Lake Rukwa Diocese –
Introductory Rooted in Jesus Conference

May 22-24th 2014

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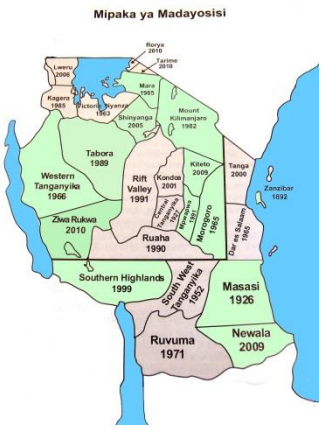
Bishop: Rt Revd Matthew Kasagara



The conference at Rukwa started on Thursday 22nd of May with almost 49 participants. Pastors were 22, Evangelists 23 and diocesan staff 4.The total was about 49. These are the ones who attended the conferences and all received the certificates including Matthew Kasagara, diocesan bishop himself.

Geographically, the diocese is wide and that many participants travelled far away and this was expensive, and meant that some took two days to reach the headquarters of the diocese.

The whole assessment of the reception of the conference was very very positive. The bishop with his clergies received us and the course with humility, humble and great thanks for the course to reach them. As usual, Jacob, Charles and I tried our level best led by God's power to serve the folks and that I have to admit that we were blessed. As as team leader I gave an introduction of Rooted in Jesus and how it began, and also some sessions led by Jacob and Charles including myself.

The trip to Lake Rukwa was very long and very tiring. The roads were so enjoyable BUT not not comfortable at all. Knowing that each one of the facilitators came from the end of the country, really God took us with his purposes to reach our destination. However I don't see that the problems we faced during our trip to stop me not to lead the team, NO, I enjoyed and still enjoy it. I was very impressive to work with Charles and Jacob. They were very blessing to the conference and to me also.

Bishop Matthew appointed Rev Stephen John Malack, the priest in charge of Sumbawanga, 260 km from the diocesan headquarters, as the diocesan coordinator for Rooted in Jesus. He does not use email, only the mobile. We do hope that though the diocese is passing very difficult time in terms of financial and lack of transport for the bishop, but one thing we as a team realised to bishop was that he is a happier and very approachable to any one who goes to him! He is really a servant of God. Matthew is there to serve and NOT to be served.

On the day of awarding the certificates, Bishop Matthew told the participants that, everything is there for them to serve in simple way and that he is hoping that the gospel will be preached and be taught through the course - and that anyone who will not be able to begin the groups for the course, better to return his ordination certificate!!

In Christ,

James

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