

Vision For Africa



Who is Operation Hope?

In 2008 God gave Stephen Pilkington an experience and vision for future ministry that has become the format of everything that followed. Prayer first – Prayer throughout – Prayer till the end. A house of prayer was founded in which God called the partakers to seek Him on a level they have never known. “If you will seek me for Holiness beyond all you’ve seen I will set you on fire”. As the house of prayer continued a strong call to missions was given and a call to the nations. Operation Hope was the name given to the things God commanded them to do when in the place of prayer. Over the years Operation Hope have been involved in many tent missions, church plants, a stadium event in the UK, an orphanage in Kenya, well production and many crusades in various parts of the world.

What is the “Big Tent Africa” vision?

- God has told Operation Hope to buy a big tent, we bought the one pictured in fact. This tent will hold thousands of people and more with the walls removed. It is to be taken to Africa and kept in the base in Kenya. Then the team will take the tent throughout Africa preaching the Gospel, establishing the church, and discipling the body of Christ. The Weather although hot in Kenya is often rainy and has been a hindrance to the open-air work in the past. A tent will be like a magnet to the lost drawing people from miles around.
- This is a huge step for a mission that has only been involved in smaller works in Africa. But The Lord has clearly led Stephen to step out in a much bigger way than before. This is to be a huge step of faith way beyond anything that can be done with existing recourses. The initial scripture was Luke 5:4 “4 When he had he said to Simon, “Put out into deep water, and let down the nets for a catch.” The putting out into deep waters symbolises purposefully putting yourself into a place where you have no power to do what you have declared God will do. You are utterly dependent upon Him in every way, but utterly convinced He has called to this walk of faith. The catch that comes from this is Gods catch.
- So strong is the call that it has given a refocusing of all that Operation Hope does. The house of prayer will always remain an engine room to the ministry however all other activity has ceased in pursuit of this call. In the future as God leads, Operation Hope will do missions in many parts of the world as well as the UK again. But currently this vision for Africa is the “one thing”.
- God has promised Operation Hope a million souls if they will be faithful and trust God to do the uttermost in all He calls them to do.
- Stephen has the call of Missionary evangelist and will be traveling to different locations with the team doing missions as God opens doors.

- These Missions are going to be on a much bigger scale than they are used to and will require a team of skilled people as well and expensive new equipment. God is already bringing people

We have trustworthy bishops such as Raphael Baluma in Kakamega (African Director of Operation Hope), who have proven themselves as partners for the gospel over the years. God has given a relationship in the government offices ready to help us import this new equipment.

God has been powerfully confirming His plans almost daily from day one. Many times, Scripture and words of knowledge coming from the mouths of witnesses who couldn't know.

What Operation Hope needs?

- 1.The opportunity to share this vision with as many believers and church groups as possible
- 2.To gather an army of people who will pray and intercede fervently for this vision and missions to follow. It would be ideal to get a list of email addresses of people willing to receive updates for prayer.
- 3.For those who are willing, it would be wonderful if they would pray and ask the Lord if He has enabled them to contribute to this work financially. If they are able, would they consider partnering with this ministry and sowing into this work.
- 4.Has God given you specific gifts and a calling to missions? Is He asking you to help this team practically?

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