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WHERE THERE IS NO VISION, THE PEOPLE PERISH. PROVERBS 29:18

CATCH THE VISION



PYGMIES OF YEYIMBO

It may have been a cobra or a mamba. The agonizing pain overwhelmed the young man, and as his vision became blurred and his breathing shortened, he slowly lost consciousness. His family and friends tried every remedy they knew, but death gradually drew closer. The witchdoctor mixed his healing potions and called upon the spirits of the ancestors, but to no avail. The villagers stood helpless and watched as their efforts failed. Slowly, his tiny body was overcome by the venom, and he died.



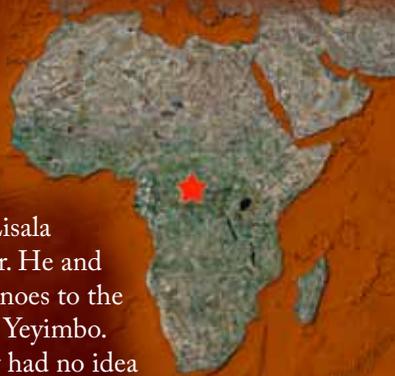
The mourning spread to neighboring villages in the forest. Eventually, the sad news reached Brother Lileke. He had visited this village many times. Brother Lileke always felt the burden to bring the Message of the hour to that village, but he was continually turned down. By nature, the Pygmies are suspicious of outside influence and fiercely guard their traditional way of life. They have relied on their beliefs for thousands of years. Missionaries have come and gone, but the power of their superstitions has always been greater than any “religion” brought into the forest from the outside world. These men brought only useless words, with nothing more than fairytales for children. Even though Brother Lileke claimed that the Creator of the heavens and earth spoke through a man in this modern day, they had no time for such things.

Brother Lileke wanted to help in any way he could, so he made the trip through the jungle. When he arrived, he saw the villagers weeping over their lost loved one. That is when the anointing struck. He walked over to the corpse, and in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ, the dead man came to life in front of the entire village.

The Pygmies witnessed a power that was never present in their superstitions, and certainly never demonstrated by the missionaries. For the first time, they sat under the canopy of the giant trees and eagerly listened to the stories about a prophet sent from the one true God. It was not long before they were all baptized in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ. From that

time, the Pygmies of Yeyimbo longed to hear this prophet for themselves. That was nine years ago. The man who was bitten by the snake bears a faint scar from the fangs of the serpent, but the miracle that followed is still fresh in the minds of the Pygmy believers.

Brother Justin Manze (pastor, missionary, and VGR librarian in Lisala Congo) made the perilous journey to the new believers a year later. He and other brothers paddled 50 miles up the Congo River in dugout canoes to the remote village of Yakata. From there, they hiked into the forest to Yeyimbo. The Pygmies were overjoyed to receive their new visitors, but they had no idea



about the news that these brothers were bringing: Voice Of God Recordings would be providing them with actual sermons from the prophet of God!

They closely studied the prophet’s books and found that the miracle they witnessed was prophesied to follow *them that believe*. It was not long before there was an outpouring of the Holy Spirit among the Pygmies with signs and wonders following. A woman dying of Tuberculosis was prayed for, and the Lord healed her. The word spread to neighboring villages, and Message churches began to spring up deeper into the equatorial forest of northern Congo. After hearing rumors that God was performing signs and wonders, the nearby Bantus brought their sick to the Pygmy villages. They were not disappointed, and brought the Message back to their people.

A few months ago, Brother Alfred Tshibangu (Missionary mentioned in the *God’s Great Machine* CTV) went on a two-month missionary trip into the Congo jungles. As always, his main objective was delivering books and tapes on behalf of VGR. He joined Brother Manze in Lisala, where he stayed for two weeks before going deeper into the jungle and visiting the Pygmies.

We left Bumba and went down to Lisala, where we were received by Pastor Manze. We again greeted the church for Brother Joseph and those at Voice Of God Recordings. We preached for two weeks there, and during our visit, we prayed for an anemic child. The Lord Jesus healed him ten minutes later. From Lisala, we traveled on rowing pirogues up the Congo River and into the jungles, where live our Pygmy brothers, called “natives” by Brother Branham. It was hard because we had no motor, but the Lord Jesus supported us. We told them about the work of Voice Of God Recordings throughout the world. All these natives are behind the work that Voice Of God does. We distributed Message books to them. We woke at 1:00 the next morning to row to the next village, Mongana...

BROTHER TSHIBANGU

Although the Pygmy believers in northern Congo are visited regularly by Brother Manze and other missionary brothers delivering more books and tapes, they have not forgotten when this great work started. Every time Brother Manze visits, the Pygmy churches gather at Yeyimbo, where they were introduced to the power of the Holy Spirit by a humble man named Lileke, who believed that God sent a prophet to all the world. As Brother Manze greets them, they sing their favorite song:

Jesus Christ is the Liberator, His great prophet is called William Branham.

The vision of William Branham saying that the Message would enter the jungle of Africa is the truth It has been fulfilled, and the Message entered deep into the equatorial forest.

Jesus Christ is God, and William Branham is His prophet.

In the Book of Acts, the disciples sent out missionaries to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ to *all the world*. We, as modern disciples of the Lord Jesus, have the same opportunity. Brother Branham said, *“If He is still calling, then the same Thing is here. When did the apostolic age cease then? The apostolic age ceases when God ceases to call.”*

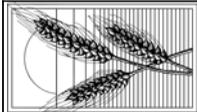
Who is responsible for delivering the Gospel into the equatorial forest? Who armed these brothers with the pure and unadulterated Word of God? The Pygmies of the Congo send their gratitude to YOU: the disciples who continue to send them the Message of the hour.



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"But in the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he shall begin to sound, the mystery of God should be finished, as he hath declared to his servants the prophets." REVELATION 10:7



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