

## **MAKAMBA DIOCESE EXTRA TIDINGS,** **by the Rt Rev Martin Blaise NYABOHO**

### **GROUND ZERO IN MAKAMBA, BURUNDI!**



Wednesday, 1st September 2010, a ground zero which resembles to the ground zero in New York City of September 11th, 2000 occurred in Kayogoro urban



centre in Makamba, Burundi.

At 5.30 pm a big fire burns hundreds of wooden shops in the market place. The air becomes black smoky polluting the environment and the yellow and red sunset of the mountains surrounding Kayogoro city.



The event was too dangerous. In the neighbourhood they are three fuel stations, a high school and two primary schools. Wednesday as usually is an open air market day. Hundreds of people (some told me thousands) were still around doing the last shopping. Suddenly the fire emptied like a volcano causing a lot of damages: shops, items, articles, cash, and properties. The big hall was affected; the fire and the hot heat have almost destroyed it. It is beyond repair.

### **The impact**

The newly built market in Kayogoro is the biggest market in the southern region of Burundi. Without it no life for thousands of people. Being a business centre where people involve themselves to produce for their family as means of living, the damages of Kayogoro market will weigh heavily economically for those unfortunate people.

The Anglican Church members who lost their properties reported to the Bishop to seek for assistance. If you are interested in supporting hundreds of people whose shops were burned to ground zero in Kayogoro, don't hesitate to contact the Bishop of Makamba Diocese. We are aware that the parishes of both Bisoro and Kayogoro will suffer a lot because the tithes and offerings will decrease a lot.