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**VENUE: FAITH VICTORY CHURCH,
NAALALA, KAJIADO**

**THEME: ‘MOVING FORWARD WITH GOD
IN THE ERA OF COVID-19’**

INTRODUCTIONS

After having ended the Nairobi Region Conference, the mission team had three days to rest then finally embark on a conference journey to Kajiado County, the ‘maa’ land. Covid-19 positive cases in Kajiado County was steadily rising. Our conference week was the week that the governor of the region actually announced an indefinite dissolution of cultural rites of passage ceremonies that were to take place in various sub-counties in Kajiado.

There were fears and anxiety regarding COVID-19 among the leaders as per the way I overheard them converse with Brother Ishmael over the phone. Some thought the governor would even suspend religion gatherings. Glory to God! That did not happen.

The mission team left for Kajiado very early in the morning on 12th, November, 2020. As we drove off Nairobi, I remember a Luo background song in Ishmael’s car, *‘Yesu tiyo to aling’ aling’a’ translated as (‘Jesus is working while I’m watching’)*. That was the encouragement we had. It was time for the Lord to reveal His supernatural power as we witness.

When we arrived at the Olkesumet Prayer Center, we drove up the mountain for two hours prayers session. This was our mission refreshing moments. It was a nice feeling to pray during this time for the three days mission in the ‘maa’ land.



Delegates group photo behind the church building after day two conference

MISSION DAY ONE

Faith Victory Ministry, Naalala, our conference host church was about 20 kilometers away from Olkesumet prayer center, our accommodation residence. This church is located right in the jungle. We therefore had to leave a little bit early to enable our administration team to efficiently do their work as always.

By 11.00am, two hours behind the scheduled conference program, is when we could see church leaders come in one after another. I remember Ishmael complaining to Rev. Mokinyo about keeping time in missions.

One significant challenge would appear to be great distance between the various Maasai settlements, but not for them. The Maasai are great trekkers or walkers. We were told they were trekking as much as 15 kilometers to get to Faith Victory Church, Naalala – 15 kilometers each way.

Pastor Daniel Mpatita, our host, had to walk 25kilometres from his home in Loodariak village. He said they are quite adept at such long treks. It's still the only way the majority of Maasai get around.



“Maasai are very good in walking and poor in keeping time. Very good in walking, very good,” he said, flashing a big smile. “The distance that can be covered in one hour you cannot believe yourself; you cannot believe the way they walk.” They like attending church.

I saw the host pastor's statements calm Ishmael down... “Soldiers, we have to adapt to this slow pace”, Ishmael said while smiling. We all laughed over it.

Bro. Ishmael on VMK introduction to leaders

First Plenary

First plenary session started at 12 noon by introductions by Rev. Theophilus Mokinyo. He then later welcomed Ishmael who proceeded with articulating of VMK Vision, mission, objectives and purpose.

Because of the late arrivals of the delegates we had to reorganize the schedule. The numbers of speakers were reduced to two for the day.

We had to do one virtual and one physical local speaker.

Pr. Matthias Teachings

In addressing the discipline of abiding in Christ, he highlighted the following;

How do we abide?

Christ modelled the way of Abiding to us

1. See what Jesus did and copy it.
- Become an imitator of Christ.

Jesus, even though God Himself still found it necessary to meet with the father.

Mark 1:35



Pr. Matthias Otieno teaching.

And in the morning, rising up a great while before day, he went out, and departed into a solitary place, and there

John 6:15

When Jesus therefore perceived that they would come and take him by force, to make him a king, he departed again into a mountain himself alone

We need to spend time alone with God to remain in Him =this is Intimate fellowship.

- *Be alone with God regularly.*

The life of a pastor is a busy one with many demands. You will need to “retreat “

This means spending more time than the daily time we normally set aside.

2. Jesus depended upon the father. He did not do His own but the will of the Father.

-We too to completely give over to Christ= Dependence.

3. Jesus prayed regularly, leaders ought to pray too.

After this powerful teaching an alter call was made.

Bro. Gord’s Teaching

This was kind of a strange method of teaching to the Maasai. We however thank God about the result. The translation made it more interesting and lively. I don’t understand Maasai language but *the ‘amen responses’* and desire to ask questions from leaders after every translation pause was clear indicator that the sermon was home.

After Gord’ first video that ended at 6:30PM, we headed for rest.

DAY TWO CONFERENCE

The day started well. The Maasai’s had improved in keeping time. By 9.00 am the choir had gathered at the sanctuary. There was maasi tune of music being heard from the church.



Pre-recorded video session

According to Pastor Dan, music is an integral part of their culture. They dance and sing for almost every occasion. Most young Maasai in the church have been drawn to the church because music is important part of worship.

“Many of them are attracted into the church choir. When they see them singing nicely, when they see them developing, other kinds of new music, they are very much attracted.” Commented Pastor Dan Mpatita.

On this day we had the following activities;

- We finalized the remaining session of brother Gord Martin
- Introduced David Ralph’s teaching
- Pastor Matthias introduced spiritual life of a leader topic
- Had comments from pastors present
- Issued certificates

Leaders’ Testimonies



Rev. Theophillus Mokinyo, “Vision Ministry Kenya, came to rebuild the broken wall of church in Maasai land. For many years, we have served God without acknowledging His divinity. We were rooted deeply into our culture. I thank God that I am a participant in this great revival being brought by the VMK in my motherland. The generation to come will one day testify that truly Vision Ministry Kenya redefined and refreshed proper church leadership in this region.”

Pastor Dan Mpatita, “VMK came to challenge and transform us. What we have witnessed this year is a mega challenge and a miracle at the same time. We thank God for having chosen our church to be the host for this year’s conference.”



The Maasai dance moments

CONCLUSION

The Sunday session had thirteen different churches represented. In the service brother Ishmael shared in the Holy Communion service as pastor Matthias facilitated main service.

KAJIADO CONFERENCE DELEGATES DATA	CHILDREN	YOUTHS	ADULTS
DAY ONE	7	18	15
DAY TWO	5	15	30
DAY THREE	15	25	35