

## MAKAMBA DIOCESE TIDINGS, Feb 09

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### 1. Fear for life

Four church members in Mushara Parish have been injured by thieves searching for money on February 13, 09. Those thieves were recognized by victims. People live now in great fear.

### 2. A mother delivers 4 babies

Mrs Liziki Adelphine from Nyanza-Lac County has delivered 4 babies in Nyanza-Lac Hospital on Feb 21, 09. One of the little babies passed away the following day while the remaining were transferred to Bujumbura Hospital. The mother has recovered but will need assistance to care for the 3 babies.

### 3. Peace Building workshop in Makamba

From 23-28 February 09, REMA Ministries in partnership with the Diocese of Makamba has organized a training workshop for 40 pastors from different Churches within the Province of Makamba under the theme “The role of the church in peace building”. Most of the churches have responded to the rendez-vous. Rev Canon Gahenga Joas commented: *“Peace building requires the commitment of each pastor despite the isolated denomination that he might be serving”*.

After the seminar every participant got a number of the New Testament Books to help them to interpret the Bible. Thanks to REMA Ministries!



### 4. A week end with the President

The President of Burundi has toured some counties in Makamba from 13-14 Feb, 09 to sensitize people to care for our environment through planting trees. Thousands of people, young and adults have joined him to do the exercise in Muyogo village, and many of them were smiling as they went back home with some fruit trees to plant in their gardens. “We are luckily to have a President who protects God’s creation. To be with him is counted as a blessing”, said John Niyuhire, an environmentalist.

### 5. Mr Charles Ntiranyibagira facing a surgery

Mr Charles Ntiranyibagira, a chaplain in Makamba High School, felt to India for an urgent surgery in Amrita Hospital after a six months financial struggle. The Diocese of Makamba expresses the sincere gratitude to those who contributed financially to enable him to endeavour such a trip and surgery. We wish him a successful surgery and quick recovery.

### 6. A Heavy rain in Mushara

A heavy rain has damaged rooms of Mushara Primary this Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> afternoon. We praise God it did not take any life though were in class and make



two class School February because children appeal



for any urgent assistance to rebuild those classes in this period of rain where children don't have where to study from.

### **7. Hen project monitoring**

The agents of Makamba Provincial Direction for Agriculture and breeding visited the Diocese of Makamba to evaluate the Mothers' Union chicken project funded by PRASAB. This project has helped helped the population of Makamba by providing them with eggs.



### **8. Prayers and Praises**

- Pray for the many repatriates who need salt and shelter
- Pray for the clergy and catechists during these Easter retreats
- Pray for Mr Charles as he goes through a surgery in India
- Praise God for the ministry in different schools
- Praise God the 4 newly build churches to be inaugurated in August 2009.
- Praise God for his continuous loving care