

Thank you for carrying us through your prayers...

“How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? 15 And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!” Romans 10:14-15

How deep this verse pierced my heart once again this week as we trained 67 Pastors/Evangelists and their spouses in Musoma.

On the first day I drew as always the familiar circle portraying the four calls of Jesus... From unbeliever to believer - from believer to disciple - from disciple to fisher of men - from fisher of men to disciple-maker. I asked them firstly where they saw themselves and as I've heard so many times from our students, most saw themselves as fishers of men or disciple makers. Then I asked them where they saw most of the members of their church... and as I have consistently found among the churches, they admitted that some were true believers, but now understanding that a true Christian is a person with a personal relationship with God through Jesus Christ, they had to admit that most of those in their churches were still unbelievers.

This eye opening reality formed the foundation of much of our teaching throughout the week. After our first day I wondered why these students were so quiet, without many questions until I realized through the next few days... it was because they were learning and absorbing so many new and deep truths they've never heard before.

Gradually as we progressed, step by step taking them deeper into the Word, and addressing many relevant issues they deal within their ministries, the questions came... and that offered the opportunity for engaging discussions that taught them how to look at these issues from a Biblical perspective.

Over and over I brought them back to the question... “How can they hear without someone telling them?” Yesterday during our closing ceremony I finished the verse... 15 “And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!” Romans 10:14-15

Bishop Kisena spoke beautifully and earnestly to his leaders... they are now the sent ones... may this life-giving message not die with them.

My sincere thank you to Bishop Kisena, Secretary Kanwelle, Rev. Masuka and Rev. Mseko for welcoming us to their Diocese and for all their hard work to make this training possible. Please pray that God will sustain them, guide them and provide for them as they serve Him.

Today I'm so deeply thankful for one Sabbath rest day before departing tomorrow to Geita with my two amazing Co-Teachers, Malaki and Eliada Bujiku.

Please pray for Kobus, Jacques and Wiehan as they manage and live life at home.

Kindly please pray for safe travels and continued good health as we minister to pastors/evangelists and spouses in Geita this week.

Every time you cross my mind, I break out in exclamations of thanks to God. Each exclamation is a trigger to prayer. I find myself praying for you with a glad heart. I am so pleased that you have continued on in this with us, believing and proclaiming God's Message, from the day you heard it right up to the present. There has never been the slightest doubt in my mind that the God who started this great work in you would keep at it and bring it to a flourishing finish on the very day Christ Jesus appears. Philippians 1:3

