



Christ for all Nations

CfaN was developed out of humble beginnings. In 1969, the young German missionary, Reinhard Bonnke, his wife Anni and their baby son headed to Maseru, Lesotho, where the ministry began to take shape as God shaped Bonnke's 'character of faith' that would later spread across the entire continent of Africa.

In 1974, Bonnke founded the evangelistic organization, Christ for all Nations (CfaN), and a small team joined together to reach the peoples of Africa. In obedience to God, Evangelist Bonnke led his team to the national stadium in Gaborone, Botswana to hold a city-wide Gospel Crusade. Although he had never preached in a stadium before, Evangelist Bonnke trusted God for a miracle as one church after another declined to participate. With only one small fellowship cooperating, the meetings began and only 100 people attended. Nevertheless, Evangelist Bonnke preached as if the place were full and to his complete amazement, a man in the crowd jumped to his feet and shouted out, "I've just been healed!" This happened four more times, and at the conclusion of the event five people had experienced healing.

The news that God was doing miracles in the stadium soon spread across the city and by the final meeting, Evangelist Bonnke preached to a packed stadium. Thousands streamed forward for forgiveness of their sins, hundreds were healed and thousands more were baptized in the Holy Spirit.

This was just the beginning.

On a return visit to the country of Botswana 12 years later, the leader of a large denomination reported that 80 percent of the current pastors were converts from CfaN's first crusade in Gaborone.

Events moved rapidly and the ministry purchased a tent, called the 'Yellow Tent,' that sat 10,000 people. Follow-up teams were formed to help usher the new converts into the local churches and preparation teams began to travel in advance of the ministry team.

Before long, CfaN needed a larger tent and commissioned the building of a structure that sat 34,000 people and was large enough to completely cover three football fields, with masts that rose as high as a six-stories; the tent was named 'Big Tent' and was entered into the Guinness Book of World Records as the largest mobile structure of its time. It was only a matter of two years before the ministry outgrew the massive structure and began hosting open-air crusades. Hundreds of thousands flocked to CfaN's open-air events, in one particular meeting in Lagos,



Nigeria, 1.6 million attended a single crusade with a total of 6 million participating during the entire five-day event.

The ministry team moved from East Africa to West Africa and back again as the two, now separate, technical and support teams organized events on opposite sides of the continent. As news of what God was doing went ahead of the team, the perception in many areas began to change; some closed their doors to the prospect of such active Christianity but many more wanted to take part in the movement. People in high places also began to take note of the huge crowds and the positive impact of the Gospel. Soon, Evangelist Bonnke was asked to meet State Presidents and to address the Houses of Parliament. Many leading national figures opened their own hearts to the message of the Gospel while meeting privately with Evangelist Bonnke.

The ministry increased the number of crusades held per year in Africa and also began to branch out to Asia, with events taking place in Malaysia, the Philippines, Indonesia, Singapore and India. Each crusade resulted in tens of thousands receiving Jesus Christ as their Savior, and multitudes were healed and delivered from demonic forces.

Since the beginning of this 39-year ministry, Evangelist Bonnke has preached face-to-face to multiple millions of people in Africa, with over 72 million responding to the call of salvation by filling out a decision card and being ushered into a church follow-up program.

A little-known arm of the CfaN ministry is its literature work. Evangelist Bonnke has written a number of books and booklets. At present, a total of over 200 million books have been printed and translated into 123 languages and dialects, and are being printed in 55 different countries.

In addition, Evangelist Bonnke founded the Reinhard Bonnke School of Fire, an online, self-study course, aimed at inspiring others to evangelism. He is also recognized for hosting "Fire Conferences" in many different countries around the world, events that are aimed at equipping church leaders and workers for evangelism.

Today, CfaN is based on Orlando, Fla., with offices in Canada, Germany, the United Kingdom, Nigeria, South Africa, Singapore, Australia, Hong Kong and Brazil. Evangelist Bonnke has already selected his predecessor, Daniel Kolenda who is a modern missionary evangelist who has had the privilege of personally leading over 15 million souls in the prayer of Salvation, through CfaN's massive open air meetings where hundreds of thousands attend regularly.

In April 2013, Evangelist Bonnke announced he will for the first time launch a series of events in the United States meant to inspire Americans to draw nearer to a relationship with Jesus through the Holy Spirit. God approached Bonnke with the city-to-city tour, telling him to start crusades in America because it is America's time for salvation. The first "Good News: a Gospel Crusade with International Evangelist Reinhard Bonnke" will take place in Orlando, Fla., at the Amway Center on September 27th and 28th, 2013.