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Theme: Arise and Shine.... Isaiah 60 v 1

The Paradigm shift in Christian Mission Today

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I. Welcome

On December 16-20th, 2016, I stood before GULU HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS' CONFERENCE as your ambassador of AJLT (UK) Registered Charity in England and Wales Number 1110006. In the School Dining Hall, before an audience of 600 students from around the Diocese of Northern Uganda, I announced that we are now working on the rebuilding the physical and spiritual broken walls of Northern Uganda and Kitgum Dioceses. The work has already begun in Gulu and eagerly waiting for the day when the Kitgum Diocese will also invite AJLT (UK) and ALCFC for the launch of rebuilding the walls of the Diocese.

I accepted by faith the invitation from the Bishop, The Rt Reverend Bishop Johnson Gakumba to be one of the guest speakers to share in this vision of Isaiah 60 v 1-4 because I believe in Prophetic visions which are biblically based for example Luke 4:18-19 – 18. *“The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He has anointed Me To preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the broken-hearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives And recovery of sight to the blind, To set at liberty those who are oppressed; 19 To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord.”*

The heart of the message in Isaiah 60 v 1-4, is summarised in five words. Prayer, Accountability, Responsibility, Reliability and Dependability (PARRD). If we want to change Uganda now for a better, civilised, welcoming and loving Country for the future, God is calling the youth of Northern Uganda in this conference to be true citizens of the Kingdom of God in Uganda. I encouraged everyone in this conference, if you have not already done so, to turn to Jesus and discover the power and joy of being a Prayerful, Accountable, Responsible, Reliable and Dependable (PARRD) citizen of God's Kingdom in this our country, Uganda. **Amen.**

Even as I was speaking, casting the theme and vision that God has placed in our hearts for the rebuilding of the Walls of Northern Ugandan and Kitgum Dioceses, the Bishop reminded me of the Northern Ugandan Diocesan theme of Isaiah 60 v 1-4

2 Theme Isaiah 60 v 1-4

*“Arise, shine, for your light has come,
and the glory of the Lord rises upon you.
2 See, darkness covers the earth
and thick darkness is over the peoples,
but the Lord rises upon you
and his glory appears over you.
3 Nations will come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.
4 “Lift up your eyes and look about you:
All assemble and come to you;
your sons come from afar,
and your daughters are carried on the hip.*

After 22 years of conflicts of war between the government and the rebel group of Kony, many homes, communities and the entire structure of government in Schools, local administration and social structures were destroyed. 90% of the populous were forced to abandon their villages and homes to live in forced camps against their will. The effect of this and the war was devastating in the region and destroyed the social, economic and the moral structure of many families, and the foundation for mission and ministry of the church was greatly shaken. There were broken walls everywhere in the villages, towns and broken spirits in broken hearts of the Acholi people of the great Lake Region. Now the war is over, it's time to rethink of how to rebuild the North.

Northerners are always looked at as rebels everywhere for example: “Can anything good come from the North?” John 1 v 46. Please read John 1 v 43-50 to grasp the ethos of that good question. Let me click something here from my study, prayer and reflection. You see, the nature of true Christianity, it is following Jesus; devoting ourselves to him, and treading in his steps. Observe the objection Nathanael made. All who desire to profit by the word of God must beware of prejudices against people, places, or denominations of men. They should examine for themselves, and they will sometimes find good where they looked for none. For example in Africa and the Middle East, all Muslims are seen as terrorists in Europe. If you come from Northern Island you are seen as a dangerous Roman Catholic. In Uganda, if you are from the north, particularly a Luo and an Acholi you are “ANYANYA”. Many people are kept from the ways of religion by the unreasonable prejudices they conceive. I am of the opinion that the best way to remove false notions of religion is to make trial of it. In Nathanael there was no prejudice. He was a sound character, upright, and godly man. I would recommend him for any job and say “Nathanael is prayerful, accountable, reliable, responsible and dependable person”. Christ knows what men are indeed from the inside. Does he know you from the inside out? Let us desire to know him. Let us seek and pray to approve of Christ himself. Weak, imperfect, and sinful, true servants of God are found in all us, but hypocrisy belongs not to a believer's character. Jesus witnessed what passed when Nathanael was under the fig-tree. Probably he was then in fervent prayer, seeking direction as to the Hope and Consolation of Israel, where no human eye observed him. This showed him that our Lord knew the secrets of his heart.

Through Christ we commune with, and benefit by the holy angels; and things in heaven and things on earth are reconciled and united together. Can anything good come from Northern Uganda Dioceses Gulu, Kitgum, Lira, Madi and West Nile?



2. Come and see!

The Rt. Rev Bishop Johnson Gakumba Welcome Speech 16 December 2016

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In the vision of the Bishop of Northern Uganda, the Isaiah 60 v 1-4 vision is Prophetic for God's people in the Diocese and for the entire Great Lake Region. For the scripture says "where there is no vision the people will perish."

Jesus quoted this text Isaiah 60 v 1-4 from the Old Testament. This is his testimony when he first preached his first sermon in the synagogue from Isaiah. Jesus was fresh from the wilderness after the spiritual battle with the devil Luke 4 v 1-13, Matthew 4 v 1-11, Mark 1

v 9 13. After 40 days in the wilderness, having won the victory over the devil according to John, filled by the Holy Spirit and fresh, Jesus launched his ministry Luke 4 v 18-19 in the power of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is the work of God the Father in the life of his Son Jesus and all people, for a particular ministry and for every generation.

You will need God to understand and fulfil any given vision he has for you. If God is the source of your vision, then you will need God to fulfil it. Jesus continually pointed to God as His source. The same thing with Janani Luwum, Festo Kivengere and Billy Graham, just to mention a few. Paul pointed that Christ has both his source of vision and strength Philippians 4:13. It is source that determines size. It is source that determines resource. So be wise to receive the vision from God for your life, ministry and mission. From above scripture in Luke 4 v 14-19 you will see that Jesus made it clear that it is the Spirit of the Lord that has given Him the assignment and the vision was not self-made.

Therefore, there are two important phases of Isaiah 60 v 1-4 vision biblically based in the physical and the spiritual realms.

4. The Physical realm

It is very easy to destroy things but very difficult to rebuild broken things. Isaiah 60 v 1-4 is the vision reflection of Nehemiah 1:1-7:3, the reality of rebuilding the physical broken Walls of Jerusalem. If you have ever been to Israel, area called the "Welling Wall." It's the best mental example of the broken walls of Jerusalem. It expresses the whole physical and the spiritual realms of the Israelites as a nation and people.

Bishop Johnson has grasped the whole physical and the spiritual realms of the people of Northern Uganda as a people and nation.

The people of Northern Uganda, the church, friends and well-wishers have just begun working on rebuilding the broken walls of Northern Uganda. The Diocese has built 30 new permanent Churches all over the Diocese. Despite the enemies from within, in the confused national state of land grabbing, not forgetting that God's vision will always stir up resistance from the enemy, I have witnessed 24 completed Church buildings and many more are still coming. The continued success of Archbishop Janani Luwum Theological College supported, agreed and upgraded to offer BA Degrees by the Uganda Christian University Mukono is revealed positive action of the Holy Spirit. There are about 30 students and five lecturers running the College. The Principle is the Reverend Sandra Earixson. For any further clarification and enquiry please, you are free to contact the college at (searixson@gmail.com). Your continued prayers and financial contributions are reflections of what God promised Abraham Genesis 12 v 1-3 and all people all over the Christendom.

5. Summary

Students in the Gulu High School Dining Hall assembled 16 December 2016



For example, Nehemiah 1:1-7:3 rebuilding the physical broken Walls of Jerusalem worked because of prayer and support from the Israelites God fearing men and women.

- The History of Nehemiah (1:1a)
- A Hanani's report, Nehemiah to rebuild Jerusalem (1:1b-2:8)
 - B Letters to governors vouch for Nehemiah (2:9)
 - C Opposition (2:10)
 - D Inspection by night, reproach of Jerusalem (2:11-18)
 - E Opposition, Geshem charges sedition (2:19-20)
 - F Wall building (3:1-32)
 - G Opposition (4:1)
 - H Ridicule (4:2-3)
 - I Prayer (4:4-5)
 - J Wall "joined" to half its height (4:6)
 - J' Opposition "join together" (4:7-8)
 - I' **Prayer (4:9)**
 - H' Ridicule's effect (4:10-14)
 - G' Opposition (4:15)
 - F' Wall building with defense (4:16-23)
- [Problems of Nehemiah's second term as governor (chapter 5)]
- E' Opposition, Geshem charges sedition (6:1-9)
 - D' Nehemiah: threats by night, reproach (6:10-14)
 - C' Opposition (6:15-16)
 - B' Letters to Tobiah defame Nehemiah (6:17-19)
 - A' Hanani placed in charge of rebuilt Jerusalem (7:1-3)

Nehemiah succeeded in rebuilding the broken walls of Jerusalem.

Bishop Johnson, the Diocesan staff and the people of Northern Uganda have launched the work of rebuilding the broken Physical walls of northern Uganda and within 7 years, the work which should have been done many years ago is in good progress.

The vision of St Janani Luwum was echoed in the rebuilding of broken hearts of many families and the people of Uganda from the tyranny of injustice, tribal war and corruption. Paul reiterated in his inspirational prayer in words of rebuilding life and strengthening community:

I thank my God every time I remember you. ⁴In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy ⁵because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, ⁶being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus. ⁷It is right for me to feel this way about all of you, since I have you in my heart and, whether I am in chains or defending and confirming the gospel, all of you share in God's grace with me. Philippians 1 v 3-11.

6. The Spiritual Realm

Rebuilding the broken spiritual walls of the hearts of all Ugandans requires a very clear vision and lead from the Church. Indeed, during the Gulu High Students' conference we shared the challenges of sharing the Bishop's Diocesan vision of Isaiah 60 v 1-4. From contribution of testimonies and group discussions from other speakers All Saints Youth Team from Kampala, a pastor friend of the Diocese from America, brothers and sisters from Gulu, the student's heard and received the good news of our Lord Jesus Christ. The conference was electric, well organised by the Diocesan staff, youth and mission department. We crowned the conference with a celebration at the new site of the AJLTC (jananiluwumcollege@gmail.com) with shared testimonies from Clergy and lay people from all over the Diocese. The Diocese is working hard in rebuilding and rehabilitating the moral and spiritual lives of the Ugandan people. I was greatly impressed by the programme exchanges of gifts of live chickens, goats, special gifts for Christmas among the diocesan staff, the clergies and their wives.

Thank you to everyone for your donations for me to travel to the Gulu High School Students Conference. You spoiled me by your kindness and love for letting me to fly back to Uganda to represent AJLT(UK) and our vision. I am thankful and heartfully grateful.

I summarised the heart of the message of the theme in the vision of Isaiah 60 v 1-4 in five words. Prayer, Accountability, Responsibility, Reliability and Dependability (PARRD). If we want to change Uganda now for a better, civilised, welcoming and loving Country for the future, God is calling the youth of Northern Uganda in this conference to be true citizens of the Kingdom of God in Uganda. I encourage everyone in this conference, if you have not already done so, to turn to Jesus and discover the power and joy of being a Prayerful, Accountable, Responsible, Reliable and Dependable (PARRD) citizens of God's Kingdom in this our country, Uganda.

7. The Conference Summary

Students' Discussion Groups



Students Dancing For the Lord



The Rev Opio Samuel Francis reiterated that: This was the 5th Youth Conference that Northern Uganda Diocese had organised consistently since 2012. 628 were registered; however, some were commuters and were not in the record file. Indeed, this was a low attendance compared to 2015, as 1000 attended and were registered.

Our Diocesan Vision from Isaiah 60 v 1-4 for mission and Evangelism is second to none, particularly for the youth. Prayer support and financial contributions came from local and international organizations, as well as well-wishers and this including: Christ Church Kansas in partnership with St. Francis, World Vision Gulu Cluster, ZOA Acholi region, Fields of Life, Rev. Jim Beaty from America, Rev Modicum the chairperson of AJLT (UK), the ALCFC and UK brethren. Indeed, we were blessed by the local contributions from the Church/participants.

Speakers and invited facilitators came from our Diocesan local and international partners which included: Rev. Modicum the (Theme Isaiah 60 v 1-4 Expositor), Sam Ewou, Jim Beaty, Benard Masaba (Fields of Life), Aloyo Harriet (World Vision), District Police Commander Gulu, Doctor Otim (Lachor Hospital), Bishop Johnson Gakumba, Rev. Lumumba Patrick and a team from All Saints Cathedral helping with the semester facilitation of small group discussions.

As a result of the youth camp, we had more than 150 youths who prayed for the first time to receive Jesus Christ as their personal Lord and Saviour. With the blessing from the Diocesan Youth and Mission Department we were able send a team of 10 youth leaders and pastors to attend the annual youth camp for All Saints Cathedral led by Rev Pamela Lukwiya as part of our leadership development program. This was possible because of the funds that our Diocesan partners raised for the youth camp 2016. We hope that this will continue to support, encourage and strengthened the Diocesan vision for Mission and evangelism.

We greatly appreciate your prayer, personal testimony and financial contribution that made the Youth Camp December 2016 a success. In terms of teaching it was the best. We continue to pray for your continued partnership and prayers as we reach the young people of Northern Uganda Diocese with the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. As I mentioned earlier, our immediate need is to mentor leaders in order to ensure sustainability and fruitfulness for the ministry in Northern Uganda. The church needs quality leaders that we believe through your partnership are possible to raise.

Our prayers and special greetings to the brethren in the UK. Please, don't hesitate to share with me if your need more clarification or information. Otherwise, thank for being a blessing and a great encouragement.

Yours in Christ,

® Signed
Rev. Opio Samuel Francis
Youth and students' Coordinator,
Diocese of Northern Uganda.

8. The AJLTC Review 2015-2016

From the Principal Sandra.

ARCHBISHOP JANANI LUWUM THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE

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The major milestone in 2016 was the first graduation since the college reopened in January 2013. There were 6 diploma students and 21 certificate students, all from the Diocese of Northern Uganda.

AJLTC (GULU) was given the status of regional college for theological training and ministerial training for northern Uganda by Uganda Christian University. Our students receive their academic documents from UCU.

In May of 2015 we moved to the new facility and are continuing the process of rehabilitation and growth. We have a CMS mission partner coming in May and are working on building a small home for him on the campus.

May of 2016 Rev. Jane To-dera became the first full-time tutor and is the Director of Studies. All other tutors are part-time and either holds office at the Diocesan Headquarters or are parish priests. We are looking for ways to add full-time staff as the important role of ministerial development is limited when people are not available.

The number of part-time tutors varies each semester, depending on how many classes we have. Right now, we have 2 classes of both diploma students and certificate students. There are 10 part time tutors, one full time, one tutor/bursar and one tutor/principal. We have a librarian assistant and the cooking staff.

Our diploma classes have a total of 10 students. The certificate classes have 24. We now have students from Kitgum Diocese, W. Lango Diocese, Nebbi Diocese, S. Sudan as well as Diocese of Northern Uganda.



Proposed FEE STRUCTURE PER SEMESTER Beginning with Trinity Semester (MAY) 2017

Item	Description	Diploma Theology	Certificate Theology
1	Tuition	450,000 =£120 Est.	300,000 =£75 Est.
2	Room & Board	150,000 =£40 Est.	150,000 =£40 Est.
3	Foundation Fees (UCU)	25,000 =£15 Est.	25,000 = £15 Est.
4	Registration Fees (UCU)	25,000 =£15 Est.	25,000 =£15 Est.
5	Examination Fees (UCU)	25,000 =£15 Est.	25,000 =£15 Est.
6	Library/ICT	50,000 =£20 Est.	20,000 =£10 Est.
7	Medical (non-refundable)	20,000 =£10 Est.	20,000 = £10 Est.
8	Development Fund	20,000 =£10 Est.	20,000 =£10 Est.
	TOTAL	765,000 =£250 Est.	585,000 = £120 Est.

I have the above attached the fees structure for May 2017 for the theological courses. There is still a great need to find support for the students, but think that should be at a cost-sharing mode. Do you have access to the online versions of the diocesan magazine for the past 2 years? There are reports on AJLTC in both editions. Hope this gives you a start. Write if there is additional information that can help you with your report.

Thanks for representing AJLTC!

Blessings

®Sandra

#.Please note that the amount in £ UK pounds are estimates only #.

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9. An Awesome Realm

**AN AWESOME DREAM
A STARNGER IN THE CITY STREET!**

*I remembered the cold morning wind blowing
From the East-South West- North
Basking in the morning left over fire,
The glowing charcoals were still warm,
Covered with charcoals
Still warm enough to keep our hands warm.*

*I told my father 1969
The taste of an awesome dream!
I walked the streets of a village somewhere
In the East -West-South-North
That I knew but didn't.
Recognised that I was never in this Village before.
I was the only stranger in that Village
The Village buildings were beautiful
With new white windows.
At night with lights everywhere on the streets,
Light and energy never experienced before.
Walking the village streets,
I heard voices of children saying;
"Here comes the stranger."
Hello who are you wondering our streets?
Tell us who are you?
Why are you here?
Why did you come to our city?*

Awesome Dream crying help! Help! Help!

*My father suckled the sliver,
Lit up his Cigarette and whispered
Sonny, I had a dream last night too,
I saw a multitude of people with wings flying
From the north, east, west and south.
Some swimming in the sea and drowning
Some in the sea crying help, help, help!
I saw men, women, children,
Pregnant women, poor and rich
Crying help! Help! help.*

*Awesome Dream white blackboard!
I continued my dream
As I walked the village streets
In that strange land in the east
I watched the children and others
Learning from the white blackboard
About the one to whom I sing Halleluiah
Awesome dream realised 1973.*

*Awesome Dream singing Halleluiah!
Sing for us the song from the Old school days!
sing Halleluiah, Halleluiah and Amen.
Sing Halleluiah, Halleluiah and Amen.
Sing Halleluiah, Halleluiah and Amen.*

*The Birth of Acholi London Christian Fellowship
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Prayer

**God of our days and years
We thank you for this time
Form us in the likeness of Christ
So that we may learn to be
Prayerful, Accountable, Reliable,
Responsible and Dependable (PARRD)
And that our lives may give you glory. Amen.**

Signed Modicum