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TRAVELS

After attending the Primates' Meeting in Dublin, Ireland, in January, the Archbishop, the Most Rev. Bernard Ntahoturi, met with Christian Aid in London in order to lobby the UK Government regarding aid and support for Burundi as the poorest of the countries of the Great Lakes region. He also attended the World Council of Churches Central Committee meeting in Geneva at which preparations for the 10th Assembly to be held in S. Korea in October 2013 under the theme "God of life, lead us to justice and peace" were made.

BETHESDA PROJECT

On the 9th February the Bethesda Project was officially launched in Muyinga diocese. The project's vision is to bring disabled and non-disabled people together as equal partners using outdoor activities. At the opening ceremony young people with disabilities were canoeing on Kavuruga Lake alongside bishops and government officials and demonstrating newly acquired archery skills.

The Bishop of Muyinga, the Rt. Rev. Eraste Bigirimana, welcomed guests who included Peter Sanders, the Project Director of The Keppleway Centre in UK. The Province and the local administration pledged support for the project. Sister Gareth, who represented the Saint John Bosco Centre for Physical Handicaps in Muyinga, praised Bethesda for helping children with disabilities to enjoy life and feel valued.



EXCHANGE VISIT



During February the Development Commission under the leadership of the Bishop of Makamba, the Rt. Rev. Martin Nyaboho, visited the dioceses of Gitega, Muyinga, and Buye in order to share experiences and good practice. It was an opportunity to see how various projects were developing and to discuss issues relating to them. Among the challenges that surfaced were the implications of inadequate rainfall, the impact of climate changes, and the reduced production of organic manure due to the increased cost of livestock and high levels of poverty.

It was encouraging to see communities fully engaged in activities and with some of the related issues such as HIV/AIDS. It was evident that they are empowered to share good agricultural practice as well as the benefits of the project through the distribution of seeds and plants, the provision of food, and the supply of practical resources such as school fees and materials to communities and parishes around.

The exchange was a positive and useful experience for all involved and will form the basis of other opportunities to work together as well as helping to define the future vision of the Province in the area of development.

NEWS IN BRIEF

- Bishop Sixbert Macumi recently attended a consultation in Tanzania of nineteen bishops of the Anglican Communion, initiated by the Anglican Church of Canada. Originating in the Lambeth Conference, the meeting renewed commitment to mission and dialogue through inter-diocesan partnerships.
- On 13th March nine deacons and three pastors were ordained in Gitega diocese.

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