

Feedback from Rooted in Jesus Groups in 4 Pentecostal Networks, Kenya: November, 2015

Bungoma: Feedback from RinJ delegates who started in May, 2014



Church growth

1. Helped church and those from outside - discovered people with evangelistic abilities, intercessors and teachers.
2. Church built up by coming into biblical truths.
3. Discovered gift to teach others.
4. A Bishop discovered how to teach and train others. 400 people in network, experienced increase of additional 250.
5. "Book 1 taught me how to teach in the church." Increase from 20 - 50.
6. Helped church members mature, discovering gifts in our lives, and position in Christ. Enabling people to be bold to serve God.
7. Leader experienced delegation of duties, and release of talents in members.
8. Many have become believers, and were taught truths of salvation; some beginning to teach others. RinJ has enabled an increase from 5 to 20 in the church.
9. RinJ has given foundation to members of church, enabling them to remain firm in their faith. Through the memory verses those who cannot read have been learning the scriptures. People are being encouraged to pray more, and helped to gain courage.

Increase

1. Been sharing individually with friends - 7 people,
2. Been helped personally spiritually and in prayer life.
3. Course has given confidence and boldness to church members to witness to others.
4. Helped to mature church members - increase of numbers from 6 - 90.
5. Led small group 10 (1st week) - 20 (2nd week) - 30 (3rd week) - after 1 month others helping to lead.
6. People grounded in faith, others saved.
7. Started with 7 people in 1 group - now 3 groups.
8. Started with 1 group of 5 people - now 2 groups. People able to quote scriptures in church
9. Leader working amongst Muslims, had planted 1 church, now 2 new churches have been added. Those on RinJ experienced expanded thinking, and now number 53.
10. People knowing who they are; they now know what Christianity means. Brought healing into people's lives - forgiveness.

Helping leaders

1. A leader from Mumias who had 3 groups, and saw increase - 6-30, 10-25, 12-36. He saw that RinJ was
 - (i) congregation centred, as opposed to leader centred
 - (ii) helps to release talents in different people
 - (iii) those who didn't really know who Jesus was, now do so
 - (iv) enables growth in the congregation.
2. Leader meditated on Book 1, which brought understanding which he passed on to others. Started with 1 group, now has several.
3. Leader described 'RinJ' as 'the way of the Spirit' - memory verses help us to take scriptures with us everywhere we go - walking with us. Learned of our position as a Son of God, and Jesus being the way, the gate into fullness of life. Group members learned how to live life from studying the book, learning forgiveness. Some have become new leaders in church.
4. 'RinJ' easy to learn. Memory verses helped overcome challenges of people not used to sharing. People who have never been to school, able to share memory verses, and share faith easily; becoming grounded in their faith.

Kombewa: feedback from 'RinJ' delegates who started in May, 2014



Evangelism & Memory Verses

1. People enter into the truth of the Bible: "memory verse makes the word of God easy to share: it creates greater confidence in people's lives".
2. Some with a study group are now able to lead - spiritual growth is evident. Memory verses encourage people to study the bible.
3. Going through book with (the leader's) family, helped him lead his family to Jesus: his children (8 & 10?) learned the memory verses.
4. Memory verses make evangelism easy, and become rooted in the Word. Understanding the power of the word of God.
5. Group very rural, made up of elderly people, some of whom were illiterate. Memory verses were very helpful.
6. Memory verses were easy to learn.

Discipleship

1. Going deeper into the Word
2. People are equipped to know the word of God, and having confidence to evangelize - seeing church growth out of Rooted in Jesus.
3. See progression going through the studies: it's good material for new converts.
4. People become hungry and enthusiastic about the Word of God.
5. Work load for Pastor reduced as people gained confidence & took leadership roles in the church.

Group dynamics

1. Every person (in a RinJ group of Christians) having an opportunity to lead the group and grow (under oversight of their married leadership couple).
2. Builds relationship amongst group members.
3. Non church members in one particular group, who were very regular in attendance. One has been born again, but everyone participated.
4. When people are given free time to express and discuss, it leads to people feeling a part of the church, which they had never previously experienced.
5. The course enables the leader to minister specifically into individual's lives: they share, and you know where they're at.
6. Report of a local coordinator: Joshphat (a church leader and school teacher):
 1. Very essential programme for both new believers and Christians who have only known Christ on a surface level.
 2. It enabled them to get rooted and established in the faith.
 3. They've seen people getting saved, and some delivered (using book 1 at the end!)
 4. It helps people to have a personal relationship as disciples.
 5. They had a very fearful lady as part of the group, now interpreting, preaching & wanting to teach; now enquiring about a possible Bible School! [She was also on our latest course, and took part in some interpretation for us.]

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