

SAMPA

BRONG AHAFO REGION, GHANA

The Sampa crusade was a sensation. Sampa is a border town close to the northwest of Ghana. It is a district capital and is one of the main Cashew producing regions of Ghana.



In recent times, the Healing Jesus Crusade has reached out to very remote villages and is soon to cross international borders, once more, with the message of the blood of Jesus.

Sampa town is just 20 kilometers from La Cote d'Ivoire. Getting to Sampa was, to say the least, a tremendous effort. We left the capital, Accra at dawn and traveled up north through Kumasi, the largest nodal city in Ghana, then through Sunyani and Berekum. This took us the most part of the day. By 5pm, we were just 46kms from Sampa and very excited about our arrival. Then it happened...

We got on a non-existent road. It was so bad that it took us well over 3 hours to arrive in Sampa. We 'punished' our trucks as we climbed boulders, plowed forests and made evasive maneuvers. Nightfall was dawning on us quickly and we had no intention of spending the night in the middle of nowhere.

The torture we were giving to our trucks soon faded away as team members began commenting on how much God must love the cut-off people of Sampa. His love is so great that He will stop at nothing to save them!

Thousands of village folk had lined up the main roads to Sampa with their belongings awaiting buses to convey them to the crusade. It was a sight to behold as stampedes would break out when a bus arrived. Many did not make it for the crusade and could only participate by listening to the live broadcast on several radio stations that cover the entire north of Ghana. Two ladies told us later of how much they wept when they could not arrive in Sampa for the first two nights!

Sampa suddenly experienced a population explosion. The authorities declared an immediate week-long public holiday for the schools so classrooms could be converted into sleeping dorms. A usually quiet border town was now the centre of attention. The military and the police quickly called for reinforcement especially because of rebel fighting in La Cote d'Ivoire. UN peacekeepers arrived and the presence of the military was strongly felt.

Over 40,000 people gathered for the crusade. Each night was sensational. At this crusade God did the publicity Himself: on the first night during the crusade a man



called Daniel, who was born a hunchback, was miraculously healed. He stood upright for the first time in his life.

Word spread about his miracle. For the last three nights, the crowd continued to swell! Jesus did so many miracles in Sampa. He healed the most impossible cases and left us speechless on stage.

There was also a pastors' conference during this crusade. Hundreds of pastors attended this meeting and Dag Heward-Mills imparted the anointing into them. Each pastor was also given a selection of Dag Heward-Mills' books to help them in ministry.

Night after night, the power of God touched lives in a unique way.

The new believers' school, a foundational school for new converts, held each morning of the crusade, grew to new levels. The entire tent was full with just about the same number seated outside! They were taught from the book, Gospel Salvation.

It was a sight to behold at the school; Jesus would heal any kind of sickness! Now miracles were occurring day and night!

For the entire week, the very hospitable residents of Sampa, like Mr. and Mrs. Dugan (traders in the market) hosted complete strangers.