

Report on the Introduction of Rooted in Jesus Junior to the Diocese of Mthatha, South Africa

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We were thrilled to be invited to the Diocese of Mthatha to conduct a Rooted in Jesus Junior training. We had a lovely time with the delegates, and the conference, by all accounts that we can tell, was a success. Thirty-eight people were trained in all. On the first day, we held a “train the trainers,” in which seven delegates were present. These seven trainee trainers played a leadership role in the training conference, and many of them will help to oversee the Junior programme in their diocese. We thank Bishop Sitembele Tobela Mzamane for inviting us to his diocese and Rev. Bulelwa Sihlali for her excellent organisation of the conference.



Testimonies

- A young mother said, “I used to be bitter towards my child because his father left me because of him. I used to beat my child. Now I have learned that God loves my child and that I need to love him too. God has put love in my heart for my child.”
- Another participant said, “I used to think that the Holy Spirit was for adults only. Now I understand that it is for children too.”
- Mama Lumka said, “On the first day, we felt lost, but we hung in there out of respect for the priest (Rev. Bule) who had invited us. As the day went on, we began to grasp better the material. I was the first one to volunteer to lead a workshop because you (the trainers) made me feel confident.”

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