

Dynamis World Ministries a.k.a. Christopher Alam Ministries International

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## Our Africa Crusade Team

### Director of Operations Africa: Pastor Nicholas Mavondo

Pastor Mavondo is our Director of Operations in Africa. He is from Zimbabwe and pioneered several churches before he joined us. He is a wonderful man of God, loved and respected by many. He teaches, does pre-crusade coordination work, crusade photography, and leads the team. During our Mobile Bible School Pastor Mavondo teaches covenant and leadership. Pastor Mavondo is married to Loreen. Together they have one child with another arriving this summer!



### Music & Worship Leader: Brighton Pangawangaringa

Brighton, from Zimbabwe, is the son of a pastor. He graduated from Sam Taylor's Word of Light Bible School in India. He is our worship leader and he also teaches and preaches. During our Mobile Bible School he teaches prayer, evangelism and music – training new singers in each location. Brighton is married to Cecilia and they have two children.



### Finances/Bookkeeping: Farai Chifamba

Farai, together with his wife Teresa, graduated from Sam Taylor's Word of Light Bible School in India. Farai is from Zimbabwe. He teaches, preaches, and is our Assistant Team Leader. During our Mobile Bible School, Farai teaches In Christ Realities, the Holy Spirit, and Discipleship. He also trains counsellors and ushers for the crusades as well as training for effective follow-up of new believers. Farai and Teresa have one child.



### Electronic Engineer: Patrick Nyamura

Patrick, our Electrical Engineer, is from Zimbabwe. He worked earlier in a major mining company and has extensive experience in the running and maintenance of generators and electrical systems. During our Mobile Bible School he teaches about First Steps with Jesus – How to train new believers. Patrick and his wife, Maulin, have two children.



### Children's Crusade Evangelist: Joseph Shereni

Joseph, who is from Zimbabwe, is our Children's Evangelist. He holds Children's Crusades as well as assists with the operation of our PA system. During our Mobile Bible School he teaches about First Steps with Jesus – How to train new believers. He is married to Clara and they have one child.



### Sound Engineer: Silinga

Silinga is from Zimbabwe and is the latest addition to our team. He operates and maintains the PA system during our crusades.

# The Man Who Changed My Life

by Pastor Nicholas Mavondo



It was 8 o'clock at night, on Tuesday the 9th of September 1986 when I first had a personal encounter with the man who changed my life. His name is Jesus Christ.

I was a high school teacher at Kondo Secondary School. There I met a man by the name of Josh Chigorimbo who happened to be the school headmaster at that time, and whose life portrayed the life of Christ. This man's life was very different from the ordinary being, and I knew that he had something that I did not have. Everything about him made me want to be more and more like him. I tried to imitate him in every possible way; the way he talked; the way he walked; his smile; and etcetera. I was imitating him because I hated the type of life I was leading. However, I failed miserably and was very discouraged.

Christianity at that time was associated with people who were poor and had no money and also for the old folks who wanted a descent burial when they passed on. This headmaster was a young man my age, he was educated, he had money and yet he was a Christian!

In my pursuit to change my life, I went to the extent of buying a Bible and putting it under my pillow thinking that it would bring blessings and good dreams; that night I had terrible nightmares and I gave it away to one of my students. He is now serving the Lord as a pastor.

In the month of June 1986, Josh started a Bible study. He invited all the school teachers, and more than half the members of staff

attended the study. I was amongst the group. I didn't know what to expect. He pulled out the Bible and also a magazine written WORD OF FAITH. He read the message from the magazine and the scriptures. The lesson was about being redeemed from sickness, poverty and death.

I requested if he could give me the magazine just for the night to read because what he taught us that night really sounded interesting. Beside the magazine he also gave me a booklet entitled, IN HIM. I read through that literature overnight.

Then there came a dilemma in my life; the Catholics used to teach that false prophets would come in the name of Jesus, performing miracles, doing signs and wonders, so they said, "Don't listen to them or attend their meetings because they are workers of the devil. Jesus said don't even go near them they will be leading you to destruction."

I was therefore scared to commit myself to the Lord and yet on the other hand I knew that what I had read was the truth and I didn't want to miss out on God.

Finally, I decided to quit with the Bible study and I also influenced others to do the same. Only five teachers continued with the study. My drinking friends asked me if I was going to stop drinking and smoking, something which was very difficult for me to do, so I decided I better continue in my sins than live the life of a hypocrite. I told the headmaster that I was no longer going to attend the meetings because God does not listen to the prayers of sinners and I didn't want to cheat on God because I was a sinner.

On the 2nd of August 1986, I was coming from a night club when I was involved in an accident and was admitted in hospital. I was discharged on the 8th of the same month. I decided to pass through the same club on my way from the hospital. I was still in crutches.

I started drinking again with friends who sympathised with me and bought me beer. On my way home that very night, another accident happened. This time it was an army truck that I had got a lift from. The driver lost control and the truck went 100 metres off the road into the bush and hit a tree. The windscreen was shattered and the vehicle was badly damaged as we were going through the bush.

Meanwhile, I took my bottle of beer and said to the people in the truck, "I want to die drinking."

This is how serious the devil had a grip over my life.

I was again taken to the hospital. This time I was detained only for one night and then I was released. Fear gripped me and I decided to go visit my parents and tell them that someone was casting a spell on me and that is why all these accidents were happening to me. On the 27th of the same month on my way to my parents' place the bus that I was travelling in burst both front tyres. One person died on the spot and I was injured, again on the same leg.

I proceeded to visit my parents. I told my father all that was happening to me and asked him if he could take me to a witchdoctor to check on who was behind all this trouble that I was going through.

My father said to me, "My son, go to church and pray".

My mother teamed up with me but my father refused to take me to a witchdoctor and insisted that I should go to church instead. I went back to my workplace very disappointed because my request had not been granted.

Mum was very angry at my Dad because he refused to go with me to the witchdoctor. On the 7th of September 1986 on my way to

my work place, again I went to a night club. Around about mid night, thieves attacked me intending to rob me of my money, but I attacked them using the crutches and over powered them. The police also arrived just in time to rescue me. The thieves were arrested and I was safe again.

On the 9th of September 1986, at 8pm on Tuesday evening, something happened in my life that is so difficult to explain; all I know is that I walked out of my bedroom and went to Josh the headmaster and I said these words to him: "I NO LONGER WANT TO LIVE THIS TYPE OF LIFE THAT AM LIVING."

He said to me, "PRAY".

He echoed my father's very words.

I said to him, "Look, I don't know how to pray. Please pray for me."

He insisted that I should say the prayer myself. The only way of praying I knew was the white garment type of prayer; kneel down, face the east, lift up your hands and pray. I did exactly that. Whatever I said that night, I can't remember but all I know is that since that night I have never been the same again.

#### *THE BEGINNING OF AN EXTRA ORDINARY JOURNEY OF FAITH*

From that night God put a hunger and thirst for his word in me. I was reading the Word of Faith magazines; three or four of them every day. On the 11th of September I read about divine healing.

The Reverend Kenneth E. Hagin in that Word of faith said, "You can command an illness in the name of Jesus Christ and you can be healed."

On the 12th of September around 11am, I was teaching my class and suddenly my stomach was very painful. The doctors had told me that I had ulcers. I leaned towards the chalkboard and I said to myself, I want to see if that which I read was true. I am going to put into practice what I read. I commanded the pain and the disease to go in the name of Jesus. Suddenly I felt a hand moving in my tummy and I was instantly healed. Since that day my stomach has been whole. However, let's remember that I was still on crutches.

That night I went to Josh and told him of my experience, and he rejoiced with me. I asked him to pray for me especially for my leg. I was supposed to have gone for an operation the following Monday and this was a Friday. He prayed for me and the following day I threw away the crutches and played football using the same leg. I went to the hospital on Monday, not to be operated but to return the crutches. The doctor and the nurses were all amazed when I told them the miracles that had taken place in my life. Some gave their lives to the Lord after I gave my testimony because most of them knew who I was.

On Monday the 15 of September, after returning from the hospital, at exactly 4:45pm I was reading the Word of Faith magazine on how to receive the Holy Spirit. At the end

of the message, there was a statement that read, "IF YOU ARE NOT FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT, KNEEL DOWN AND CLOSE YOUR EYES. LIFT UP YOUR HANDS, DO NOT SPEAK IN THE LANGUAGE YOU KNOW BUT ASK JESUS TO BAPTISE YOU WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT."

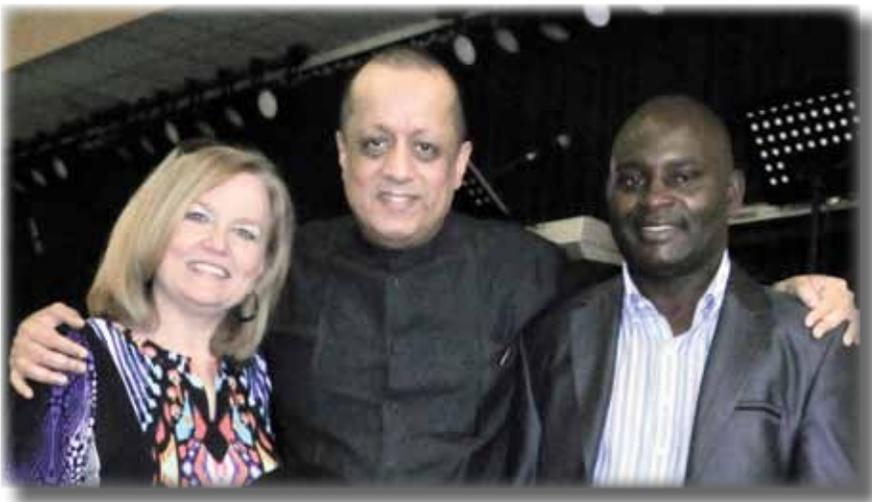
I did just that next to my bed. Before I even said 'Jesus, the whole room was charged with his presence, and I found myself speaking in a strange language. I was on the floor shaking and crying for two hours. I couldn't stop.

Fear gripped me again because I had never heard that people spoke with other tongues except what I had read, so I thought maybe some demons had attacked me. I ran out of my room and went to Josh to ask him what was happening to me. When I tried to talk to him it was all tongues and still more tongues and he laughed and rejoiced saying, "That's the power of God, that's the power of God!"

He then prayed for me and encouraged me to continue praying in tongues. After he prayed for me I was able to speak in my mother tongue the following day. This was an overdose.

I continued reading the Word of faith magazine literature every day and I also started preaching and sharing my healing testimonies two weeks after my salvation. Josh told me to write my testimony and send it to the magazine offices in Canada and I did as he instructed. However, there was no response and so I wrote another letter and posted it to Tulsa. Again there was no response and I gave up.

In 1988 I enrolled into a Bible School, graduating in 1991. It was a three year program. I then met Evangelist Christopher Alam in 1991. This is a man who loves and preaches the gospel with great passion. For every cent he gets he always thinks of how best we can use this to save and win souls for Jesus Christ. I am privileged to serve Jesus Christ under such a genuine, faithful and honest man of God. Finally, I also met the son to my spiritual father, whose teachings also really inspired me. *To God be the glory!*



Britta & Christopher Alam with Pastor Nicholas Mavondo



# Itinerary

May 24-26, 2013  
INDONESIA

May 28 - June 2, 2013  
**Crusade**  
Luvuto, ZAMBIA

June 5-9, 2013  
**Crusade**  
Chifubu, ZAMBIA

June 23, 2013  
**Harvest Church**  
Greensboro, NC, USA  
Pastor Joe Coyne

June 30, 2013  
**Faith Christian Center**  
Seekonk, MA, USA  
Pastor John Pfeffer

July 9-14, 2013  
**Crusade**  
Ndola, ZAMBIA

July 17-21, 2013  
**Crusade**  
Ndola, ZAMBIA



2013 Africa Team clockwise from top left: Farai Chifamba, Pastor Nicholas Mavondo, Britta & Christopher Alam, Joseph Shereni, Tafi (no longer with the team), and Brighton Pangawangaringa