

NEWBORN MINISTRY IN TANZANIA

OUTREACH AT NYARUGUSU REFUGEE CAMP – TANZANIA

The history of the camp is as follows:

“Nyarugusu Camp is one of the best known and largest refugee camps since the end of the 20th century. It’s located in the western province of Kigoma in Tanzania, Africa.

It was created in 1996/1997 by the UNHCR and the Tanzanian government after a multitude of Congolese refugees from the eastern region of the Democratic Republic of Congo, Sud-Kivu (Kivu) moved to the western coast of Tanzania, trying to get away from a civil war.”

Reference: Wikipedia

We are about 66km from the camp in a town called Kasulu. This is a rural town with little infrastructure, but we are blessed staying at a good local lodge. Every day we are travelling by taxi to Nyarugusu Camp. Driving there, one would think you are driving in mist, but the only difference is that it is dust. I have never seen so much dust in my life. It finds its way into everything.



The camp has about 68 000 inhabitants, and when you enter the town you are greeted by a number of boards announcing the



involvement of various nations around the world.

Entering the camp you are overwhelmed by the mud houses with thatch roofs. People are really living in extreme poverty.



It seems as if no one is working, everyone is waiting for an answer to their challenge.

From the first day, the crusade has been well attended and every day the Good News of Jesus Christ the Messiah is shared with them. He is the answer!!



People listen attentively and when I make the altar call, they respond positively.



Like everywhere in Africa, there are children everywhere. It's evident that Africa has a big challenge having so many children. We need to pray that God provides an answer for Africa with regards to job creation, because this could become a ticking time bomb.



God always confirms His Word with signs and wonders and every night we have had people giving testimony of healing.



The leadership conference is also well attended. This is conducted in a large mud hall. No cement floors, only ground. The leaders are eager to learn and take notes while Debbie and I minister.





Between the conference and the crusade we take a rest at the nearby Red Cross facilities. Here we met a Spanish female doctor who has been working in different refugee camps in Africa. It's truly admirable to see how unselfish



these people are who dedicate their lives to helping others.

We will continue with this outreach up to and including Sunday, after which we will move to another town called Kigoma about 2 hours drive from here. Another dusty affair.

Please keep us in your prayers. Pray for the outreach in Kigoma as it's a Muslim area and we have had a lot of reports indicating that there is a lot of witchcraft in the area.

Thank you for praying.

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