

# LIKE A DESERT STREAM FILLED AGAIN WITH FLOWING WATER///

It is the dry season in Ethiopia and the land longs for rain. The dry riverbeds and creeks cannot be overlooked. They bear testimony of an abundance of water in the past and are ready to channel again streams of water through the land. It seems like a prophetic announcement of what is about to happen in the town of Gerese, in the Bonke district:

## So, Lord, bring back the good times, like a desert stream filled again with flowing water. Ps 126:4 (ERV)

Like dried-up brooks, people will come to the Gospel meeting this week, thirsty for the Good News and for the streams of living water. And the Lord will not disappoint them!

A team of workers is already on the ground and has done much preparatory work. For 16 days, ten workers are on the go to invite people to Gerese, within a 50-kilometre radius. Posters are put up, flyers are distributed on the market places, and people are invited to the Gospel meeting via megaphone.

Evangelist Schott travels with Beniyam, the coordinator, and other workers from Addis Abeba. It is a relatively slow journey in an SUV, the reason being not only the bad road conditions, but the bustling activity on the streets. In this part of Ethiopia cattle herds, goats, and donkey carts dominate the road. That makes driving a car neither boring nor much safer. After more than eight hours journey the team reaches their first destination after dark, and the group stays there overnight. Next morning the journey continues on steep mountain roads, past the picturesque Chamo Lake. What an impressive scenery!

Gerese is finally in sight. As the SUV passes the last rock wall, the road is blocked – blocked by happy and excited Christians, singing and jumping for joy. A warm welcome for the Evangelist! The group moves up the street, still singing and shouting. The expectations of the people are great in Gerese!





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Psalm 126:4 in Amharic

Twelve years of eye problems healed!



Healed after eleven years of abdominal pains



Paralyzed from birth - healed!



Goiter disappeared after about twelve years.





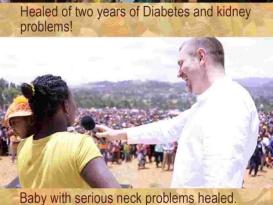
A prophecy is fulfilled! Only two months before the Gospel meeting, a prophet visited the local church in Gerese and prophesied that somebody from a distant country would come to evangelize in that place. That somebody is Evangelist Daniel Schott this week. It is abundantly obvious that God is behind this Gospel meeting. Originally the meeting was to take place somewhere else. However, due to an existing conflict there, between Orthodox Christians and Muslims, the event is relocated to Gerese – and the largest field there. This field is located on a hill. As the team approaches the field on the first day, squinting against the sun, only silhouettes of people can be recognized from afar. But as soon as the SUV reaches the top of the hill, suddenly the view opens up to a wide field with thousands of people – thirsty for the Gospel! The people are standing in the blazing sun for hours, until evening comes and the heat dies down.

## DESPERATION////

People on stretchers, mothers with their infants, and people with various infirmities persevere in the heat, waiting to be anointed with oil. On two days Evangelist Schott has the opportunity to do so. Escorted by ushers he moves to the area where the sick are waiting desperately, and he anoints many. Even within the crowd people are crouching on the floor, and the ushers have great difficulties to protect them from the pressure of the masses. It is almost a miracle that these people are not trampled.

As Daniel starts moving back towards the stage, the crowd gets out of control. People are pressing and pushing. Some turn violent and try by force to grasp or at least to touch the Evangelist. With great difficulty Daniel reaches the stage to hear the testimonies of those who have been healed already. The evaluation of the figures later reveals that more than 100 people were healed daily. Saturday night about 200 people were re-

reported healed, and on
Sunday even additional 350 people. A number
of those people were deaf and dumb from birth. Also a blind person
was healed, and several people with diverse eye and ear problems, as well
as lame people. Thank you Jesus!
The desperation and hardship of the people becomes very obvious once more on
Sunday, the last day of the Gospel meeting. Two women come to the guest house after
the final meeting. Daniel is asked to pray for one of the sisters after lunch. As it turns out
later, they came late for the Gospel meeting and had missed the prayer. They had
walked on foot for twelve hours!







Healed from a heart condition.



Man walks again after twelve years.



### A GREAT VICTORY////

The Gospel meeting in Gerese is a great victory for the Kingdom of God! The attendance exceeded the expectations: starting with about 30,000 visitors on Thursday, up to at least 80,000 visitors on Saturday night and Sunday respectively. Thousands of people received forgiveness of their sins. There were about 1,160 registered first-time decisions for Christ. What blessed days we had! Heaven rejoices over each individual sinner who has repented. Many thanks to all donors and intercessors. Your investments and prayers have been worthwhile!

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