

# Rooted in Jesus Annual Report 2016

*Rooted in Jesus* has now been running for 15 years, during which time it has been introduced to over 80 dioceses or denominations in 16 African countries. This year RinJ has become part of a new charity, **The Mathetes Trust**, under new Trustees. *Mathetes* is the New Testament word for 'disciple', and the purpose of the new Trust is to make disciples in the local church. We will continue to work in Africa through *Rooted in Jesus*, which will be run as it always has, and through *The God Who is There*. This change will give us the opportunity to focus on RinJ and its future development, as well as greater ability to fundraise. As the Anglican Communion embarks on a Decade of Discipleship we hope it will enable us to better serve the needs of the Church into the future.

## TEAMS

In 2016 we published a new and expanded edition of the Team Manual, and sent teams to work in 7 dioceses; additional training was provided at Provincial level in South Africa and Tanzania, and through independent practitioners working in Pentecostal networks in Kenya and Zambia. UK teams travelled to the Dioceses of Lango and Karamoja in Uganda; to the Dioceses of Masasi and South West Tanganyika in Tanzania; to the Diocese of Kajo-Keji, South Sudan; and for Rooted in Jesus Junior to the Dioceses of Morogoro and Masasi, Tanzania. Some 678 people were trained to run RinJ groups, and several hundred to run Junior groups. Where possible teams always consist of members from more than one country, and this year people took part from the UK, Tanzania, Uganda and Australia – cementing our new partnership with the Diocese of Canberra and Goulburn.

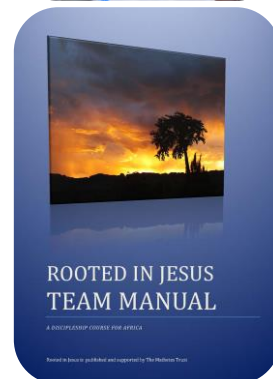
## STATISTICS

*Rooted in Jesus* has continued to expand this year. Vital statistics are as follows:

- 2 Independent Provinces
- 74 Anglican Dioceses
- 5 Denominational Networks
- 4 Theological Colleges (Bondo, Kongwa, Morogoro, Mityana) plus plans for three more (Kajo-Keji, Serege, Livingstone).
- RinJ Junior: 15 Dioceses or Networks
- 41 Translations in whole or in part
- 8 Junior Translations in whole or in part

## CHALLENGES

Bishops and Coordinators continue to share frankly with us about the challenges involved in this ministry. Some are all too familiar – group members arrive late or not at all, are too casual in their approach, don't get on with one another. Others are problematic but can be tackled – difficulty of travel, lack of Bibles, new members necessitating repetition and thus slowing progress. For coordinators the major difficulty is funding transport to enable them to travel round the diocese to support and encourage the group leaders – we would love to be able to help with this more than we can at the moment. Other problems are more serious – poor rains leading to lack of food, poverty, political instability. Occasionally the difficulties shared are almost insurmountable – this year we've been asked to pray about child sacrifice in Uganda, murder of group members in DR Congo, and the flight of almost the entire population to refugee camps in South Sudan. And yet in the context of these hardships people are still seeking to follow Jesus, still depending on him and still praying daily for their needs and those of their neighbours. Some of the coordinators have been little short of inspiring, people of astonishing faith and determination whose example puts us to shame as we engage in the weekly shop and treat ourselves to another meal out or trip to the cinema. And many of the testimonies have been moving and humbling. It's a different world – and one which never fails to change those who come into contact with it.



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## COUNTRIES

### TANZANIA

RinJ is independently run in Tanzania, where Bishop Stanley Hotay is the National Director. The national leadership meets annually with all the diocesan coordinators. RinJ has now been introduced to 18 of Tanzania's 27 dioceses, and is in wide use for confirmation, training of pastors and evangelists, in Sunday Schools and Theological Colleges. Administrator Cate Mwega reports that many new groups are starting up, and many of the existing ones have completed the course, or reached books 3 or 4. Teams are now either wholly Tanzanian, or joint UK-Tanzanian; some coordinators have joined teams to other dioceses both within and beyond Tanzania. This year we were pleased to send a team led by Simon Cawdell to support the diocesan link between the dioceses of Masasi and Hereford; in the Diocese of Morogoro further training was offered for both adult and Junior groups with the support of Jonathan Rendall, and RinJ was introduced to the Bible College curriculum. Growth has been strong in Mpwapwa, where Coordinator Dunstan Mtoro reports that there are now over 2500 people in both adult and Junior groups. And in the Diocese of Mount Kilimanjaro RinJ Junior is now in use in every church across the diocese.

### SOUTH AFRICA

RinJ is independently run in South Africa, where it is part of the core programme of Growing the Church. GtC is directed by Trevor Pearce, and the Coordinators are Estelle Adams (RinJ) and Nicole Curtis (RinJ Junior). RinJ is used alongside our companion discipleship programme *The God Who is There*, both of which were endorsed by the Anglican Communion Report *Intentional Discipleship and Disciple-Making* published this year. Training in South Africa is usually done in archdeaconries or clusters; this year training was provided in the Dioceses of Pretoria and Mthatha. RinJ has now been introduced to 15 of the 22 dioceses of South Africa, and RinJ Junior is in use in 4 of these.

### DR CONGO

RinJ was first introduced to the Diocese of **Katanga** and the Missionary Diocese of **Kalémie** in 2014. Coordinators Stéphane Makata and James Mayundo have supported the groups. During 2016 the number of groups in Kalémie doubled: there are now 143 groups with some 1500 members, including 34 groups among other denominations. James writes that he has been encouraged by their testimonies. But he also writes: "In every mission we must face challenges. The most painful is the loss of RinJ members killed by TWA (the pygmy people) in the territory of Nryunzu. This conflict is pushing us to miss people who could serve God and become disciples of God. We beg and ask you to pray for the Province of Tanganyika.' James sent some disturbing photographs of some of those killed. A peace deal between TWA and Bantu was signed in February 2017 – an answer to prayer. In the mother diocese of Katanga, Stéphane reports that there are now 110 groups with 761 members. A group from St Pierre in Lubumbashi has become the first to complete all 4 books; another from St Joseph Kipushi has sent in many testimonies of the ways their lives have changed. Bishop Kasima Corneille has been succeeded by Bertin Subi, who has laid down a vision for a 'strong, vibrant Diocese which is rooted in Jesus'; *Rooted in Jesus* is seen as a major tool for growth.

The political situation in DRC remains unstable, with the worst affected areas being in the East of the country where the RinJ dioceses are. We have no recent news from **Nord Kivu** or **Aru**, but Bishop William is hoping to run further training for RinJ in **Boga**, and we have accepted invitations to send a team to the Dioceses of Kindu and Kasai in 2017.

### UGANDA

RinJ has now been introduced to 7 dioceses and one network within Uganda, and one of the highlights of this year has been the regular reports received from Canon John Musaasizi, who oversees the RinJ ministry in the **Diocese of Mityana**. John and his colleague Jethro have travelled tirelessly round the diocese supporting group leaders.



RinJ in Zambia



RinJ in South Sudan



RinJ in South Africa



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Groups have so far been established in 17 parishes, translations are being arranged into additional local languages, and RinJ is being added to the curriculum of the Bishop Lugaaya Theological College. John has shared some remarkable testimonies of conversion, healing, repentance and reconciliation. He writes: "I am very thankful to be involved in the Discipleship program of Rooted in Jesus. It starts where you are and progresses you joyfully into the adventures of growing into Christlikeness. Mityana Diocese is privileged to have such a program."

This year RinJ was introduced for the first time to the dioceses of Lango and Karamoja. Ronald Eguny, Coordinator in the **Diocese of Lango**, reports that there are now RinJ groups in 48 parishes across the diocese. Ronald has shared many moving testimonies from group members. John Onyao reports from the **Diocese of Karamoja** that 25 groups have been established, with some parishes also using RinJ for baptism and confirmation classes. He sent a testimony from group leader Philip Logir, who started a youth RinJ group, 10 of whose 14 members have now given their lives to Christ. RinJ and RinJ Junior continue to be used in the **Diocese of South Rwenzori**, with some 137 groups across the diocese; coordinator William Musisi asks for our prayers for child sacrifice which has taken place in Bwera and Kasese – and conversely for the 410 children who attended a Christmas celebration in Bwera in December.

This year two of the Ugandan Coordinators have joined RinJ teams, James Tumwesigye of the Diocese of East Rwenzori as Team Leader to Mityana and Lango, and William Musisi of the Diocese of South Rwenzori as a team member.

## KENYA

RinJ has now been introduced to 6 Anglican dioceses and a number of Pentecostal networks. This year the main activity has been in Pentecostal networks centred on Bungoma and supported by Brian Keel. In May Brian and Sheila held a followup conference for those trained the previous year. One highlight was a testimony from a factory manager who ran a RinJ group for his factory workers, 50 of whom gave their lives to Christ and joined the church. Brian also sent a [video](#) interview with Pastor Joseph Adieno, who tells of how RinJ has transformed his church. In November Brian's team returned to Kenya to train Sunday School teachers to use RinJ Junior; the conferences were marked by the presence of the Holy Spirit, with prophecy, healing and deliverance, and one pastor taught his Sunday School about the Holy Spirit the very next Sunday – with such impact that the adults came to see what was happening. Brian estimates that from one group of school teachers alone there is the potential to reach several thousand children.

## SOUTH SUDAN AND SUDAN

South Sudan remains a challenging place to live and work, with an ever changing political situation and a great deal of suffering. Conferences have now been held in 3 dioceses (plus Kadugli in **Sudan**), with participants attending from a number of others. This year the focus was on the **Diocese of Kajo-Keji**, where a UK-Australian-Tanzanian team ran two conferences with 215 people trained. The team were deeply moved by the spiritual hunger and determination of the participants. Coordinator Dean Pianilee Samuel wrote afterwards: "It was a blessed time to have the RinJ team during the conference. It was a very refreshing and spirit-filled conference marked with a revived worship, praise and dance that renewed the lives of those who attended the conference including the RinJ team. The morning devotions and the evening sessions were great awakening moments where the participants came closer to Jesus Christ, and through repentance and prayer were renewed in their faith and ministry. Number of participants shared their spiritual and physical problems as they came forward for prayer and healing, and some were reconciled, healed, revived and gained strength for the Lord's ministry. The teaching sessions were dramatically marked with fun, illustrations, active participation and attentive listening. I appreciate the RinJ team for their skilful teaching. I would like to say the program and the approach is very good and it fitted well with our diocesan strategy based on 2 Timothy 2:2, 'train people who will train others also.'"

It is particularly heartbreaking that since the conferences in October the violence has

RinJ in Tanzania



RinJ in Uganda



flared up again, and the new Bishop Emmanuel Murye reports that the vast majority of his people have been forced to flee over the border to the refugee camps in Uganda. Bishop Emmanuel and Canon Pianilee have remained in post, and plan to plant RinJ groups in the camps.

## ZAMBIA

In Zambia RinJ dates back to 2005, when it was first introduced to the **Diocese of Luapula**. This year encouraging news has been received from the **Diocese of Eastern Zambia**, where *Rooted in Jesus* is now a self-sustaining programme. Confirmation candidates are required to complete all four books, printing of books and certificates is done locally, and regular training conferences for both the adult and Junior programmes are organised by the coordinators. In April and May RinJ Junior followup training took place in every archdeaconry, hosted by the bishop and led by a team of local facilitators.

In the **Diocese of Lusaka** Dean James Phiri is introducing RinJ both to the the University and to the Church's Colleges of Education in Serege and Livingstone.

Since 2008 RinJ has been adopted by **Dignity**, a small charity working with communities across rural Zambia, combining Christian discipleship with agricultural training to help people develop a sustainable lifestyle within their communities. Dignity report that from a tiny beginning nine years ago there are now over 350 groups meeting in 8 regions in Zambia and **Namibia**, supported by 18 experienced local trainers. This is the first time RinJ has been used in Namibia – which becomes the 16<sup>th</sup> country to adopt it.

## ELSEWHERE

RinJ is in use in a further 6 countries. Coordinator Elisha Academy reports that groups are going well in Muyinga, **Burundi**, and that further training is planned. RinJ is in use in most parishes in the Dioceses of Fianarantsoa and Toliara, **Madagascar**, where RinJ Junior will be introduced in 2017. RinJ remains a priority in the Diocese of Upper Shire, **Malawi**, where there are some 30 groups, and where it is being used with confirmation candidates and with young Christians recently led to faith from Islam. The new Bishop of Niassa, **Mozambique**, is keen to strengthen RinJ in the diocese, where it has a long history of bringing growth and transformation. RinJ has also been introduced to dioceses in **Angola**, **Nigeria** and **Rwanda**, but we have no recent news.

## LOOKING AHEAD

In 2017 we look forward to working in the Dioceses of Upper Shire (Malawi), Butere (Kenya), Kindu and Kasai (DR Congo), Mityana (Uganda) and Fianarantsoa and Toliara (Madagascar), as well as continuing to support those dioceses and denominations already using *Rooted in Jesus*.

## GET INVOLVED

*Rooted in Jesus* is dependent on the generosity of many people – those who are willing to give up their time to join teams, those who are willing to pray, and those who are willing to offer financial support. It is one of the most rewarding ministries we know, serving people in some of the most challenging situations in the world. Full information can be found on the Rooted in Jesus website, where you can also make donations online and find out more about how to get involved. If you would like to contact us you can do so via the Mathetes Trust website [contact](#) page.

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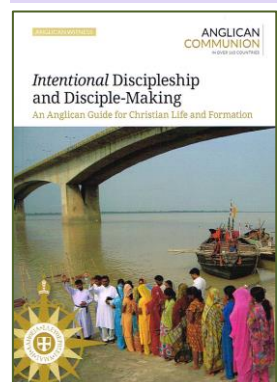


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# ROOTED IN JESUS TESTIMONIES 2016



We have received many reports and testimonies during the course of the year. Some are included below; others are given on the RinJ blog or on the Recent Feedback page of the website.

## FEEDBACK FROM CONFERENCES

"I am very grateful for the RinJ training that took place in our diocese, the training was another eye opener to the Clergy and lay leaders that attended training. The participants enjoyed that time of speaking in the Spirit of God and the different ways the Spirit of God can speak to people. What joy that some of the participants had the experience of the Holy Spirit's touch. The participants pledged to start 49 groups and now 20 RinJ groups have been started throughout the diocese."

**John Onyao, Diocese of Karamoja**

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## FEEDBACK FROM GROUP MEMBERS

Bernard Kasaka says "I used to suffer from diabetes, but thanks to the group's prayers God has healed me". Evangelist Gaston says "We have decided to start a RinJ group in the subparish of Luwowski, because the believers who live there have been so blessed by their participation in the group." Washile says "I used to dream frequently that my wife, who died many years ago, was coming to me in the night; since we prayed about this in the group I have no longer seen her."

**Stephane Makata, Diocese of Katanga**

"I did not know that through RinJ session we take this opportunity to repent, but now when I discovered this I became a blessing for my family and I bring the blessing home." **St Joseph Kipushi, Diocese of Katanga**

"I thank God for allowing us to go on this RinJ Journey with awesome people who not only touched me but welcomed me from the very beginning. It all started with a whatsapp message from a friend. This point in my life was full of disarray and hurt mixed with anger and pain. She invited me to come and join her at a gathering that I knew nothing of or in fact not even knowing that she was saved, this was the turning point in my life where I would not only discover what I have lost as a child of God but what was about to change my life dramatically. Like Brad (RinJ Trainer) says, 'when the scales come off your eyes'. My first impressions walking into the church was people welcoming me with open arms as if they were expecting me, like you would feel when you have a family gathering and not feel all awkward, but little did I know that the spirit in me would fire up and I would walk out of there with tremendous peace. The session started off with a prayer, I closed my eyes and felt so warm, they even prayed for me and my presence that I felt so welcomed. The facilitator that night was uncle Edwin and they did a repeat of what was discussed a few weeks prior to me being there, but I listened and try to catch up, still not knowing what the night entailed. James 4:7 submit yourself to God, resist the devil and he will flee from you. I did not know what this verse was about but little did I know that the weekend ahead was the awakening of my spirit. After doing the memory verse we went to into groups and everyone had a chance to talk about what was bothering them and we all had to join hands and pray about what was said, this was the ultimate change for me as I felt the spirit firing up in me as if I was sent to this place for a reason. I have since started reading the bible every chance I get, having empathy for people, trying to be better as a parent, I can say that this journey has made it easy to identify when the enemy is present and wanting to steal my Joy, I have relied on scriptures to guide me in my life with wisdom up until now. No question to God is unanswered, no trial and tribulation that I find myself in was not resolved."

"I have learned that we should not judge people and always forgive as God has mercy on all. If we ask for forgiveness how can we expect him to have Mercy on us if we can't show mercy on others. I am trying to change my mind set to a more spiritual understanding than the understanding of our human nature. I have discovered that I can pray not only when I go down on my knees but have that conversation. Trusting in God and allowing my thoughts to be pure and not filled with anger, irritation, and all those things that don't come from God. All the memory verses up until the last had a big impact on my life and have steered me in the right direction. I am convinced now that this journey has not started on that Friday night alone, it has been coming on a long time ago and will continue to grow. Thank you Regan and all the people that made RINJ

possible, I believe that it was only through the grace of God that I am writing this today and thank God for saving me! I pray that you will continue the good work and hope that many more lost souls like me are awakened, I ask this in Jesus name, Amen." **Valencia Ruiters and Chante Pepino, group members in the church of Christ the Redeemer in the Diocese of False Bay**

"Christians with whom I came into personal contact were very happy about the lessons they had learned in RinJ, and there are a lot of testimonies as you read below:

- Bosco at All Saints Boroboro said he can now read the Bible and understand it; he is able to share the word of God with friends without fear.
- Dan said RinJ has given him courage to speak before Christians and bigger congregations.
- Docus Adonyo said RinJ has made her able to read the Bible clearly, and she can now open books in the Bible without any problem.
- Betty Owiny, St Jaanani Okole, said RinJ has enabled her to pray for the sick.
- Kevin Okeng said RinJ has opened her understanding; she can now respect her husband and make her home clean.
- Betty Owino said RinJ has helped her to humble herself to her husband.
- In Okole Judith Ongar, Caroline Odongo and many others are preparing to wed because RinJ has challenged their life.
- Betty from Angwetangwet said RinJ has helped her to teach her children and pray together as a family.
- Denis Boroboro said RinJ has helped him to read the word of God which he used not to do.
- Obonyo Bosco said RinJ has helped him to speak the truth without fear.
- Opito B said RinJ has made him learn a lot of new words which he used not to understand but now he can understand them very clearly.
- Bible study has brought unity to members in Adyaka.
- Odongo George, St Jaanani Okole, said he is able to pray, to welcome visitors at home, and also he can lead praise and worship with the teams.
- RinJ has led to prayer teams in Angwetangwet church and many people are getting healed.
- In Cura Parish RinJ members have stood with their friend who lost a close relative.
- In Cura a RinJ member has made drama which has teaches others how to read the Bible
- In Adyel a RinJ member has preached in all the services in the first week which challenged those who have not yet joined.
- Opio David has learnt how to preach the word of God.
- Tonny is now happy because he can preach and lead services without any fear.
- In Ngetta Parish the RinJ members have weeded the beans of the parish priest showing solidarity in the ministry.
- In Amach Parish, Betty said RinJ has touched her to forgive her friend who had done bad to her.
- In Adyel Parish RinJ members have door outreaches to Christians and pray for the sick.
- Rev Tonny Olet said, RinJ is the power of the church to strengthen our Christians".
- Betty said, RinJ has helped her to grow spiritually and she can have a heart for reading the Bible.
- Abongo Hosbert said it is through RinJ that he got saved and joined in holy marriage.
- In Ngetta the RinJ members are visiting sick Christians in hospital with little support to help them."

**Ronald Eguny, Diocese of Lango, January 2017**

## FEEDBACK FROM GROUP LEADERS

"I greet you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, Rooted in Jesus has improved the spiritual life of young men and women who acknowledge Jesus Christ as their personal saviour, and has brought a new life change both spiritually and personally in choir practices, outreaches, youth fellowships, preaching and bible study and interpretation. In the beginning I started with 6 youth members; the number has increased to 14 members. We are celebrating that 10 among the members gave their lives to Christ as their personal saviour and now they love the training, attending daily during scheduled days for the learning, on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays." **Philip Logir, Diocese of Karamoja**

"I am using Rooted in Jesus Lessons in class of new converts, those who have just joined us from Islam. They are not baptised but they started already giving their tithe and giving themselves to Work Of Christ! Praise The Lord!" **Fr Elliot Litereko, Diocese of Upper Shire**

"The RinJ followers were not praying before, after receiving the teaching they are now ready to use prayer at any time as a result of their victory in Jesus. Prayer is a big weapon in our Christian life, some people discovered that Satan was disorganizing our Marriages. They thought that it was the witch and the magicians who set disorder in their marriages. After receiving the teaching on how you can discover your foe, the prayer helped the Christians to build their marriages. People who received the teaching of RinJ now know more about the gifts and the use of them when we serve God; they decided to read, teach the Bible and buy more bibles. Some also did not know that promising without keeping the promise will bring misblessing, but after receiving the RinJ teachings they discovered that they were bringing misblessing on themselves. They decided to promise and to keep the promise." **Regine Kasima, St Joseph Kipushi, Diocese of Katanga**



“Sheila and I have been in Western Kenya for the past week, and heard this testimony after church in a rural town today. Last November we were here in Bungoma, and held a RinJ follow-up conference, where we trained some additional facilitators; one of them being the pastor of the church we were speaking in this morning. He works as a manager in a factory owned by British American Tobacco near the border with Uganda. He started to take RinJ into the factory, using it in a morning before the men started work and during lunch hours; and as a result there are some 50 men who have become Christians and now attend his church. As a pastor he had agreed with senior management that he wouldn't work on a Sunday as he had church to lead. However, when these men became believers, they too wanted to attend church on a Sunday, as opposed to working extra time in the factory! This seemed to create a problem, which threatened his job, but when the management learned that he had employed some 200 men, half the total workforce, they changed their mind on the matter. The factory does not now work on a Sunday, and the pastor has his job, and a bigger church so they are having to construct a much larger building!” **Brian Keel**

## FEEDBACK FROM COORDINATORS

"During the group prayer times miracles take place: the sick are healed, those who have problems find solutions to their problems." – **Stephane Makata, Diocese of Katanga**

Coordinator Joshua Opondo writes: "The Rooted in Jesus course I can report that it's doing well at the cathedral with the youth department, where after our youth service at 8:30 am, we do the course for one hour. This course has led to a number of youths being Rooted in the Word, some of whom are helping me in the school ministry. It started with few members but as time goes by, the number has grown and young people love that. Some have shared that they enjoy it even more than the services as they have the opportunity to interact with the word of God." **Joshua Opondo, Diocese of Maseno South**

“Though the start is very hard and challenging, I am happy that the Spirit of God is opening some of the leader’s eyes to see the difference RinJ is beginning to make in the groups they are leading. Some of the group leaders now give testimonies of what the spirit of God is doing amidst the groups they are leading.” **John Onyao, Diocese of Karamoja**

“We are experiencing a great move of the Holy Spirit among those trained and grounded in Rooted in Jesus Program. The 141 original trainees have exhibited great enthusiasm in training new groups whose membership has grown beyond 367 members. My next reporting will accurately establish the current number at hand. Great enthusiasm is apparently manifested among the leaders as they grow the new discipleship entrants into Christlikeness. It is an exciting work of the Holy Spirit who has allowed and empowered the Rooted in Jesus Program to move with great oomph across the Diocese of Mityana” – **John Musaasizi, Diocese of Mityana**

“Jethro and I enjoyed traveling on a paved road leading to Kiryokya parish. Two miles before we reached the place, a strong rain accompanied with wind of the same strength almost hindered us from moving forward. No sooner did we reach Kiryokya Parish Church than it stopped. We entered the church where the group of Rooted in Jesus was sitting, rejoicing in the Lord and singing the Revival song Tukutendereza with great oomph. We indeed felt the presence of Jesus among us. He was already there with the group before we arrived. It was a group of 35 members. It was one of the biggest groups we had met. Rev. Eriya was the group leader full of zeal to grow his group into Christ likeness. At the end of sharing all what the Lord had prepared for us, we provided room for personal commitment to the Lordship of Jesus. Ten of the members gave their lives to Lord Jesus. Among those who gave their lives to Jesus was Nathan who had come with his wife Florence. He loudly announced his birth experience, moved fast towards his wife. Upon reaching her he knelt down and wept. He sought forgiveness from his wife for having been a drunkard. The experience led a number of members to tears. The Holy Spirit was moving among us transforming everybody saved and unsaved. As Jethro, I and a few other members had laid our hands on Nathan praying, my legs began shaking and I prayed silently for myself so that the Lord may prevent me from falling on the floor while praying for Nathan. He did. Glory be to His Name.” **Canon John Musaasizi, Diocese of Mityana**

“Our ministry today targeted BINIKIRA church. Prior to our going to BINIKIRA, Jethro and I decided that we partly attend the church service and after that we move out with Rooted in Jesus group to classroom setting where we can examine the trained group, under the leadership of Mark. We had a wonderful time with the group, who not only related accurately what they had learned to their daily life experiences, but also had banked all the required Scripture verses into their hearts. We all together celebrated the success attained. Also, the group exhibited crystal clear readiness to start their own groups in the villages where they come from using Book 1 they had completed. That exercise will start while the group is being started on Book 2. We have ranked BINIKIRA group to be the best group so far in Mityana Diocese.” **Canon John Musaasizi, Diocese of Mityana**

Today when we visited Lubumba Church, members of Rooted in Jesus Group flocked into the vicar’s house. When we had began enjoying the treasures of our assembly, we came to know that one of our members went to live with the Lord. Jane Esther had been one of the active members of our group.



She opened her life to the Lordship of Jesus on the 30th September 2016 in the presence of Rooted in Jesus members. We rejoiced over receiving the newly born child of God. On the other hand Jane had a devastating relationship with her husband John. Several cruel activities had been exercised on her by her husband John. It is said that her death was partly caused by that perpetual and rough relationship right in the very core of their marriage. We will miss Jane but we have the confidence that Jane went to live with the Lord Jesus forever. As we were moving on with Rooted in Jesus program, information was passed over to us that John the husband of the late Jane had come to worship in Lubumba church where we were. Hearing this great news, we wasted no time to invite him in our group although he was not a member. As someone went to call him for us, we prayed to the Lord to save John today. When John entered our fellowship he found tears we could not resist flowing from my and Jethro's eyes. We consoled him over the loss of his wife Jane. We witnessed to him that Jane received Jesus Christ in our presence on the 30th September 2016. We shared the Gospel with him and later asked him whether he would like to receive Jesus Christ as his personal Saviour and Lord. He said yes. We immediately sang the revival song TUKUTENDERZA YESU... He knelt down and prayed to receive Jesus Christ as Lord of his life. PRAISE AND GLORY BE TO HIS NAME. He requested us to invite his three children to come to our fellowship and hear the Good News he had received. They too came and accepted our Lord Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour and Lord. So the death of Jane has brought four members of her family to Christ. Praise Jesus! **Canon John Musaasizi, Diocese of Mityana**

## FEEDBACK FROM RINJ JUNIOR

"Bishop Dan came to Kisumu to see us on the flight today back to Nairobi. We had concluded the 'Rooted in Jesus Junior' training in Bungoma a week last Thursday; this past Sunday Dan took the children's service (something he does not usually do) and used the 1st lesson in Book 1 as the basis of his teaching, and witnessed 20 children being baptised in the Holy Spirit! They continued speaking in tongues for a period of time, such that people from outside the church came to see what was going on! From there he went to another of his churches to speak, and quite a number of adults were baptised in the Holy Spirit." **Brian Keel, Bungoma Pentecostal network**

"Salty ministry team is a group of late twenties to early sixty-somethings who meet every Friday night. We have gone through Alpha twice, RinJ senior Book One a few times and other short courses. Our ambition is to do life together more and more and to integrate with existing family lives. We have had a babysitter for the participants' children, and she has enjoyed looking after the kids. We then felt compelled to take the opportunity to disciple the kids in some way. Messy Church, RinJ Junior and Godly Play were the options. We recognise all three to be quality programmes. Yet due to the ease of implementation and low resource requirements, we decided that RinJ Junior would be the best place to start. Hence we have begun our RinJ Junior journey! The kids have been enjoying the first few sessions. Three of the kids are not baptised and are actually Muslim; but their mom has recently decided to follow Jesus, so she enjoys her kids being a part of this journey." **Brad Sitzer reports on a new work with children in Church of the Redeemer in Mitchell's Plain, Cape Town**

## FEEDBACK FROM TEAM MEMBERS

"My overwhelming thought is how do people who have experienced so much trauma and dislocation in their lives still have a faith in God? This was reinforced time and time again when being involved in the prayer ministry after the ministry sessions. The issues and life glimpses so outside my usual frame of reference and yet we saw God at work in his wonderful transformative way. To say the opportunity has been a privilege does not convey my feelings and emotions. Thank you and Thank God!!" - **Ven John Barnes, Diocese of Kajo-Keji**

"Life-changing. My church was praying all the time for us, and is very much in mission and growth mode so the effect locally has been to add buoyancy and hope" - **Canon Gill Varcoe, Kajo-Keji**

"The visit it was good for me. The conference helped me to be strong in my faith. I got many technical ideas how to evangelise people and keep the church growing. Many people received Jesus Christ and received healing from sickness; it was a wonderful conference." **Revd Leonard Giligwa, Kajo-Keji**

