

Report on RinJ Conference Diocese of Southern Highlands, Tanzania

11th-14th September 2012

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Conference organised by Canon James Almasi. Bishop: John Mwela.



- How many people attended each conference and received certificates?

WE HAD 68 PEOPLE. THE CONFERENCE WENT VERY WELL, WE WERE ENCOURAGED BY THE SPIRIT WE SAW IN PEOPLE'S COMMITMENTS AND THE SHARING OF THEIR IDEAS AND EXPERIENCES.

- The diocese - an assessment of the reception of the conferences and the future of the programme in the receiving diocese

THIS IS HARD TO DECIDE BECAUSE AS PART OF OUR CUSTOM MANY A TIMES PEOPLE WILL BE OPEN AND WELCOMING WHILE IN REAL SENSE THEY MAY HIDE THEIR HEARTS. ALL IN ALL WE FELT WELCOMED, WE WERE EVEN MOVED TO THE BEST HOTEL AFTER ONE NIGHT, JUST TWO OUT 4 OF US, THIS WAS AN HONOUR TO MAMA ASKOFU HELEN. THANK YOU FOR ASKING HER TO COME.



- The team

THREE PEOPLE THAT WORKED WITH ME HAD SPECIAL GIFTS AND UNIQUE, EACH ONE HAD DIFFERENT STYLE, I WAS BLESSED TO HAVE THEM AND FELT SECURE BECAUSE OF THE ABILITIES AND CHARACTER OF THE TEAM AND THE LEVEL OF MATURITY THEY HAD.



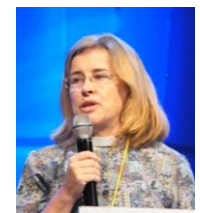
- Your own involvement

I ENJOYED MY TIME AND JUST THE FACT THAT I HAD TIME AWAY FROM HOME/OFFICE HELPS RENEW MY VISION.

+Stanley Hotay

Report for 'Rooted in Jesus' Conference, Mbeya 11-14 Sept 2012

It was a joy to be involved in this 4 day conference for various reasons: God had prepared the group of 68 clergy and lay people of the Diocese of Southern Highlands to hear and receive what we shared with them; four committed their lives to Jesus during one of the sessions; the Spirit really brought free and heart-felt worship; the team worked well together, complementing each other's gifts and teaching sessions; and I personally enjoyed the possibility to reflect on my own ministry work back home in our Diocese of Niassa. I could see the renewed encouragement that participation in a 'Rooted in Jesus' conference brings to the leaders of the conference, such as myself, and I return to Niassa seeing the necessity for follow-up conferences with specific parishes where perhaps the vision has come off-track or weakened. I see the relevance of a discipleship programme such as this, know its importance for backing up the church growth and vision for small groups that we have in our diocese, and appreciate its encouragement of emerging small group leaders. I believe that the Diocese of Southern Highlands has also caught the vision and enthusiasm, and God will grow their churches.



Bishop John was especially generous in his hospitality and care for us, Bishop Stanley couldn't have been more encouraging and warm as our team leader, Julius and Jacob were two godly and capable men to work beside.

Asante sana to you all!
Helen Van Koevering

