

Rooted in Jesus conferences in the Diocese of Mount Kilimanjaro and the Diocese of Western Tanganyika, May 2013

A team led by Revd John McGinley visited these two dioceses at the invitations of Bishop Stanley Hotay and Sadock Makaya.

Diocese of Mount Kilimanjaro

A Rooted in Jesus team visited Arusha at the invitation of Bishop Stanley Hotay to introduce *Rooted in Jesus Junior* to Sunday School teachers from across the diocese. *Rooted in Jesus* has been in use in this diocese, for which it was first designed, since 2002. After a troubled period in the history of the diocese, the programme was relaunched in 2012 following the appointment of Bishop Stanley Hotay as the new bishop.

Team: John McGinley (team leader), Alex Scott, Sue Bradley, Linnet Smith, Ally Heath, Louise Warner. The conference was attended by 127 participants. John McGinley reported:

“Significant levels of healing and deliverance, and empowering of Holy Spirit and beautiful worship. Conference concluded with good plans being made and the person appointed by Stanley to be RinJ coordinator for Diocese, Charles, attended the whole conference, and heard all plans. Charles is a gifted Christian leader who has planted churches and is well educated theologically and understands strategy. I met with him and talked through a strategy of investing in developing local coordinators in different areas of the diocese who he can liaise with and develop regular contact and reporting structure.”

Sue Bradley writes:

“The visit to Tanzania was a powerful experience in all sorts of ways. The RinJ Junior in Arusha was wonderful – the group of attendees, all children’s workers (i.e. Sunday school teachers), were so eager to learn and participate. They were very happy to have the chance to meet and study together – this was not something that many had experienced before and it was clearly exciting and a joy to them to be there. The openness allowed the Holy Spirit to move powerfully, and people experienced God’s touch through the presence of the Holy Spirit – in healing, freedom and joy. Because of the grace of God there I was able to move myself in the spirit in a way I haven’t experienced for a long time, and this was a joy (and exhausting!).”



Learning about the Holy Spirit!

Diocese of Western Tanganyika

An introductory *Rooted in Jesus* conference for this large diocese was held in Kasulu. The team was led by Revd John McGinley and Canon Jacob Oyange (Diocese of Mara), with Isack Karuguru from the Mara also joining the UK team members listed above.



The conference was attended by the 32 rural deans of the diocese who, although initially cautious, responded with enthusiasm as the conference unfolded. Bishop Sadock wrote afterwards: “The Rooted in Jesus seminar was very fruitful in my diocese. I truly saw that Rooted in Jesus once it takes place it will make a big difference in this Diocese.” Revd Meshack Manyaga has been appointed as Diocesan Coordinator. Each participant returned to his parish with a plan to start a group, inviting people who are capable of leading future groups to join in the first instance. Some of those groups have already started, and the Dean of the Bible College plans to introduce *RinJ* as part of the core curriculum for the training of new priests.

We hope to run a follow up conference in 2014 to extend the programme across the diocese.

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