

### **Cat. 3 # 8 An intercessors conference that became a sign of hope.**

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**Remark:** In the field of "reconciliation" beautiful events have occurred. We have seen follow-ups after these events, but also sad events. We realize that Gods children are involved in spiritual battles. Yet: the good events *did* happen, and we may rejoice in that. In the Democratic Republic of Congo beautiful events have happened, at different times. But the battle to undo these events is very fierce. Let us pray for these nations that they will persevere. In righteousness.

At the Intercessors conference in Kinshasa, Congo, where Pieter was an "orator", each teaching was followed up by times of intercession and confession. The inspiration and anointing of the Holy Spirit caused a depth of the confessions, of group after group, really a sign of hope that this troubled nation can and will be cleansed! After the conference the leadership and the internationals were invited to meet with the Vice-President. He explained that the government of Congo is considering leading the nation into repentance and reconciliation and he asked the conference leadership to help him.

The four internationals were each given three (!) minutes to speak. Pieter shared about the UN-dynamics trying to destabilize young democracies in Africa. He expressed his concern that especially Congo might suffer of this, as this nation is closer than any nation to covenant to God, and that "the corporate confessions of last week conference were so deep and real, that they might well be the beginning of the document of Congo covenanting to God." Both the Vice President and the conference leadership were surprised by this evaluation and took this suggestion to heart.

"A sign of hope for Congo-Kinshasa"

On the Saturday of the conference there was a dinner with the speakers. After dinner one of us proposed to pray, and for that reason we stood to our feet and held hands.

The moment I stood to my feet this is what I felt the Lord said:

"You are in Africa again [indeed, for the thirteenth time and in the ninth country of this continent] in the centre of the continent, in the nation that you think is the most troubled of all nations on the continent. But this trip is the first into this continent that you are invited with the promise beforehand to completely cover your travel and lodging expenses. That is a sign of hope."

Reconciliation and restitution.

One of the topics during the Congo conference was the devastating spiritual effect on the nation of bribery and looting. The prayer response caused the whole conference, over 600, to stand to its feet, to ask forgiveness for the 1999 wave of lootings of western companies, and to come forward and spontaneously bring some money. Then the conference leadership knelt before me, the only white person, and asked me to accept this money as "token restitution." This was overwhelming: they were overlooking more than hundred years of cruel colonialism and asking forgiveness for five days of looting!

Identificational confession from the other side.

The last day of the conference another special event developed. Present was a picture of the original sword that in the 1870ies, the explorer Stanley together with guns and ammunition, had given to the king of Kinshasa, in exchange for the "soil of Kinshasa and all her resources, and all the labour required to make these available to the king (of Belgium)"! Also present was a descendant of that king of Kinshasa. The leadership felt led to prophetically unbind that bond: the descendant identificationally gave back the sword, and all the deception of that deal, and the whole gathering repeated those words; then I was asked, as the only European, to represent Stanley and the west (!), and to give back the "soil and the resources and the labour..."

When I finished, and the Lord gave me the right words, the whole conference wept and cheered at the same time: they felt the land at last was (beginning to be) redeemed.

This was an identificational action, but I had never been on the grace side, and seldom with so much anointing.