powerfully**. Suddenly men wanted prayer. As people began to commit their lives to Jesus, demons began to



manifest and a powerful time of ministry and deliverance followed. Even the owner repented and asked us to pray that she could find a new job so that she could close the bar. We launched a choir from **Kenya Teen Challenge** that ministered to thousands of pastors at the **Assembly of God General**

2008 Mission Trips

OCTOBER: AFRICA

Capetown, South Africa
10th Anniversary Celebration

NOVEMBER: South Africa

All Africa Leadership Training
Bloemfontaine, South Africa

DEC: World Mission Summit

2009 Mission Trips

JAN: Global Strategic Summit
Lisbon, Portugal

FEB: WEST AFRICA

Ghana, Liberia
Steve Hill Crusade

MARCH: EAST AFRICA

Tanzania, Kenya
ROCK THE BLOCK

APRIL: EAST AFRICA

Nairobi, Kenya LTI Training

Facilitating Life Transformation

† Preparing † Planting †

† Partnering †

Global Teen Challenge points us to strategic hot spots around the world and approves our trips as part of the GTC Global initiative. We receive no salary from Teen Challenge and are responsible to raise our own support and all travel expense. It is your monthly support, gifts, and intercession that keep us at the cutting edge.



Kenya TC Choir at the Kenya Assemblies of God General Council



As we travelled In Kenya, South Africa, Ethiopia and Uganda, we see streets clogged with kids--many abandoned. Since the median age of the population is 15, that is no surprise, BUT they need a future.

This graffiti'd wall in Uganda says it! **STREET CHILDREN ARE CHILDREN TOO ... Street Children, whose responsibility?** Reaching

these young people on the streets or in the schools is extremely important. We need to reach them before they need the program. They need to know they are loved!

The **United Nations** has determined that the number one cause of poverty in Uganda is **alcohol abuse**. In every slum we visited, we saw the illegal neighborhood still. The money fathers



should spend on school fees goes for "changaa" or "lira-lira" (booze).

Girls like Washuka above, sell the lira lira, and use the money to buy glue. It is cheaper than bread and when they sniff glue, it takes the hunger pains away.

Children that should be in school cannot attend because no one will pay their fees. Instead they wander the streets or guard the still while "the old man" drinks!



Set Up Crew-Uganda

KAMPALA, UGANDA NEWS: "God is Good!" The Lord moved powerfully in Uganda touching lives. We saw hundreds crowd into packed altars in the *schools, church,* and on the *street* asking Christ in their hearts. Some prayed to be set free from drugs as God confirmed his promise of freedom. Many

Uganda

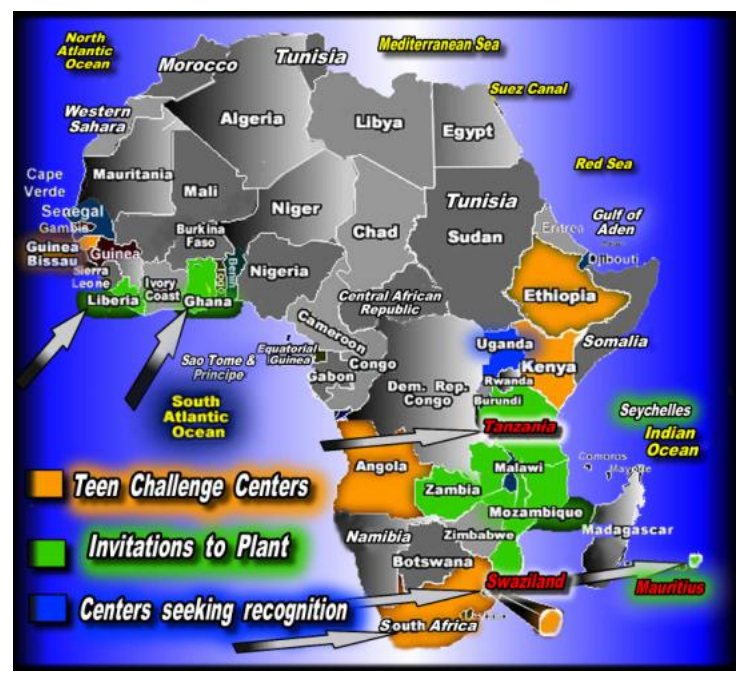
that came prayed for God to set them free from their addictions and restore them to their families.

We built our relationship with **Fresh Start Recovery Center**, trained staff, and launched a choir for them as they are moving from affiliation to formal relationship with **Global TC**. In the midst of the business of ministry, the Lord sent His power. Darryl Woodson, **FSRC** director and pastor of **Victory City Church**, Kampala, is doing a powerful work there in Uganda.



School Ministry in Uganda

UPCOMING AFRICA OCT/ NOV MISSIONS



altar ministry at school



The children help as they brew the "Changa"

The little girl on the right is a courier who walks the sewers, delivering the illegal "white lightning" to the men. The fields are truly "white" for the harvest. Please pray for the children. **We are so grateful that you have sent us and stood with us in prayer for the hundreds that came to Christ.**



Kids carry the booze through the sewers to the old men



MIRACLES-MARTIN



I was in maximum security detox, locked up because I kept running away. I was a loner, a loser, and a mainliner ... addicted to heroin and cocaine.

I was truly "married to my addiction." Every cent I laid my hand on went for my next "fix." My addiction drove me to crime and armed robbery in an effort to support my habit.

In jail, someone from **Teen Challenge** told me there was a power greater than my addiction.

I asked Jesus to come into my heart. He changed everything. I am so glad that God knew I needed a place to nurture that seed I received when I came to Jesus. **Just a few months ago Kenya Teen Challenge opened.** I am growing every day here at **Teen Challenge.**



The Last Word

Last house standing



A few months ago I wrote, "There are storms on the horizon." Well, the storms have begun to hit. We are seeing storms in the natural, storms in the spiritual, storms in the political and storms in the financial.

In **Matthew**, **Jesus spoke** about **two builders**. One built on the rock, the other on the sand. Never was that demonstrated more clearly than this photo from Gilchrist, TX. While others quickly erected structures following the devastation of Hurricane Rita, there was one exception. Mike Riley built this impressive yellow house with 19-foot pilings. When **Hurricane Ike** unleashed a 14-foot wall of water, it devoured homes, churches, businesses and people's dreams. This house is the last house standing on the gulf front.

"Jesus said, Therefore everyone who hears these words of Mine and acts on them, may be compared to a wise man who built his house on the rock. 25 And the rain fell, and the

floods came, and the winds blew and slammed against that house; and yet it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock.

Matthew 7:24-25

There are two aspects; first to **HEAR**, then to **OBEY**. Understand this, Jesus promised storms would come. Don't waste time hoping for an easy way. **It is time to dig deep and build on His word.**

Jesus said, "My... peace I... leave to you." The word **leave** is to **bequeath**. It is used in the execution of a will. When somebody dies they leave their most prized belongings, their most treasured possessions to the person they love. They don't leave them to the government.

Jesus said, "Let not you be troubled" (John 14:1)

You can choose, peace. Choose peace.

It is your possession, your inheritance! It is YOURS!

Often our first reaction to problems is anxiety and fear. Choosing peace seems apathetic because I feel, "If I really care, I'll worry ...or... If this is so important, I have to stay upset." To think that the outcome will be positively affected by the amount of time we spend worrying is to believe a lie. **Anxiety empowers the problem, thanksgiving and trust release the power of God.**

Just because Jesus *left* His peace it does not automatically operate in our lives. **It is a reserve I must draw from every day.** The enemy will do everything he can to deplete it. Do not panic. **Build on the Rock.**

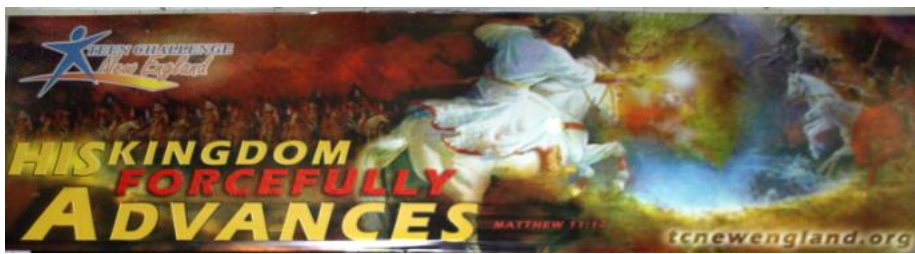


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New England Spiritual Impact



One of our greatest privileges is to minister to staff and students at Spiritual Impact events in **Teen Challenge Centers** across the USA. The theme for the Spiritual Emphasis in New England was, "**The Kingdom has been forcefully advancing, and forceful men lay hold of it.**" **Matthew 11:12**. It was a powerful time of ministry with Dr. Rodney Hart and their 600 staff and students. Cathy and I drew on our 30 years of Teen Challenge ministry experience as many made fresh commitments to Christ, were filled with the Spirit and others received a call from God to Global Ministry.

