

# Tom Edwards Evangelistic Assoc., Inc.

*Fifty-one years  
of  
full time outreach*

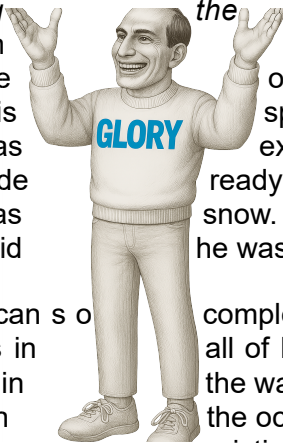
—A ministry of lay Catholic evangelization & mission—



## What Happens when a Sinner is Forgiven?

“Come now, let us set things right,\*says the LORD: Though your sins be like scarlet,they may become white as snow; Though they be red like crimson,they may become white as wool.” (Isaiah 1:18).

It is perhaps the most important miracle ever and it is offered freely to all who make a choice to comply with the necessary condition to receive it. It is such an astounding event that it actually sparks a celebratory event in Heaven. *Jesus himself said, “I tell you, there will be rejoicing among the angels of God over one sinner who repents.” (Luke 10:15)* Can you imagine the angels rejoicing over the repentance of the one we often refer to as the “Good Thief”? Just as Jesus was surrendering His spirit in death, this man (now known as St. Dismus) was experiencing a total removal of the stain of a sinful life and was made ready to be presented to Heaven with a soul made pure and and white as snow. It all happened at the moment he confessed faith in who Jesus said he was, the Son of God.



Should we be surprised that God can so completely reverse a condition? He has given a multitude of examples in all of His creation. Do you remember the horrible oil spills that took place in the waters off of Louisiana? It seemed to be a catastrophe that would ruin the ocean forever. Who can forget the images of black sludge on formerly pristine beaches? What about the water fowl with feathers matted together and struggling to survive? However, scientist came up with a process called bioremediation that allowed polluted environments to be cleansed and restored. One process used a certain bacteria that could break down oil and convert it into harmless substances. Over time, the filthy polluted waters became a life sustaining clean ecosystem. Another example from science is equally astounding. Vast clouds of dust and gas exist in space, the remnants of exploded stars. Over millions of years these particles of dust are drawn together by gravity and form new heavenly bodies, even entire solar systems. It's the creator God who set all of this in motion. He can take things which seem hopelessly disordered and broken and shape them into something brand new with vibrancy and purpose. Yet, these things are dim reminders of the glorious work that He does in restoring a shattered soul and making it fit for Paradise.

Isaiah himself wrote from firsthand experience. In Isaiah 6, he recounts a time when his eyes are opened to the glory of God and His holy angels. When Isaiah sees God in His “gloriousness”, Isaiah is enabled to see himself in all his “goriness”. Himself a prophet, he recognizes how far short he falls of the glory of God. In this moment, he actually curses (anathematizes) himself. “Woe is me!” Brought to see the heights of Heaven, he sees his wretched lowliness in comparison and confesses it. It's then that an angel comes to him with a glowing ember from the fire of God's holy altar and touches him. With that touch his lips are purged. It is on the heels of this purgatorial experience that Isaiah is made ready

# The Proclaimer

**Aug.-Sept.**

**2025**

to hear and respond to the call of the Living God. “Here I am, send me!” It was then that Isaiah was commissioned to go forth, to preach to a people with the most hardened of hearts and announce the mercies of God to those who were willing to believe. It was then that Isaiah was equipped to persevere in the proclamation of God’s message even though many in his day would reject and persecute him.

When it comes to making sins disappear, the Apostle Paul gave us the perfect analogy in the second chapter of Colossians. *(13) And even when you were dead [in] transgressions and the uncircumcision of your flesh, he brought you to life along with him, having forgiven us all our transgressions; (14) obliterating the bond against us, with its legal claims, which was opposed to us, he also removed it from our midst, nailing it to the cross; (15) despoiling the principalities and the powers, he made a public spectacle of them, leading them away in triumph by it.* In that day most legal documents were written on a document made of papyrus reed. It was a labor intensive process. Thus, once the document had served its purpose the practice was to wash it clean with a wet sponge. Thus it could be used multiple times. Think of it as a “compete delete” on your device. To paraphrase and personalize Paul’s analogy: There was a legal document that recorded my sin and stood as testimony against me. By the work of the cross, Jesus wiped the document totally clean and nailed it to the cross. In so doing, He obliterated and blotted out forever the devil’s accusations against me. And then like a victorious king, He openly paraded the devil and his hoards. Having stripped them naked, He marched them through the streets of the city as a public spectacle of their defeat and made me a part of His victorious parade. On my part, having repented from wicked ways, I choose to serve the King forever and abide in His kingdom. GLORY!



### **Mission to Tanzania**

This mission marks the twenty-fifth annual Renewal Ministries outreach to the East African country of the Republic of Tanzania. By God’s amazing grace, we have been able to reach out to 24 of the 34 dioceses in the country, some of them multiple times. Our response this year was to an invitation issued by Bishop Severine Niwemugizi. Bishop Severine has served the Diocese of Rulenge-Ngara since its creation by Pope Benedict XVI on August 14, 2008. The diocese serves a population of 1.3 million with about 31% being Catholic.

Our schedule this year was one of the most ambitious to date. Our plan included three outdoor rallies conducted simultaneously in Ngara and two smaller towns, Chato and Bilharamulo. The two smaller towns were over 100 miles away. The rallies were from 2:00 pm to sundown in each town for eight days. The Ngara schedule included various workshops for two hours each morning. In addition, there was a retreat for the priests of the diocese in the town of Rulenge on the far side of the valley. Ngara town is situated on a ridge at an elevation of about 4600 feet above sea level. It is near the border of Bemenda. The beautiful valley is several miles across.

As is often the case, the rally which began on our arrival in Ngara was attended by a hundred people or so. Rallies included lots of preaching of the gospel, very animated praise, worship and dance led by our talented praise and worship team. This led to much prayer and invitations to commitment to the ways of the Lord Jesus. Personal prayer was offered by our team each day and the presence of the Holy Spirit was tangible. The many testimonies which followed reflect all kinds of blessings, signs and wonders. Each day the word spread that God was doing something special. The rally was open to all, churched, non-churched, and animist. Muslims often came and stood on the fringes soaking in the Word of God. Attendance grew each day and toward the end of the week the participants were numbering more than 1500, this in a relatively small and remote town. Many testimonies emerged as participants came forth to share what the Lord has done. Our team members report on a few of these:



Bohdan, team member from Slovakia shares: The healing and deliverance workshop began with 100 people and grew each day to 250. On the first day a young man appeared and sat in front row. From the very beginning of the teaching he was asleep. People sitting next to him could not awake him. He was sleeping during the whole teaching but at the end when we started to pray he suddenly woke up and while we were praying to the Holy Spirit he had a strong manifestation - laying down on the earth and shaking. After 20 minutes the manifestations ceased, he stood up, his face was completely changed and he started to praise God. He gave thanks to God for the grace to be healed and delivered. On Wednesday he announced that he was ready to come back to the Catholic Church since as a formerly



baptized person he had converted to Muslim faith. God has done this great conversion and returned one of his sons and even more. Many people who attended the Rally gave witness to their experience of God's love and power.

Team member Nate shares: Nate shares: Over our week in Ngara-Rulenge, I witnessed God move powerfully among the people that He loves so much. People experienced deliverance from evil forces in their lives. Troubled families came and prayed, and testified to reconciled relationships in their homes. I was blown away how expectant the people of Ngara were that God would move in their lives, and their gratitude when He did. A particular grace for me as a Seminarian was assisting with a retreat for ~20 of the Priests of the diocese of Ngara-Rulenge. At the end of our time, it was clear that many of these Priests gained new insights and preaching points on the Kerygma, and had received a fresh renewal of the Holy Spirit. Our God is so generous, and there were so many blessings for only one week; I can't wait to hear of the many more in the months and years to come!



Our talented team gathered from the USA, Canada, Slovakia and Tanzania

Jean Marie shares about the amazing Prolife workshops: Jean Marie shares: I am so grateful that our Lord directed Sebastian and Tom to take the team to Ngara this year and to Victoria and Jacinta for their incredible gift of translating in our workshop. Our Pro-life group numbered in the sixties and attended every day with great expectations, joy and concentration. As Lynn shared each month's development, they listened intently and eyes were fixed on the posters Eric was showing them. They were in awe of seeing the beauty and complexity of each baby. And when Patrick read a scripture passage for each month, they entered right into God's living Word and were totally in sync with what God was saying. That was Monday, our first day, and when we brought out the fetal models from 7 to 26 weeks, they couldn't contain their excitement as they broke out in clapping and joyful response. It was like Christmas morning and opening gifts! The next day, they came eager to learn Natural Family Planning. The majority of the men and women could not take notes, so we were challenged to come up with different teaching strategies. NFP is something that they really need to understand and get right if they are going to use it. Otherwise, we are doing them a tremendous disservice. Luckily, we have been given access to a very faithful and creative Holy Spirit! We ended up having a great time acting out and doing a lot of repetitive actions. And when they came back the next day and we checked for understanding, they laughed as they showed us and told us the correct responses. They got it! As the week went on, the team shared Theology of the Body, the dangers of contraceptives (many women had the IUD or the implant), and abortion (which is common there). Their many questions clearly exposed the lies they had been led to believe but more powerfully and beautifully showed their love for Jesus and the deep desire to trust and obey Him. We ended on Friday and just as it was like Christmas on Monday, there was Christmas joy once again as we gave each one of them a blessed rosary and a 10 wk baby model. We then together prayed as one with our rosaries and hearts full of Christ's Joy and Love.

Team member Erik from Georgia shares: On the final day of the mission, Tom, the leader of the ministry, called on the Holy Spirit to fall upon the crowd. Immediately, two women came forward, both manifesting spirits. The first was full of the Holy Spirit! She had her arms outstretched, a glowing smile on her face, and radiated bliss!

The second woman looked like she was in torment, with a pained look on her face, and arms shaking about. The team took her into the church, where three team members and the seminarian from the parish prayed over her. Two of the team members, big guys, struggled to keep her arms pinned to the floor while she fought the prayers. At one point she muttered something and the seminarian translated it, "We are many. We will leave, but we will come back tomorrow." The team kept praying and calling on Jesus, Mary, and the saints to be there and to help. The woman muttered again, translated as, "I am the last one. I will leave and we will not return, because you are so many." With that, the woman stopped fighting, her body became slack, and she woke up in a daze, not knowing what just happened." The seminarian was going to follow up with her, but the team members did not hear anything else about her situation, as they left town the next day.

**For an in-depth report on the Tanzania mission with lots of great photos: CLICK BELOW**

<https://goyetomedwards.wixsite.com/parishmission>

**Then click on 2025 Tanzania Mission**

## Donate with your phone



Scan me



Yes, we do need your help in taking the Good News to others. Use the QR code and enter an amount followed by your credit or debit card number. You can make a one-time gift or automatic repeated monthly gift of support. It's fast and hassle and postage free. This ministry has been going for 51 years full-time. Join us with your commitment as we forge ahead. Thank you!



## Itinerary

There never seems to be a time when we are not busy and the upcoming months are no exception. In the second half of 2025, we will be planning and executing three major overseas **Renewal Ministries** missions. Each country we visit has its unique challenges. Our task is to organize international teams, plan travel to and within the countries, coordinate with local Bishops, clergy and lay people. Logistics are often very complicated and physically demanding. Most importantly, we want to develop and present preachings, teachings, workshops for all kinds of situations. This often involves large scale rallies with thousands attending, small groups in all kinds of places, parishes, homes, tents or under the canopy of jungle trees. Along the way, the Lord opens doors in schools from kindergarten to universities and tech schools. We may find ourselves presenting retreats to priests or sisters one day and recovering addicts the next. We go to meetings in homes, gymnasiums, churches, barns, hospitals, prisons, orphanages, streets and more. We may be with the destitute one day and an ambassador the next. We seek to walk through the doors that the Lord opens and in every way to do that which will bring glory to Jesus and accomplish His will—all of that by grace.

**Sept. 8-23, Taiwan**—We are super excited about returning to Taiwan. Our last visit was in 2018. Most of you know from the daily news of the tensions that exist there. Taiwanese religious culture is highly syncretic with a mix of Buddhism, Taoism and Chinese folk religion. 87% of Taiwanese believe in Karma. With a population of about 24 million, the Christians number less than 4% and Catholics less than 1%. Many of the priests are foreign missionaries. In spite of the small numbers, the church makes a significant impact on the culture. We have been in communication with two priests in the country who have invited us and opened doors so that we might join them in making Jesus known to those who hunger for truth but have no idea of who Jesus is. Your prayers for this outreach are vital.

**Oct. 14-29, Slovakia and Czech Republic**—This will be our 27<sup>th</sup> year of outreach to the people of Slovakia. Quite unlike Taiwan, this country has a rich history of centuries of Catholicism. Even though we have covered many cities, towns, and villages and sought to share a spirit of renewal, there yet remains many remote and rural areas where the faith has grown tired and people often exist in a fortress mentality that leads to depression and hopelessness. After speaking at a big FIRE rally, we hope to focus the rest of our mission on those small places, especially some of the villages sitting near the border of Ukraine where many of those fleeing the hostilities of the war are now trying to cope. Once again, your prayers are vital.

## What is a Co-Missionary

Over the past 50 years we have had a small group of faithful supporters of this ministry who have made a commitment to help us financially. Some are monthly, some bimonthly, some annually. They also remember this ministry regularly in prayer. We also pray for them and send a quarterly update of our activities. If they desire, we send some return contribution envelopes for their convenience. These are those known as our Co-Missionaries. They are vital to our planning and outreach. We still have faithful Co-Missionaries who have been with us from the beginning and some have gone on to their eternal reward. From time to time, others are raised up and fill the gap. God is faithful. If the Lord should prompt you to help in this manner, please let us know.

Donate with your  
Credit or Debit Card



Tom Edwards Evangelistic Assoc., Inc.

P. O. Box 2113, St. Augustine, FL 32085

(A 501 c3 non-profit)

Email: goyetomedwards@att.net

[www.catholic evangelization.homestead.com](http://www.catholic evangelization.homestead.com)

**Parish Mission  
Website**