

A man with a prosthetic arm is holding a horizontal bar. He is wearing a red and white checkered shirt. The background is dark and out of focus.

# IT LOOKS LIKE THE BOOK OF ACTS!

5 years ago he became handicapped in a motorcycle accident. Jesus healed him as he stood 250 feet from the platform.



**STEFAN SALMONSSON**

*Philip went down to the city of Samaria and preached Christ to them. And the multitudes with one accord heeded the things spoken by Philip hearing and seeing the miracles which he did. For unclean spirits, crying with a loud voice came out of many who were possessed and many who were paralyzed and the lame were healed. And there was great joy in the city.*

I traveled with Peter in July to Tanzania with the goal to reach the predominantly Muslim city of Tanga with the gospel. These campaigns are *Friendship Festivals*, because we want everyone to feel welcome regardless of background. Peter chooses large cities where there are relatively few Christians and where many have not previously heard the gospel, and that's why we came to Tanga.

On our way we made a quick stop in Nairobi to attend the graduation of World Impact Bible Institute [see page 20, *Celebration in Nairobi*]. From Nairobi to Tanga we crowded into a very small plane and when we landed in Tanga there were crowds of people at the airport, who received us with joy, dancing and singing. What an experience!



**Muslims came out of their houses, warmly waving to us.**

Peter spoke for a few minutes at the airport, promising that *in a few days Jesus will be the talk of the city*. He continued, *I am not here to lift up a religion, I am here to lift up the name of Jesus*.



years earlier and the city had really been transformed by that visit. “Why don’t you move here?” he suggested.

## **FRIENDSHIP DINNER**

From the press conferences we moved to the Friendship Dinner with leaders from all religions. This is a very important event where Peter invites leaders for a dinner and openly tells them why he has come to their city. The highest leaders in Islam, Hinduism, and Christians from Pentecostals to Roman Catholics were present. Peter spoke very boldly about Jesus. I was impressed how straight forward and clear the presentation of the Gospel was. After Peter had spoken, the highest leader for the Muslims, a cleric who supervises 1400 mosques was visibly moved, as he said, “we welcome you to Tanga”. Some of the Christian leaders could hardly believe what they were hearing. These friendship dinners bring favor and become somewhat of a guarantee that later on in the week when the miracles of Jesus become evident there will not be riots. The city of Tanga is Islamic with large Islamic teaching centers and, so to establish good contact was very important.



**For one and a half hour we toured the center of Tanga greeting people.**

From the airport we continued through the center of the city in a parade of cars, bicycles, motorcycles-anything that moved. The streets were filled with music, rejoicing and waving. I was surprised how friendly and happy people were, including the Muslims. Peter stood on the roof of one of the cars and waved. Of course people recognized him since the whole city was full of advertising and billboards.

After the parade it was time for the press conference with 14 journalists. I think every journalist in the city was there. Peter made a short presentation and then the curious journalists asked questions like: Why have you come to our city? What is your purpose? Peter responded, “we come to enlighten people about who Jesus Christ is-to spread a message of hope.” One of the journalists gratefully reminded Peter that he had visited Tanga 13



**Cataracts, glaucoma, many were healed of blindness and eye disease.**



Stefan, the author of this article, taught the first session each day of the seminar. He shared powerful insights of God's grace

The first night of the Festival thousands gathered on the large field in spite of torrential rains. Then while Peter preached it poured again, but he refused to stop. Peter often says that the worst enemy to an outdoor Gospel Festival is rain. Being under the open sky makes us vulnerable when it comes to weather. Somehow the people stayed on the field in spite of the downpour and the rest of the week the weather was beautiful. That first night a large multitude responded to receive Christ and hundreds were healed, among them, a young Muslim girl who had been blind. Her mother had brought her, and when she was healed she was so overwhelmed that she had a hard time to take it in. I can understand, imagine seeing for the first time in your life.

In conjunction with the Festival we also conducted a leadership seminar for pastors with 600 participants. In Tanga, being a Muslim center, there are few churches and many pastors feel like they are fighting an uphill battle. It was very special to be able to strengthen these pastors. Of course in order to get 600 pastors in a Muslim city, there were many who came from faraway places. Peter's teaching about the new covenant of God's grace was revolutionary. He drove home the truth with joy and power. Many pastors told me, "My life is transformed". This seminar equips and strengthens the pastors to continue the work of the Gospel long after the Friendship Festival is over.

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The last night of the festival became very special. When Peter invited for salvation thousands rushed forward to receive Jesus. I have been in Christian ministry for over 30 years, including missionary work in many countries, but I have never seen anything like it. My heart was broken with gratitude to Jesus. What rejoicing when these precious people experienced the miracle of salvation. After this there was an explosion of healing; I have never seen so many

people healed at once-deaf, lame, blind, and they were beyond excited at what Jesus had done.

One of the Christian leaders said, "we didn't see Peter Youngren, we saw Jesus in Tanga". Yes, what Peter said at the airport became true, when we left Tanga the city was talking about Jesus, and there was great joy everywhere.

## MIRACLES KEEP HAPPENING

Festival Chairman Bishop Jotham Mwakimage sent an update a couple of weeks after the Festival.

"God has used Peter Youngren to awaken Tanga spiritually. Many testimonies are coming from people that were healed but did not get the opportunity to give their testimonies, and the majority are Muslims."

"One Muslim man from Kenya, who was blind, started seeing after the last day of the Festival. A Muslim woman, who was lame, sat behind at the large tree about 100 m from the platform. She was miraculously

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**“We did not see Peter Youngren, we saw Jesus in Tanga.” - Pastor Joram Ibrahim**



◀ Rehema, an 8-year-old Muslim girl staying with her grandmother, was completely deaf. She could only read lips, but after healing she could hear even the slightest whisper.

▶ A chronic invalid because of severe arthritis, this man is rejoicing over what God has done for him.



▲ He was blind, now can see. He couldn't find his friend after he was healed because he didn't know what his friend looked like.



▲ Mohammed (Left), a Muslim, invited his Christian friend Paul, who had been an invalid through advanced arthritis for many years. They were both rejoicing after Jesus healed Paul.

▶ Together with some of the Muslim leaders who attended the friendship dinner



◀ Amina, a Muslim, was healed of blindness. When Jesus healed her she ran to the platform to testify. At first the workers didn't let her through, they doubted what she was saying. Amina ran to get her aunt, who assured the workers that the miracle had really happened.

“Peter, your campaign here 13 years ago was a turning point. At that time about 95% of the population was Muslim. Today the percentage of Jesus-followers has doubled from 5% to 10%, and they are not just nominal believers, but true followers of Jesus Christ. Still this campaign, in 2017, is even greater, and I can't wait to see how God will use what is happened this week. - Bishop Jotham Mwakimage”





**Pastors received the teaching of The Gospel Revolution Seminar with great joy**

healed, but when her relatives saw it they quickly removed her in order to hinder her from giving her testimony. Another lame Muslim man, who had lost his ability to walk because of a spinal cord injury was healed in the car, as he was driven home after the Festival. He threw his crutches out of the car and walked unhindered.”

“Medical doctors have confirmed that a young girl with one eye completely blind and the other one almost blind, which hindered her from attending school, is healed. Now she is back in school.”

“Just in our church, there are people from a radical Islamic background that have joined the church since the Festival.” 🌿

600 delegates of the Pastors' Seminar



# GOSPEL REVOLUTION SEMINAR

**Pastors came from a large area of Eastern Tanzania, many of them from churches in predominately Muslim areas.**

This seminar is going to make a very big change in my life, my church, and my community. On a side note I was also healed during the festival. I am beyond blessed. – **George Gojumbai**

Dr. Youngren's way of preaching on the New Testament has really changed my heart and my way of thinking. I have a new understanding of the love and grace of God. – **Samuel Kamoge**

I have been greatly blessed and encouraged by this seminar. Pastor Peter told us in the seminar that God would give us visions, and that same night I saw a vision of how God will use me to preach to my Muslim neighbors. This is completely new to me! – **Pastor Raphael**

Through Pastor Peter's message I have come to the knowledge of God's Grace. This seminar has taught me how to preach God's love and the grace of Jesus rather than the laws of Moses. – **Jason Aliyakirobinda**

I'm transformed and I'm excited about the bible schools here in East Africa. I will be attending World Impact Ministries' school here to learn how to minister even more effectively. – **Ruth Norkabi**