

June 19th

Getting started has been slow but steady. Catching up is always a good thing to do. Dieter Moresbach a long time friend came to visit and I went in the afternoon to the Red Plot with Lon to visit with Pastor Thomas, Matias his son and another pastor Peter for a training meeting. I made a small presentation to the leadership at red Plot and went to sit under the stars for a braai (BBQ) and have dinner with Dieter and his wife Joan at their home.



Wash day and try to figure out new computers and why the blogs are not reaching Tim in America to post them – files too big, wrong addresses etc - all of the above. One day I will be a computer person. I live in hope. The internet is dial up out here so it...is...very... slow.

On Friday evening I attended the start of a lecture series on Islam given by Dr Daniel Sheyesteh. His book is a must read - The Difference is the Son. Dr, Daniel was an activist for Islam but managed to leave the service of the Iatola alive and now tells his story. If you still think it is a religion of love buy the book and read it carefully.



Points to Ponder:

- * Wherever a mosque is built that country is claimed for Islam.
- * Never confuse the hospitable culture of these people with Islam.
- * Whenever Muslims are in the minority they are doves.
- * When Muslims are in the majority they rule by the sword.

* The practice of Taghiyya is the process of deception to conquer –lie- deceive at any cost to ensure the expansion of Islam.

Uneducated Muslims in Islam are not aware until it is too late that the only way out is death. Hmm I heard something like this on the Sopranos only they called it the family business.

Saturday afternoon I visited the ministries of Immanuel Church by bus.



They feel that it is not satisfactory just to give money for ministry opportunities to the poor but for the congregation to also visit them and have hands on experiences with those who are being ministered to. They have a bus service to take the congregation to these locations on a regular basis. What a great idea!!!!

I attended Sunday service at Gospel Outreach Namibia and listened to many testimonies of their congregation who went out on their first ministry outreach on Saturday with food and blankets into the Katatura area where thousands of people live in shacks as well. I am convinced that if you once go out and touch the mission field even if it is in your back yard you will never be the same. The service lasted 3 hours as everyone wanted to tell their stories.



Comments

“The food ran out so next time we will bring some from our home.”

“The Church needs to go to those who cannot come to the Church building.”

“I have never seen such an expression of gratitude and surprise like the one I saw on the face of the old man I gave the blanket to at the hospital.”

“A lady told me that she is too week to come to church and no one comes to even pray with her.”

The lady that said the above started a prayer group that would meet at least once per week and get others started as well in the area. She said that she got the idea from something I had said to the group before they went out about the church becoming missional and going to the people rather than being attractional for them to come to the church building.