

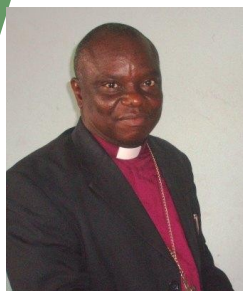
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Bishop Masimango writes :



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Elections: This year 2010 is the last full year of the present Governments term of office. 2011 will be election year.

The logistics of organising an election in DR Congo are huge and the process has already started. Every voting member of the population must be registered and issued with an election identity card. To do this requires generators and computers to be taken to every village by road, bicycle, canoe or even helicopter. On the day of election ballot papers must also be distributed to even the most isolated villages.



Many villages in this diocese are isolated and inaccessible to cars

Politicians are starting to think about their future as many know they will not be re-elected. DR Congo needs your prayers for a peaceful and democratic election next year.

Mining Ban: President Kabila is trying to deal with security issues around the rebel control; of mining areas.

A ban on all mining has been issued in order to stop the illegal use of mining. If enforced this ban may bring other problems resulting from a lack of money circulating to pay for necessities such as school fees etc

All Africa Bishops Conference: This week long meeting was held in Entebbe, Uganda at the end of August. All the Congolese Bishops attended.

It was a good experience and an opportunity to meet other Bishops and to see

how the Anglican Communion in Africa is growing.

Several presentations were made on poverty, health, environment, family life and conflicts. Church leaders were urged to be more involved in changing and transforming of society in Africa and to speak out about injustice.

House of Bishops

The Congo House of Bishops met in August before travelling to Entebbe. It was decided to bring forward the consecration of Ise-somo as the new Bishop of the Diocese of North Kivu. The consecration will be held in Butembo on 12th December 2010

The new bishop of Kasai will be consecrated on 30th January 2011.

Annual Pastors Conference

The annual conference for all diocesan clergy and their wives took place in August. As usual it was well attended and appreciated with approximately 150 participants.

The theme this year was "how to help Christians to grow spiritually". Teachers were Rev Anyasi Makungu, Bishop Masi-

mango, Rev Malcolm Richards and Elizabeth Richards.

During the seminar there was teaching on: Christian leadership, What is spiritual growth?, How do Christians grow spiritually?, How to follow up new Christians and How to transform a church from a club for Christians to an out-

ward looking and gospel centred church.



All the participants at the recent clergy conference



In small group Bible studies pastors and their wives studied the book of 1 Peter.

Synod

Kindu Diocese synod is held every 3 years.

In order for synod to be better informed and to include more participation from across the diocese a questionnaire was sent out to all parishes beforehand .

During synod small groups made recom-

mendations on a variety of matters using the returned questionnaires. These ranged from financial accountability to recommendations concerning Anglican schools across the diocese to youth work, to the need for each parish

to have a church office.

Synod also agreed that for the first time the diocese would adopt a code of conduct for all church workers.

Changes to Archdeaconries

A new Archdeaconry has just been created following a recommendation from Synod with the rural dean for that area being made Archdeacon.

north of Kindu and inaccessible by road. The work of the Anglican church there is relatively recent. It joins a group of "missionary" Archdeaconries in acknowledgement of the difficulty of the work and the support that the pastors

in those areas need.



Archdeacon of Punia. Ven Kizegele

The Diocese of Kindu has 3 "Missionary Archdeaconries"

Berea Bible School- practical evangelism

Berea Bible School is now entering its 5th year. The course continues to evolve. The vision of the Bible School is to produce church leaders for the diocese who can in turn teach and train others. Each subject aims to be as practical as possible.

In early June all the Bible School including students and teachers travelled to the village of

Libuyu for a week of evangelism. It was a week to put into practice much of what had been learned and to try out new skills and gifts.

In the parish of Libuyu there are 2 Anglican secondary schools and 2 primary schools. Bible School students used songs, theatre, puppets and bible stories to teach and challenge school students of different ages.

Events were also organised to reach out to men, women and youth of the area with plenty of singing, drama, teaching and question times. Different students also gave their testimonies.

It is planned to make this a part of the Bible School program each year.



Recent Bible School graduates

Bible School changes

In June this year the second group to complete the 3 year Bible School course graduated.

Six men and women have been sent to different parishes throughout the diocese to work as evangelists. Those that prove themselves capable will then be ordained.

A new intake of students have been selected and a number have already

arrived for the start of the new Bible School year.

This year there are staff changes as well with a new Director, the Rev Anyasi Makungu.

The building program is continuing with the near completion of a toilet and shower block and start on building a staff house.

We continue to be

grateful for outside help to meet Bible

School running costs. The plan has been to set up projects with the aim of becoming at least partially self supporting. Chicken and farming projects have had limited success., A new pig project is currently underway.

Seminar for Theology Graduates

Kindu Diocese has over a dozen theology graduates many of whom are not working in full time ministry. Instead they are principals of Anglican Schools or working outside the church all

together.

A one day meeting with them in August explored why many are not involved in full time ministry and encouraged even those working as school principals to

be more involved in their local churches.

For many of them the main difficulty is income. Having studied themselves they in turn want to be able to educate their families.

“Educating our children is important to us and hard to do on a pastors income”

Prayer

The Anglican Diocese of Kindu needs your prayers and support.

Please pray

- For a peaceful build up to the elections in 2011
- For Rev Isesomo as he prepares to be consecrated as Bishop of the Diocese of North Kivu in December.
- For Rev Jules and his wife Amunazo as they settle into Amani Bible School in Iringa Tanzania
- For Ven Kizegele as he takes on the role of Archdeacon of Punia
- That synod resolutions regarding Christian growth in the diocese be implemented



Rev Jules Kingombe and his wife Amunazo together with 2 young children have travelled to Iringa in Tanzania to study at Amani Bible School.



Please feel free to pass this newsletter on to others who may be interested.

If you would like to be a partner in our ministry or if you have any questions about any of the work mentioned or would like to support us financially as well as in prayer, please contact our diocesan office for more details at angkindu@yahoo.fr