

# Rooted in Jesus report, Muhuraba Diocese, Uganda October 2010

Geoff Read

*Geoff Read led a return team to the Diocese of Muhuraba in Uganda. The team ran two conferences, between 9th and 26th October, in conjunction with a visit by members of Geoff's church in Basel to the water project and orphanage which they support. Geoff had been a member of the first RinJ team the year before, so was returning to familiar ground.*

*Other team members were Alfred Sichone (Luapula, Zambia), Tim Carter, Geoff Stokes and Margaret Critchlow.*

*The Bishop is Cranmer Mugisha. A new coordinator is to be appointed to take over from Jenny Green.*

*Geoff writes:*

“Returning to a Diocese to lead a follow-up visit is a great experience. Not only are key working relationships in place to build upon, but you are revisiting friends! When an Introductory Conference ends there are naturally high hopes and genuine commitment among new RinJ group leaders and the Diocese. Returning to see what has and has not really happened and why is sobering and humbling. It is about identifying and celebrating the green shoots that there are, and also speaking the truth in love to existing leaders by encouraging an atmosphere of grace and mercy.

“As leader I appreciated the opportunity to put together the team with the help of Alison from *Rooted in Jesus*. It enabled me to include a member of my church in the team as part of our discipleship programme in the church. Enabling others to see life from a different perspective, to meet with fellow Christians from a different culture and to offer skills and gifts to the wider church is a tremendous opportunity for growth.

“Our Team worked really well, with a good balance of people and skills. A whole day for team prep together with an emphasis on team building was vital. Also, the discipline of morning prayer and night prayer together plus review straight after each day.”

“Time with the Bishop during and after was important and fruitful. Knowing him from before meant that I was able to push a bit and be a "critical friend" about the central place of RinJ and the potential fruit from that long-term, even if would need some short-term pruning of other things relative to all the other programmes in the Diocese.

Alfred Sichone



The team ran two conferences:

1. Iryaravumba – working with 28 new leaders and 10 existing leaders
2. Kis – working with 44 new and 9 existing leaders

Geoff observes that a four day conference is demanding of people's time. “But having said that we agreed that it gives a good long time to model this approach which is probably far more important than content.” Some of the existing leaders who had been able to attend the previous conference (July 2009) were not able to come to this one (October 2010) due to the fact it fell in the school term.



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