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"BUILDING ON THE EXISTING FOUNDATION, 1 Cor.3:10"

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RE: LETTER OF APPECIATION

Greetings and love from the Diocesan Office.

This serves to thank you all for your hard work, commitment, and the generosity you demonstrated and exhibited before and during the Archbishop's visit (April 16--22, 2008)

We applied a decentralized system of planning. My personal assessment and conclusion is that each Archdeaconry, Health Centre, school, and parish that His Grace visited, did what was expected – a very good job!! Please, keep it up.

The services at the Cathedral, Kagando Hospital, Rwesande Archdeaconry, Bwera Archdeaconry, and Ikobero Parish were all well planned and well attended. The meals were excellent. The gifts were of good size. The choirs sang very well, and our drivers did a commendable job. The foundation stones were all of very good quality, revealing skilled workmanship. The message preached by His Grace was up-to context. He preached hope, confidence and dependence upon Jesus Christ. He condemned corruption, inaction, selfishness, excessive self pity, and rebellion, etc. He appealed for self acceptance, love, unity, holiness and practical faith in Jesus Christ.

His Grace, the Archbishop adds his personal voice to my own to say "Thank you indeed". The Archbishop also remarked about the Rwenzori hills and valleys, "Your hills and valleys are medicine for the eyes," for their sight refreshes the eyes. He commended our team work – division of labour, he liked our music. "Lhukonzo is well positioned for sweat music like lingala," he repeatedly remarked. He was overwhelmed by our generosity which was usually accompanied with love and wide smiles. Our mission and evangelism strategies and approaches made a lot of sense to

our Archbishop. Consequently, he personally donated 500,000 Ugsh towards construction of a school hall at Mutanywana Secondary School, and another 500,000 Ugsh to boost an indigenous goat-farming project for Ikobero and Kitholhu Parishes, plus donating two physical goats to the same farm. The Archbishop worked very hard but left our Diocese in good health on Tuesday 22/04/2008. We saw him off at Katunguru at 10:30 a.m.

This is how his internal visits were conducted in the Diocese:-



16/04/2008



- He arrived through Rwimi and visited Rwesande Archdeaconry – laid a foundation stone on the Health Centre theatre block, preached to the congregation, and was served lunch.
- He later on preached at a crusade in Hima Town, Maliba

Archdeaconry; hundreds got saved. There was a huge rousing welcome at St. Paul's Cathedral at 5:45 p.m.



17/04/2008



He went to Kagando and presided over a big thanksgiving service where he preached and prayed for staff and several new buildings and



programmes there. On his way to Kagando, he had a stopover at Mutanywana S.S. He preached and prayed for staff, parents, and the school. He also preached to the Kyarumba CDC staff, children, guardians and the Christians.

In the afternoon, He visited Kisinga Vocational Secondary School, Kisinga Divinity College and preached to the people there, before he settled at Kisinga Archdeaconry Church for supper with several Christians.

18/4/2008



Our visitor hit the road for Bwera Archdeaconry. He stopped at Kinyamaseke Parish to pray for the best Sunday school group in the province (2006) and laid a foundation station on their 3-classroom block. While in Bwera, he visited the Atlas Model Primary School to commission the ministry of private primary schools in the Diocese.

- He presided over the Holy Matrimony Service for Hon. Dr. Kiyonga and Alice Nabagenyi
- Laid wreaths on the graves of:
 1. Late Jeremiah Kambere – First Mokonzo priest
 2. Late Israel Kambere – 1st Lay Evangelist
 3. Late Samali – 1st female Lay reader.
- Commissioned a 38-set Computer Lab at Bwera Secondary School.
- Commissioned an indigenous goat-farm project for greater Kitholhu at Ikobero Parish. Supper was offered by and served at Kiyonga's home in Bunyiswa.



19/4/2008

His Grace presided over a Family Revival Holy Matrimony service for 34 couples at St. Paul's Cathedral. These were people who were living together and decided to get officially joined together in the church:



- He also preached to the communities of nine districts through Messiah Radio station.
- He visited the Bishop Masereka Medical Centre, prayed for them and had lunch with the family of the Syauswa's, and supper was offered by and served at Bishop Masereka's home. Breakfast was prepared and served at Benon Mugisha's home.

20th April, 2008

The Archbishop presided over and preached in two services at St. Paul's Cathedral. Lunch was served at Bishop Nzerebende's residence and supper at the home of Epafura Masereka.



21/04/2008

One of the busiest days for his Grace.



- He addressed and prayed for all technical staff of South Rwenzori Diocese; i.e., head teachers, chaplains, Health Centre In-charges and administrators, project and programme coordinators and managers.

- After that, he led all clergy and their wives through a two hour retreat at the Kogere Archdeaconry Centre
- Later on, he addressed the district Local Government senior staff at their Council Hall at



Rukoki district Head quarters.

- Supper was prepared and served by the family of Rev. Canon Julius Kithenge, District Chairman, at their home in Kilembe.



22/4/2008



Day of departure. Before leaving the diocese, His Grace visited the Diocesan Office, prayed for the staff, and addressed part of the prayer group that prays for the sitting Bishop, his ministry and the Diocese. He was seen off at Katunguru Bridge by Bishop Jackson Nzerebende together with senior staff and Canons at 10:30 am.



God bless our ministry. Amen.

Bishop Jackson Nzerebende Tembo

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