

## October 08 Makamba Diocese Tidings By the Rt Rev Martin Blaise NYABOHO

*I've got to understand recently that partnership differs from paterism. The former deals with collaboration between two individuals or institutions through the exchange of resources being human, material or financial while the latter deals with total dependency from a pater (father). Some people neglect that the exchange of information is a recommendable ingredient to keep the partnership healthier. I thank all those who read the MAKAMBA TIDINGS" and sometimes respond to it. Welcome again.*

### 1. Repatriation

Being organized or spontaneous, thousands of former refugees are coming back to Burundi from Tanzania. Makamba Province records the biggest number of weekly repatriates. The main challenges that those people face are: shelter, settlement, soup and schooling for their kids. Be supportive to them through your prayers and your donation.

### 2. School year 2008-09

The enhancement of education in Burundi is one of the priorities of the Anglican Church of Burundi. A celebration to mark the achievements of the project to rehabilitate and build church schools was done early in October, says EAB Press Extra. This was the first step because the journey of rehabilitating and building schools is still too long. Since the proclamation of free education in primary schools, thousands of kids enrol the school to the point that sometimes over 150 find themselves squeezed between the four walls of a classroom. More schools are still needed including specialized ones for the repatriates who speak only Kiswahili and English.

### 3. Peace and Security

Peace and security in Makamba, despite that land issues between the repatriates and the settlers still arise some disputes, there are many signs of hope. It is my prayer that the government of Burundi and the political movement (Palipehutu-FNL) terminate their negotiations to leave a space of peace and security to us all.

### 4. Evangelistic rally in Myumba



Priests during the crusade

From 10th up to 12th October 08, twenty four priests from the whole Diocese of Makamba have participated in a crusade in Myumba (Vugizo County), an area where the Anglican faith and presence are still very weak. Simon Guilbaud was the main speaker. It was very amazing to see all pastors young and old climbing the Gasamari hills for the sake of the Gospel.



Some of the priests climbing Gasamari hills



Gaspard, climbing Gasamari hills

Ndayizeye Gaspard, a government policeman has to say this "God has kept me all these 12 years of civil war so that I may climb such mountains to proclaim the Gospel".

After the three days' crusade, Revd Abel Ndayizeye, the missionary priest of Vugizo had this to comment: "It was very wonderful! We felt the second Pentecost. All the neighbours could hear the Gospel in their own language".



Simon G. preaching

#### 4. Faithfulness in marriage



Participants in Nyanza-Lac listening carefully

The Diocese of Makamba in its programme of Universal Chastity Education (UCE) toured the parishes that host many repatriates from Tanzania. These are the parishes in Nyanza-Lac and Kayogoro counties. It focussed on



Repatriates signing the commitment cards

faithfulness in marriage after seeing that people who got married in the Camps were not registered in the Government and consequently when they are back in Burundi many of them leave their wives for others. After the discussions many of the participants signed the commitment cards.

#### 5. New Parish



Murinda Parish

Murinda, a sub-parish in Muyange Parish is now a parish since 19<sup>th</sup> October 08. This is the 20<sup>th</sup> parish within Makamba Diocese. Remember that the Diocese of Makamba started on 3<sup>rd</sup> August in 1997 with 10 parishes. Murinda parish is under the leadership of Revd Nduwimana Josaphat as its first priest. Revd Josaphat became the priest of Murinda after coming back from Tanzania where he took refuge since 1993



Rev Josaphat, the priest in the middle

and was priested there.

#### 6. Prayers and Praises

- Pray for the forthcoming launch of Tamar Campaign in Makamba
- Pray for divine intervention, climate changes leave a negative impact on the domestic economy
- Pray for the repatriates in need
- Pray for our five students studying abroad.
- \* Praise God for Rev Charles, Jean Marie, Fidele and Leopold in theological Colleges both in Tanzania and Kenya
- \* Praise God for the continuing discipleship in Parishes
- \* Praise God for the Mothers' Union team in visits to parishes these two months.