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ST PHILIPS THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE TANZANIA (EA)

**A REPORT OF THE ROOTED IN JESUS SEMINAR WHICH TOOK PLACE AT ST
PHILIP'S THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE – KONGWA – November 2014**

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COMMENTS

1: INTRODUCTION

- Ever since St Philip's Theological started offering theological training, it is now 100 years. May God continue to be called God.
- As we start the journey of another 100 years, on this first day of this new era we start with the Rooted in Jesus course. As students we see this as God's will.

11: THANKSGIVING

- We thank God for all that we heard and some which we saw with our own eyes.
 - We want to thank all the principals of this college from the first one to the 25th and in a special way we thank the 26th principal Revd John Madinda, who allowed the RinJ course to be run here at St Philip's Theological College – Kongwa.
 - We thank the students and staff for their readiness to accept this course, for their attendance and for their contribution in discussions to enable this training to be a success.
 - We thank Revd Andrew Petit from St Mary's Cholsey, Oxfordshire – UK, who following an invitation to attend the centenary of the college suggested to facilitate in planting this RinJ course in the college and began to prepare for the training. He has been accompanied by a lay evangelist David Gibbons a member of congregation from St Mary's Church Cholsey – Oxfordshire – UK.
 - We want to give thanks to the Archbishop of the Anglican Church of Tanzania The Most Revd Canon Dr Jacob Chimeledya.
- (a) In giving permission for the course to be offered here at St Philip's Theological College.
(b) To release Revd Canon Dunstan Mtoro to join the team of facilitators.
- We also give thanks to Revd Dr Alison Morgan (Program Director of RinJ UK) for allowing the teaching material to be used here.

111: ATTENDANCE

- An average of 89% of the students attended the course. We made a follow- up in keeping an attendance list for each class with all the names of registered students. The attendance was generally good.

(IV) TYPES OF COURSES

- Rin J is a type of course which enable someone to be a disciple of Jesus Christ. If this course is carefully used, there are good results which enable the church of Jesus Christ to be strong.

(V) FACILITATORS

- From the UK.
- (a) Revd Andrew Petit and (b) Evangelist David Gibbons
- From Tanzania
- (a) Revd Canon Dunstan Mtoro (Coordinator for the RinJ Diocese of Mpwapwa)
(b) The Revd Joseph Mangugi (Coordinator for RinJ Diocese of Kiteto)

(VI) SUCCESS

- **STEPS**

We succeeded in starting this step with 52 students and we have planted 9 leaders, who managed to be facilitators to the rest of the group.

- **ATTENDANCE**

Day one 52, day two 44, day three 48, day four 46 = the daily average was therefore 44.5 and therefore taking afternoon and evening = $44.5 \times 2 = 89\%$.

(VII) A. TESTIMONIES

1. **WINIFRIDA DANIEL (Female)**. "I have experienced the presence of the Holy Spirit and He has released me and I am now feeling free again to serve God being in the presence of the Holy Spirit".
2. **AMON MWASALAMA (Male)** "The method of teaching has opened me up and I am now feeling free to serve God in the presence of the Holy Spirit".
3. **MESHACK MTAMBULE (Male)** "I have moved another step in my faith and in serving people who have made a decision to accept Jesus Christ to be the Lord and Saviour of our lives".
4. **ROSE RUZABILA (Female)**. "The healing of my body. I had problems in going to the toilet for both the long and short call, but now I feel released and strong in serving God while I am healthy".

(VII) B. BLESSINGS

The opening of our minds in understanding what it means to be a disciple.

- The ability to manage being a disciple.
- Confidence – To build confidence in the step of being a disciple.

(VIII) CHALLENGES

- Ways to continue this ministry in this college, especially the availability of the teaching material stage 3 and 4.
- The timetable was not quite clear.

(IV) SUGGESTIONS

- We have seen a lot of blessings in this course bearing in mind that the facilitators are local people Revd Canon Dunstan Mtoro and Joseph Mangugi and they can be easily available. Together we suggest that each year on the week of the centenary, a course in RinJ be held at the college.
- Greetings from the dioceses, friends, various institutions, individuals etc to be accompanied by support towards various college projects such as

(a) Repair of college infrastructure; tackling and shortfalls facing the college; improving working standards in the college etc.

- To take seriously the Archbishop of the Anglican Church of Tanzania's speech The Most Revd Canon Dr Jacob Chimeledya.
- There are issues which if taken seriously will make it possible to face the challenges of the college – it is possible.

(X) CONCLUSION

- We want to say thank you to all who were involved in taking care of us in food (cooks); communications, reception and security during our time at the college. Also thank you to the leadership and administration of the college in giving us directions and procedures in order to establish a good foundation for this ministry.

- **OUR DESIRE**

To increase more effort in order to serve a wider area. Therefore for those who will get an opportunity to access this course it is our call for them to apply this course in their lives and live it and this will enable us to see both spiritual and physical changes.

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