

Tanzania

On the missionary field I travelled to Tanzania to give support to Priest Paul. Paul and his wife Divian are some of those people whose home you enter and you know you are in a saint's home. The group at Mwanza is a small group but it is a family, they are so close, the men and the women. They do their things in togetherness, their lives are a testimony of how the Lord would like His saints to live. Paul recently lost his tailoring job but his testimony and that of his wife was that after they had prayed peace came over them. His wife too became ill during this period but this did not disturb their peace. He was able to find a small sewing machine to use at home to support his family. It is not the best he can do, but his testimony is that he feels such a great peace than he has felt in a long time while he was employed. Their testimony is that the money is some times not enough but the quality of his family life and ministry cannot compare with when he was employed at the shop.

Paul shared two testimonies with us that I would like to narrate. A former work mate with him who he also respects as a man, who is keen to serve the Lord, returned from Rwanda to find that Paul had joined The Church Of Jesus Christ and was disturbed. He knew Paul as a man who is keen to serve God. Paul asked him to ask God whether the Church Paul has joined is the Church of Jesus Christ or not. John took the challenge seriously and prayed over this. He later came to tell Paul that he had a dream, and in the dream there was a Church, and the service was in progress. A crowd was milling outside the Church but inside the Church were only a few people, he says very few people and Paul was one of these few he was able to recognize. He was made to understand that that was the Church of Jesus Christ. John returned to Rwanda and is not yet back for Paul to make a follow up or to know what decision he made with that testimony.

A second testimony concerns a lady who had had lots of trouble with evil spirits. She was Paul's neighbour at one time and had called on Paul to pray for her when attacked by evil spirits. She had got her freedom and had then gone on to fellowship in another Church. One night she had a dream where she was shown two Churches, one with people playing loud dance music as they worship. People filled this Church. The other had only a few people. She was made to know that that was Christ's Church. She has from time to time attended the services with the Church at Mwanza but has not come to a decision to make a covenant with God. She attended the last meeting in which I shared at Paul's house in Mwanza.

Paul accompanied me to Musoma where we were received at Felix's house. Paul had been able to visit with Musoma twice after the missionary visit last August. He had concerns about how the group there was coming up. He had shared

these with me before we got to Musoma. Our approach was that we were not going to attend to the large numbers but would take two families and spend quality time with them, and visit with the others, as time would allow. Felix's family would probably be the link family with the group that is coming up at Musoma. Felix is a man who has been worldly but his interest and grasp is arresting. I was meeting his wife Eunice for the first time. The other men have been pastors in other Churches but they appeared to be in many places, like here and there and everywhere and therefore nowhere. In Pastor Amosi's house his wife appeared to be truly impressed by the gospel. It was like she was hearing the things we were saying for the very first time. We left Musoma on the third day with a promise to pray for Felix's family for the Lord to use them to gather people around them. Brother Paul is so natural in the Church of Jesus Christ, he is like a man who was born and brought up in the Church. It is like he has been in the Church all this time; the quality of this man is a great blessing to the work of the gospel. Paul is anxious to put what you share with him into practice. Paul and his wife Divian travel into people's homes sharing the gospel together. Divian carries Paul's missionary bag and listens as he shares the gospel. She helps sing songs when invited to do so. Their little daughter Bebbitto has not learned to read, she is about three, but at night as they worship they put a hymnal into her little hands, and Divian continually adjusts the hymnal to face the right direction when the little one holds it upside down. I observed a family the Lord is preparing to serve His course, and a family that is willing to follow. May more of us be like Paul and Divian, and may the Lord hold them up that they may be used by the Lord to set standards for the brethren with them and beyond.