

The Family of One Heart and One Mind In Rooted In Jesus in the Diocese of Mara, Tanzania



In March 2011, shortly after the introductory seminars, Canon Jacob reported:

I have been rounding all the Diocese to observe the starting point of 'the family of one heart and one mind of rooted in Jesus in the Diocese of Mara' the work which has taken me two weeks and yet, I have planned to visit other fifteen centres within **eight deaneries** after Easter which will take me more than a week. The purpose of my visits is to meet with Coordinators and to encourage them to meet several times with other trainers, to write a down a timetable that shows how they plans to work and send to my office a copy, so that, I may know how to fix in the office programmes. I think that, this will help me us to work together as a team.

In my initial visits, I have visited **Cathedral** Deanery (they have formed 2 groups), Musoma Deanery (have formed 3 groups), **Kiabakari** Deanery(have formed 2 groups and the 3rd is formed on Sunday 17/04/2011), **Butiama** Deanery (have formed 1 group), **Bunda** Deanery (have formed 4 groups). At Bunda have visited only 2 groups. **Issenye** Deanery (have formed 3 groups), **Tairo** Deanery have formed 2 groups, **Buhemba** Deanery have formed 2 groups, **Mkirira** Deanery have formed 1 group, **Nyanja** Deanery have formed 2 groups and **Makutano** have formed 3 groups.

I look forward visiting **Mugumu** Deanery (2), **Majimoto** (3), **Maburi** (1), **Karukekere** (2), **Mwibara** (2), **Masinono** (1), **Tarani** (3) and **Bugwema** (1).

Jacob continued his visitations in April:

In my time table today, I am going to meet with the group of the Family of one heart and one mind in rooted in Jesus at **Rwankoma** Parish and evening time I will meet the another group at **Tiringati** Parish.

Tommorrow as well I will meet the **Mmazame** Parish Group and Evening time, I will be meeting with **Kirumi** Parish Group. Easter day, will be my Off day, but evening, I will meet groups from **Nyamatare** and **Majengo** Parishes. On Easter monday I will be visiting **Butiama** in the moorning and Cathedral group at evening time. Tuesday I will be in the office, But Wednesday I will be visiting **Buhemba**, and **Tarani** groups.

I have planned this visits for the reason that, we have Diocesan Council which held at Buhemba on 27&28/04 and in my report to the Diocesan council I would like to encourage members of the council to completely involved in the groups so that, when we are giving a report in the Diocesan council, themselves become the reasons for the family of one heart to work smothly in the Parishes. I hope that, this will be a means of planting the family of one heart to every congragation.

Revd Can Jacob Robert

In September Jacob sent the following report:



A BRIEF REPORT OF THE WORK OF THE FAMILY OF ONE HEART AND ONE MIND OF ROOTED IN JESUS IN THE DIOCESE OF MARA FROM MAY 2011-SEPTEMBER 2011.

1. INTRODUCTION

Dear Friends in the ReSource office:

Greetings from the Family of one heart and one mind of Rooted in Jesus in the Diocese of Mara. I pray and trust that, this report will find you well in your ministry to the Lord. Here in the Diocese of Mara, we are continuing to thrive in the work of the Lord. I thank God for being in our side throughout this ministry of the family of one heart and mind since we started it; the purpose was to reach Christians with the knowledge of God and helping them to grow in faith and discipleship. This goal has been our goal from beginning up the now.

2. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROGRAMME

The programme has been running well, because of TOTs whom we trained for the first time in March/2011. These TOTs have been taking the programme in a very seriously and at the moment, many parishes have responded very positively; **Revd Stephen Korokoni** of Karukekere Parish, told me that, 'the programme has helped Christians to be responsible to church ministry, they have gained confidence, and now they can stand in front of other and say something about faith, they involves in evangelism which in the previous time they were not able'. I thank God for this statement because, it helped us to understand, where we are with the family of one heart in the Diocese of Mara.

Evangelist Mathayo of Mmazame Parish gave a testimony on how, the group of the family of one heart and one mind, has helped the church to grow in number in his parish, He said to me that, many people have been attracted by the group and decides to join the group with the aim of studying the Bible, through the group, they join the church'. He continues to emphasise that, from May-July/2011, the number of Christians in my parish has increased from 40 to 89 Christians and the attitude of Christians toward the church activities has changed, now days people wants to come to church even in the midweek days. They meet together in every Sunday and Wednesday.

A small girl, called Tabitha Marwa, she is in class five, she was explaining how her father and mother passed away by HIV/AIDS, left her, when she was very young with her step father. In the group, she explained how she experience the Love of God, in particular and different ways, when she was relating John 3.16 with what she experienced, she said, it was her neighbouring sister who rescued me from the hands of my step mother who wanted to kill me because, I lost money on the road back home from buying a soap from the shop'. My step mother wanted to kill me but the Lord stood between me and her. She emphasised un-doubtfully, that, this is what God promised to all in faith in Him, that He will be with them up to the end of ages (Matthew 28.20)

Moreover, five groups have finished book one, and receive their certificates. We hope that, up to end of September other three groups will be through with book one. We are not yet start to provide groups with book 2 due to financial stand in the office, but my hope is before the end October we will be through. Really, there are lots to say but I cannot tell all today. But let us give glory to God.

From Revd Can Jacob Robert
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Follow up seminars are planned for March 2012.