

Youth camp at the Bible Conference Centre, Mputu, northeast Congo



After an extended period, brothers Thembo Festo and Kasereka Dario were able to travel to Mputu again. In view of the unsafe situation, they flew with MAF via Bunia town to the airstrip in Epulu, a village in the Okapi Wildlife Reserve, from where they drove < by car to Mputu.

The local brothers in Mputu were grateful that Festo and Dario came over to teach about Daniel's life.

They wrote the following report about this visit:

No word can express how much thankful we are to the Lord for the good and blessed time we had together during the three days boys' youth camp. Prior to the camp, we had Bible studies about the life and ministry of Daniel with young brothers, who would help with discussions in groups of more or less a dozen participants.

These studies > proved to be very good preparation for their task during the youth camp. They did a blessed job in guiding group discussions. Indeed, after each lesson, participants were divided into groups to find answers to the questions in the brochure about Daniel. Their answers were then discussed together, which was very instructive.

These young brothers also supervised the dormitories and carried out useful practical work.

By the Lord's help we were able to finish the first part of our studies about the life of Daniel (Maisha ya Danieli - Sehemu ya 1). Daniel and his friends stood for the interests of the Lord despite being in a foreign country and many kilometers away from home. They were faced with many troubles (and their faith was tested) but they trusted in the True living God who showed them that He is faithful. We also learnt that the secret of their strength was prayer, and that God answers prayer. Many lessons were learnt. We pray that God blesses His Word and continues to speak to these young people.

During the studies, every participant was involved especially during group discussions, and they enjoyed that method of learning.



group discussions



We are thankful for many things, which the Lord did for us, and mention but a few:

- We are thankful to the Lord for help of the local brothers, who volunteered to help in many practical ways including supervision and cleaning of the dormitories.
- For the local sisters in Mambasa and other sisters from the village Mayuano who prepared the meals for all the 120 participants.
- For the good and calm environment during the camp, especially during the week of elections in Congo.
- We are thankful to the Lord for the financial support from saints which was made available through foundation All Nations. This support facilitated the meals, travel expenses and other needs. May God abundantly bless the donors.

We are thankful for your prayers for the journey mercies of all the participants who went home after the camp, traveling long, dangerous, and bad roads. They all returned home safely without suffering rebel attacks or any unrest due to the elections. On the contrary, the Lord ensured that this unrest did not occur, both during and after the camp.

Sisters from Mayuano came over to help those in Mambasa to prepare meals for the boys' youth camp. They spent all the three days at the Bible Conference Center in Mputu making sure we get meals in time. We are so very thankful to the Lord for their service. Isn't it a blessing to have such among the people of God? Such a collaboration of sisters from different assemblies underlines that they feel one in the same Lord whom they serve together in the conference kitchen. Surely it is: "... your labor is not in vain in the Lord."



Sisters preparing the meals

Kasereka Dario

Festo and Dario, return flight from Epulu

After the camp, we went through the accounts with the local brothers. We are grateful that they learned to work well with the online accounting program ZOH0. We also discussed with them practical matters regarding the maintenance of the concession, and the equipment.

Before returning to Uganda, we stayed in Bunia for two days, where we were able to hold a one-day Bible study with brethren and interested people and make home visits.



Brothers and sisters in Bunia

Sisters serving meals in Bunia

Home visits in Bunia

Yours in the Lord,

Visiting brothers from West-Uganda : Thembo Festo and Kayumbu Dario

in brotherly collaboration with local brothers from Mputu (Ladislas Ndakola, Maurice Bay, Jacques Shukuru Chiraba) and from Butembo (Daniel Kimimbi and Musubaho Taha)

Youth camp in the Bible Centre in Nyamata, Rwanda, from 29th – 31th December 2023

Once again, the Kigali assembly organised a youth camp at the end of 2023. We were also blessed to have among us brother Daniel Naef from Switzerland, who has in his heart a burning desire to make these visits again, as far as the Lord will allow, to help the young people of our assemblies in Rwanda and to visit local assemblies. During this visit he went seeing brothers and sisters of Matimba and Kirehe, encouraging them through the Word.



Already in the end-of-year holidays, the young people, girls and boys, responded to this invitation to be together around the Word for three days at the Bible Center in Nyamata: from 29 to 31 December 2023. Having the strong desire to bring together young people from assemblies in the region, we again invited young people from Uganda, of whom twelve young people from Mukono, and ten young people from Kasese joined us. We were very thankful that also two young people from DR Congo (Bukavu), and one young person from Bujumbura in Burundi were able to come. A total of 25 young people from neighboring countries, together with about sixty young people from assemblies of Rwanda, gathered in the Nyamata premises for this camp, along with their supervisors.

The subject was the Acts of the Apostles, Chapter 1 to 6. Before beginning the study of the Word of God, there was a group of young people who declared that they were not saved and we had a separate talk with them before joining the others for the rest of the session. It was encouraging to hear their statement at the end of the talk.



Youth camp in the Bible Center in Nyamats



Group photo

The study began with being occupied with the glorified Lord who gave the Holy Spirit to dwell in the believers as witnesses of the risen Lord. As soon as the assembly was formed, the believers were characterized by their way of life as we see in the gathered assembly in Acts 2:42. This highlighted their mission because they were proclaiming to the world that Jesus, the Holy One of God, had been crucified but had also risen and glorified and lives forever.

However, the devil becomes active where the Lord acts and saves souls through the preaching of the gospel. This is the reason for the persecution we see in chapter four. Prayer was a great support through the

persecution they endured. They were not asking the Lord to take it away from them, but rather needed the strength to endure. And without delay, God answers their prayers by giving them the boldness to proclaim the Word of God (4:31).



Participants from three different countries

Group discussions

The sin of Ananias and Sapphira was highlighted in chapter 5: the lie against the Holy Spirit and its terrible consequences. The believer is made righteous by the work of the Lord. The Holy Spirit lives within him and probes his whole being: how could he dare to lie to the One who knows him beyond what he can know? And how can I live in communion with the Lord who knows me so well? I must surrender myself to Him so that He can act in me with complete liberty.

After this negative behaviour of Ananias and Sapphira, in chapter 6 we see murmuring among the believers: a manifestation of jealousy and selfishness that are contrary to the Christian witness before the world.

We never cease to give thanks for the tranquillity, mutual bond and exchange that characterized this camp for young people from different horizons. Glory be to the Lord that we did not lack anything materially for the smooth running of this camp.

Visit in Kirehe >

May the Lord bless you for taking these three days to your hearts and praying for us (young people and supervisors).

Yours in the Lord

Mukama Amboye Gérard, Muragijimana Jacques and Jean Claude Mutabazi Abayo



Youth meetings, including with sponsored children and visits during visit of sister Ellen Meijnen to Rwanda from January 2^d - 9th, 2024

Since Tuesday 02 January 2024, in Rwanda, we have had the joy of welcoming our sister Ellen Meijnen and her nephew Peter Benaja Meijnen from the Netherlands for an 8-day visit. As planned in their visit programme, in the early hours of 03 January we set off by bus for the Kamembe region in western Rwanda, where we were due to visit the Shanghi-Rurenge local assembly and the Kamembe town assembly.

Shangi Assembly



After more than 7 hours of bus travel before arriving in the town of Kamembe, we arrived on the small road that leads to Shanghi and we had to travel about ten kilometres by motorbike on slippery roads. When we arrived in Shanghi, we were welcomed in the house of our sister Colette (widow of Brother Nicolas who has been with the Lord since 2009). The whole assembly was there to welcome us at around 4:30 in the evening, in a warm atmosphere and in brotherly communion between the local brothers and sisters and our visitors.

< A picture with sisters, most of whom are widows

The conversations continued with the presentation of our visitors, and then our sisters also made their presentation, based mainly on their family situation and

the testimony of the strength that the Lord provides them to follow him, helping them to guide the children. Their husbands have left them in the fear and pursuit of the way of the Lord. We then shared the good meal that had been prepared for us and we all spent the night in the house that welcomed us.

Kamembe local assembly

On the morning of 04 January, we set off from Shangi to take the main road back to Kamembe. It took us about 30 minutes by bus to get to Kamembe on the main Kigali-Kamembe-Bukavu road (DRC). In Kamembe, the brothers and sisters had prepared to welcome us in the meeting room at the Bible Centre where they had also prepared their first prayer meeting of the year 2024. The meeting began at 10.30 am and lasted until 12 noon.



Prayer meeting and meal in Kamembe

After the meeting, a good meal had been prepared on the spot where our visitors had time to get acquainted and have exchanges with all the brothers and sisters present in a friendly atmosphere which lasted about 3 hours. At around 3pm, we set off for brother Gérard Mukama's house with some of the brothers with whom we continued our conversations. During the evening, we sang many hymns together, until late in the evening when brother Jean Paul and brother Evariste, who had accompanied us up to that point, went home and left us to rest so that we could make our way back to Kigali the following Friday, 5 January 2024.

Meeting with sponsored children

Saturday morning, 6 January 2024, a meeting with a big number of sponsored children took place. The day was prepared as for other monthly meetings where the children listen to a new Bible story and learn about it, memorise a Bible verse contained in the story and sing children's hymns. During the songs, the children were able to sing along to the accompaniment of sister Ellen's little guitar. The visitors had brought many gifts which we had time to distribute during the same meeting.



Meeting with sponsored children; one of these children writing a letter to his /her sponsor >

At the end of the meeting, all the children who had already found sponsors had the opportunity to write them short letters of greeting. These letters will be accompanied by small photos taken and printed on the spot using a small printer that our visitors had at their disposal. We hope that these letters will please our dear sponsors, whom we never cease to thank for their donations to help children from poor families go to school.

Visiting the families of the sponsored children

On Monday 8 January we went visiting some of the families of the sponsored children. With young brother Peter Benaja, we were able to go up and down the hills of Kigali and he was able to support us wherever the climb or descent became difficult.



Visiting families of sponsored children



Visiting families of sponsored children

The children's families were very happy to welcome us and the conversations with the visitors once again helped us to understand the situation in which they live. With each family visited, the children received gifts, including pens with Bible verses, which were given to the adults.

During the early hours of 9 January, the last day of our visitors' stay with us, we invited the sponsored children who were not present when the others were writing letters to their sponsors to do so.

Dear brothers and sisters, we give thanks to the Lord who has given our brothers the will and the opportunity to visit us once again. The love between brothers and sisters in Christ and the brotherly communion are an incomparable encouragement for many brothers and sisters in remote places.

Our brothers and sisters in Shangi were touched by the great love and humility of our visitors, who agreed to share a little with them in their rather modest lives and even to spend the night in their dusty houses. Only the Lord will know how to reward them.

With greetings from all in Him,

Sister Godelive Kayiganwa >



Dear brothers and sisters.

The work among children and young people is extremely important. I am therefore grateful to the Lord that more and more brothers and sisters are committed to this work in East Africa. Both local brothers and sisters and teams from Europe / USA / Canada. I would like to - once again - ask your prayers for:

- the gospel outreach by sisters in the Kasese area (Uganda) and in Mombasa (Kenya), who at the same time provide AIDS education with the Bible as the starting point.
- the youth camps starting tomorrow in Western and Eastern Uganda.

Your brother in our faithful Lord,

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