

## TOUR OF EGYPT AND THE LAND OF THE BIBLE 2008 17November – 1 December 2008

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*THEME: Come and see*



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**Front row:** Felix (Israeli guide), Str A Mukanganwi-, Bro M. Langwani, Str Ruth Chitsinde, Str S. Kapamutonga, Str Amazing-Grace, Bro N. Chandimhara.

### Day 1(17 November 2008)

We departed from Harare airport at 1445 to Addis Ababa and changed plane and continued to Cairo and arrived at 0120.

### Day 2

At noon we went to Egyptian Museum which houses a huge collection of antiquities of the ancient Egyptian culture including papyrus and coins of the ancient world and many artifacts and treasures dating to the dynasties of the kings of ancient Egypt. We had a boat cruise in the Nile River for the rest of the afternoon.

### Day 3

In the morning we went to Giza to view one of the wonders of the world, the amazing pyramids built by Enoch. This pyramid has no capstone and is about 160metres high perfectly put together without mortar. Bro Branham says its God's second. It is read through measuring of angles and distances in the pyramid.



We went into this pyramid and after a short distance there is a tunnel that turns left and down at an angle and further up the main tunnel there is a tunnel that branches to the right for a short distance but is closed off before reaching to the queen's chamber.

And further up there are seven steps which lead to a landing before we get to the king's chamber. Further up, the tunnel gets narrower and shorter such that we had to almost crawl to get to the king's chamber. The way to the Kings Chamber was very difficult and some sisters could not make it typing the journey to Heaven LUKE 14:27. The pyramids are geographically at the centre of the earth, no matter where the sun is there is never a shadow around them.

We visited the sphinx believed to be built by Chiops' son and then we proceeded to the site where the Holy Family with Baby Jesus stayed in Cairo when they escaped from king Harod. We saw how paper was made from papyrus reeds in the ancient times.

#### **Day 4**

In the morning we drove through the tunnel under the Suez Canal, through Sinai desert to Taba. Sinai desert is rich in iron. It was once under the rule of Israel until Egypt re-captured it.

We crossed into Israel to Eilat for dinner and over night.

#### **Day 5**

We departed from Eilat and had a stop over at Timna where we had a lecture from a born again Jewish woman on the tabernacle in the wilderness with full size replica of the one used in the Exodus.

*Bro Langwani holding the horns of a replica of the altar with the tabernacle behind him*



We proceeded to Beer Sheba (well of the seven fold oath). We went into this well which is on a hill where there are ruins of Abraham's house and toured the well which has got an entrance at the top and exits at the lower part of the hill.

We then drove to Sea of Galilee for over night at Ron Beach Hotel

#### **Day 6**

We passed through Tabga where the miracle of 5 loaves of bread and 2 fishes fed 5000 people. After that we proceeded to Capernaum, Bethsaida and Chorazin which towns were cursed by the Lord Jesus Christ; Mt 11 vs21,

We proceeded to Caesarea Philippi where Jesus asked His disciples; **Whom do men say I the Son of man am?** Mt 16 vs13

Vs14, We toured Mount Hermon and saw the remains of the temple of Pan, a pagan god. We saw the sources of Jordan river which get water from Mount Hermon's melting snow. This time of the year the gusher was low as it was winter

We passed through Dan where the tribe of Dan settled from near Giza to this extreme north end. It is where Jeroboam erected the golden calve in

On our way back to the hotel we passed through Magdala home of Mary Magdalene;

We passed through Mahanaim where the angel of God met Jacob fleeing from Laban and going to meet his brother, Esau;

At Tabga we sailed in a replica of the fishing boats that sailed here at the time of Jesus. We had sermons in the boat and we sang hymns:

### **Day 7**

On Sunday we held service, Pastor A. Matimbe took the service and right after the service we went to Mount Tabor, the site of transfiguration of Christ;

This Mountain is very high and it would take almost quarter of a day to reach to the top. This may be the reason why Peter and them were heavy with sleep.

We passed through Endor where king Saul consulted a witch on the eve of his last battle on mount Gilboa.

Driving through Jezreel Valley we passed through Megiddo the site where the battle of Armageddon will be fought.



Next we went to Mount Carmel where Elijah defeated the prophets of Baal; 1 Kings 18 vs21.

Next we drove to Caesarea on the coasts of Mediterranean Sea, an important port which linked Rome to the Orient. Here a prophecy about the fate of Paul was given by Agabus.

### **Day 8**

We drove to Nazareth where Jesus grew up and passed through Cana the site where Jesus changed water into wine as in John 2 vs1. We visited Nazareth village which is the recreated village of Nazareth in the first century. We learnt about life as it was in the time of Jesus and meeting the village people and took part in simple daily tasks.

We proceeded to Mount Precipice- the Brow of the Hill as in Luke 4 vs17,

Next we drove to the well of Harod where Gideon selected his warriors before the battle against the Medianites;

#### *Well of Harod*

This well is situated at foot of Mount Gilboa site of the battle of king Saul against the Philistines; 1 Samuel 31 vs1,

We saw Mt Gilboa which is distinctly green on the Southern



side and no vegetation on the Northern side although receiving the same amount of rainfall, sunshine and same soil texture. This dividing line is opposite Beth Shan signifying that the battle took place from that point Northwards along the mountain and showing that what God has cursed can never be blessed unto this day.



We drove to Jericho through West Bank occupied by the Palestinians. When we were nearing Jericho we observed a **peculiar light** around 3 p.m. high in the sky. It was extremely bright, brighter than the sun on one side and amber on the other side. This to us was a testimony that God was leading us.

Sister Mahuna testified that God had said to her in a dream, that something supernatural and peculiar was going to be seen in Israel during our tour, a week before we started our journey. We saw the fountain of waters treated by Elisha in 2Kings 2 vs20, The waters are still fresh unto this day, we tested them.

### Day 9

We drove to Massada, site of the remnants of the Zealots who resisted the occupation of roman soldiers. We drove along the Dead Sea coast to En Gedi. The baptismal site of Jesus Christ was closed on this day as it is now a military area. We enjoyed a weightless swim in the Dead Sea and proceeded to Jerusalem for overnight.

### Day 10

In the morning we drove to Mount of Olives for a panoramic view of Jerusalem. We visited Gethsemane and Calvary. Next we visited the Temple Institute where we had a lecture of the procedures in the temple; building plans and preparation for the old temple worship again in direct conflict with the Dorm of the Rock which houses the stone where Abraham sacrificed a lamb instead of Isaac. We went to the city of David and walked through Hezekiah's tunnel hewed out of rock, armed with touches. The waters are cool and clear unto this day. We spent the rest of the afternoon in the west wall which are the original walls at the time of Jesus Christ.

### Day 11

We went to the room of the Last Supper above the tomb of King David; which is the same room where the Holy Ghost first fell on the day of Pentecost. We burst into a song, '*They were in the upper chamber*' after some scriptures were read to us. We felt the sweet anointing of the old time Holy Ghost in this room as we pondered on the mercies and grace accorded to us by Almighty God. We walked through Via Dolorosa, the Way and Sorrows for our Lord from the house of Pilate making fourteen stops (fourteen generations from Abraham to David and from king

David to Lord Jesus Christ) before we proceeded out of the Gate of Damascus to Golgotha.

### **Day 12**

We visited Hebron, this time in a bullet-proof bus since the situation in the town is volatile. We went to Abraham's burying place called GENESIS 23:17. We saw the graves of Abraham, Jacob, Sarah, Leah and the other one not identified. We drove back to Jerusalem to the Garden Tomb, site of the empty tomb on Mount Golgotha, the place of the Skull. We saw the empty tomb where Jesus had been laid and where the angel had set dove-tailing with the scriptures. We burst into worship songs, Brother Chandimhara read some scriptures

### **Day 13**

We went to Bethlehem and passed through the tomb of Rachel as in Genesis 35 vs19, Bethlehem is walled and ruled by Palestinians under the watchful eyes of the Israeli soldiers.

We were guided by a Palestinian priest to the birth place of Jesus Christ near a cave which hundreds of years before Jesus was born near this cave Naomi and Ruth came from Moab and lodged in the same cave in Ruth 1 vs22, Boaz field was in the eastern side of this cave which hundreds of years later were the shepherd's field abiding in the field keeping watch over their flock over the night.

### **Day 14**

We went to Yad Vashem, the Holocaust museum where we saw how the Jews suffered in the hands of Germany under Adolf Hitler in the Second World War. We also visited Israel museum and the model of the Second Temple of Jerusalem and the Shrine of the Book

We climbed Tel Azekah and viewed the battle ground where David slew Goliath. We picked some stones from the battle ground for

testimony back home (Picture above). After we had dinner in the restaurant ,we drove to the airport at 0020 for the flight to Addis Ababa followed by flight to Harare via Lubumbashi.

