

FROM THE JAWS OF DEATH!

A story of how Ptallah Butaki of Imani Radio in Africa escaped death by a whisker

I am amazed at the gap between living and dying! Only this past month on the 22nd December 2006, I got my miracle, not a healing miracle nor one of providence, but one that all of us hold dearly – LIFE! The enemy caused me to have an accident that has taught me a big lesson in my spiritual life. That no matter how healthy and strong one is, YOU JUST NEVER KNOW WHEN YOU WILL BE CALLED HOME! In REVELATION 3; 3, God's promise is very clear: it says "Remember therefore how you have received and heard, and hold fast and repent. If therefore you will not watch, I will come on you as a thief, and you will not know what hour I will come upon you".



Ptallah Butaki at Imani Studios



Faith Automobile after the Accident

I usually do not fasten my seat belt whenever I am driving as is the case with many others. But this particular day was exceptional. I had driven to Mt. Elgon for ministry and as I came back from this trip, a voice asked me to fasten my safety belt. The urge to do this was so great that I was forced out of my own will to pull beside the road to fasten up.

Hardly 30 minutes after fastening up, a serious accident occurred that it just took the hand of the Lord for me to live and testify His mercies and love! PSALMS 33:18-19, reveals God's promise to us. Listen to what the Lord says "Behold the eye of the Lord is upon them that fear Him, upon them that hope in His mercy; to deliver their soul from death, and to keep them alive...".

It had just rained and as I approached a bridge near Kitale, I met an on-coming vehicle on top of the bridge and on my side of the bridge; there was a pool of rain water which I could not avoid due to the other vehicle. I landed into this pool of water and as I got out of it the vehicle started swaying from side to side. Unfortunately, after a few meters there was this on coming Lorry in full speed coming down the steep. To avoid a head on collision, I had to veer off the road where my vehicle collided with a culvert and toppled over.

If I had not fastened up, the impact would have thrown me through the windscreen and the car toppling over me. As I was hanging there for dear life and bleeding, a voice spoke to me again and said "un-buckle your seat belt and come out, I am with you". At first, I thought rescuers had arrived at the scene and were urging me to come out! Interestingly, in that confusion and semi consciousness, a force led me to un-buckle and crawl out. But then, this is no surprise to God's children for He says in PSALMS 34; 7 "The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear Him, and delivers them".

The first person to come to the scene of the accident was like 10 meters away when I finally came out. This did not register in my confused mind, but later when I pieced the pieces together, I realized that God had spoken to me twice that day and He had been with me all through-out my journey. I do not know the purposes in which the Lord spared my life, I am still praying for Him to reveal to me that, and what He wants me to fulfill, yet for this, I know that I will serve Him for the rest of my life and in whatever He calls me to do! LUKE 1; 74-75 gives me strength in serving; "That He would grant unto us, that we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies might serve Him without fear, in holiness and righteousness before Him, all the days of our life".

What a joy to be a part of God's instrument in reaching out with the good news to millions and millions of people in Africa. Particularly in this century that has brought the end times so close. I am indeed excited to look back and see how far the Lord has brought us, it has never been easy, there are times when the enemy has discouraged us, but knowing whom we serve; God has helped us to remain true to our calling. For we are assured in JOHN 4; 4 that "Greater is He that is in you than he that is in the world".

A REFLECTION OF 2006

TRANSMITTER UPGRADING

As we look forward to a prosperous and successful 2007, it is good for us to look back and reflect on the things the Lord has done in us and through us at imani Radio. We can testify that the journey has not been smooth always. But we are grateful to the Lord for He has always shown His mercy and grace to us. He has fought for us and for sure He is our Ebenezer. The year 2006 was a great year. God enabled us to enlarge our coverage area to reach over 7.2 million people from the initial 4 million. This means that approximately 200,000 people tune in to our broadcasts at any one given time! Glory to God. This was made possible by the visit of our U.S partners led by Scott Beigle and John Cappelen in March last year. They brought along a transmitter that enabled us upgrade our 250watts transmitter in Kapenguria to a 2-kilo watt transmitter. With the upgrade, our current coverage increased to cover areas such as Busia, Mbale and Malaba towns inside Uganda. In Kenya, our signals are now very strong where it was weak besides reaching new areas such as Malaba, Bungoma, Baringo, Kericho and Kisii to name but a few. It is with thanks and gratitude that we glorify and honor God for using these servants to reach more people in Africa with the gospel before His second coming. This Radio has become a refueling station for spiritual nourishment for many people.

PRISONS MINISTRY

As a bible believing Christian organization, we don't take the great commission lightly. Mathew 28; 19, commands us to "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations...." This still remains our focus in reaching out. Last year we were able, through God's help to reach out to the prisoners and the sick around our coverage area. The prisoners in Kapenguria and Kitale received solar powered radios which have enabled them to tune to 88.8 FM for 24 hours without the burden of buying batteries!! During the visit to the prisons led by Ptallah Butaki, many inmates gave their lives to Jesus and we give God all the glory and honor.



Excited inmates receiving radios

THE SICK IN HOSPITALS ARE NOT FORGOTTEN!!



A Nurse receiving a radio from Butaki

In 1 Cor. 9:19-23, the Apostle Paul says "Though I am free and belong to no man, I make myself a slave to everyone, to win as many as possible. To the Jews I became a Jew, to win Jews.... To the weak I became weak, to win the weak. I have become all things to all men so that by all possible means I might save some. I do all these for the sake of the gospel, that I may share in its blessing". Last year God helped us reach three hospitals around Kitale namely; Kitale District hospital, Cherangani Nursing Home and Mount Elgon Hospital. In all the hospitals, solar powered radios were donated to all the wards so that patients are able to listen to our transmissions at any given time of the day and night.

About two weeks after delivering the radios to one of the hospitals, a lady called our studios with a prayer request for the healing of her son. Her son had been hospitalized diagnosed with malaria and was unable to speak, nor walk. The next day exactly 18 hours later, she called to give thanks to God for her sons miraculous healing. He had woken up the next day strong, talking and able to walk on his own!! Praise be to God.

REACHING OUT TO THE CATTLE RUSTLING AREAS

During the month of July 2006, we were able to take the gospel of Jesus Christ to West Pokot District. This is one of the areas where cattle rustling is rampant. The long journey, begun on the afternoon of 14th July from our studios. The ride from Kitale to Makutano was comfortable. But things changed after 40 km inside West Pokot. The weather changed and we traversed through the semi arid Pokot land with no tarmac roads. It took us 3 hours to reach

Amudat, a town situated 80 Kilometers beyond the Kenyan-Ugandan border. That night we slept in an

Anglican guest house and in the morning we woke up prepared to minister in

two churches situated 30 kilometers apart. In both churches, Amudat church of God in Uganda and Kiwawa Baptist church along the border, Imani Radio's Ptallah Butaki shared the love of Christ and distributed the solar powered radios and mosquito nets to the Pokot women with babies.



Inside a traditional Pokot house



Butaki, dressed in typical Pokot attire, presents a radio to an old Pokot woman

LISTENERS FEEDBACK

Irine Nasaba Wafula had a fatal accident. She fell from a tree while gathering firewood. She broke both legs with four fractures and was rushed to Kitale District Hospital. She was unconscious and never knew what was happening until the next day. As the doctors examined her, it was discovered that Irine was two months pregnant. This worsened her situation because she was going to take more time to recover than it was expected. After three months, the doctor said, if her condition improved, she would be allowed to go home with crutches. Unfortunately her condition did not improve and her delivery time was approaching. The doctors said she had to go for an operation because they were afraid that in her condition she would not deliver safely. 60, 000 Kenya shillings was needed to purchase the blades that were needed to insert into her legs or alternatively, Irine's legs would be amputated. Irine and her family are poor and could not afford to pay this amount. She continued staying in the hospital and by the mercies of God she delivered safely.

One month after delivering, she heard preachings from a solar powered radio pre-tuned to Imani Radio that we had donated to the hospital a few months back. The preacher asked all those with needs to send their requests via Short Messaging Text Service (sms). Irine asked a friend to assist her send the SMS since she did not have a phone. The pastor prayed for her and she felt some warmth in her body. The next day she was called for an X-ray scanning and amazingly, the results showed that the fractured bones had healed. Irene was taken back to her bed and the following day a physiotherapist saw the X-ray pictures and was amazed. She said in her long career she had never witnessed something of that sort. Irine thanked God for healing her. The traction kits were untied and she was allowed to go home with crutches and a wheel chair. She was required to report to the hospital on weekly basis. But as soon as she reached home, her legs became strong and she was able to walk all by herself. She returned the wheel chair and the crutches to the hospital and she is well. In fact she came by herself to our studios at Imani Radio to give us this testimony. She had been hospitalized for 1 year and 2 months. Glory be to God.

Linet Nasimiyu from Matunda Deliverance Church had been suffering from stomach ulcers for a long time. One day as she was sleeping on her bed in her room, she heard preachings from Imani Radio. The sermon encouraged her and at the end, the pastor prayed with all those who were not feeling well. She received her instant healing and we give all the glory and honor to God.



Linet at our studios

Pastor Robert Wanyonyi is a resident of Saboti in Trans-Nzoia District. He had been living in a one roomed rental house with 11 members of his family for a very long time. But from a series of teachings on the blessings of God that he received through Imani Radio, Robert says he called Imani Radio with a prayer need "to be able to buy land and built his own house. The Lord answered his prayer and he has now bought a plot, built a house and is living with his family in their own premises. God is able! Amen.



Sister Ruth at Imani studios

Ruth Nyaranga was asthmatic since she was born and now she is a grown up. One Sunday, Ruth was in her sick bed unable to breathe well. For her, this was normal. She had been attacked by asthma many times forcing her to bed. This day was never to be the usual days, for God had a different plan in her life. As she lay down in her bed, she was listening to preachings through Imani Radio. Faith was built in her and she believed for God to heal and deliver her from this misery. As the Pastor was about

to pray, he requested those who were not feeling well to place their hands on the radio as a point of contact. She struggled and stretched her hand to her radio, and as the servant of God prayed, sister Nyaranga received her healing and since then she is healthy. Praise be to Jesus.

Thank you so much for your support and prayers for Imani Radio Ministry in Africa. The Lord is using this ministry for His kingdom. May God bless you!

Yours in His Vineyard,

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