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Dear friends,

After a long winter break with maintenance work, we held a crusade in the far north of KwaZulu-Natal in August. We had visited the place beforehand and were impressed by the spiritual need of the people. Alcohol abuse could be observed everywhere. Home-brewed "Imbamba", which is made using an old work boot, among other things, was sold by the bucket. When we asked the local pastor to organize people to clean the 630 plastic chairs, she sent a horde of drunk women. They were so rowdy that we had to send them home after a short time. It soon turned out that people who live in darkness do not necessarily like to come to the light. The number of visitors decreased drastically after the first three evenings, when a cold front with rain brought cooler temperatures around 19 degrees. It was the first time that we stopped the daily evening services after only one week and continued with the starter course for the new converts in the second week.

However, this was extremely successful and well attended! The leader of the drunken women came to the front for prayer on the second night. The whole next day she slept through and did not drink a drop. When her friends came to pick her up, she sent them away. She came to the crusade tent every day and took the starter course. On the last day, she came and said that she still had one thing to do. She then handed us a tin of snuff. For us, this may be a banality, but for a new convert whose conscience was touched by the power of God, it was a big deal!
Now she is the talk of the whole area. Her "friends" now avoid her because they have too much respect for her. We were told that many people now regret not having taken the crusade seriously enough when the time was there.

It was a difficult work for us. We had two new men in the team, who of course needed time to adapt. Nevertheless, in the end we were able to see the fruit of the gospel proclamation.

Greetings from Bodo and Katja. Thank you for your loyal support!



Ubombo mountains and Pongola River
In the background



Altar Call



Handing over of Bibles in the starter course



Women helping with the take-down



The young Lady, who was set free

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