

**VISION MINISTRIES KENYA, NORTH RIFT
REGION, CONFERENCE REPORT 2021**

'CELEBRATING A DECADE OF GOD'S FAITHFULNESS'

10yrs

VENUE: VISIONS RESTORATION CENTER

DATE: 5TH – 6TH, NOVEMBER, 2021

Theme: God says, 'Try It! Put Me to The Test! Malachi 3:10 NLT



More, effective, flourishing churches!

INTRODUCTIONS

Eldoret is the youngest VMK chapter. This region was officially launched in 2020 November. We are happy to mention that it is as well one of the fastest growing chapter. In this years' conference alone, the number of ministries/ Churches represented was twenty three. This was one of the regions where we witnessed great consistency in the attendance.



Worship team setting pace for the day



Introducing the North Rift Valley team

CONFERENCE DAY ONE

We started registering of the delegates by 9:30 AM and by 10:00AM the number had really grown. The church was packed to capacity.

The teachers of the day were Brother Ishmael, Bishop Gilbert and the Canadian virtual facilitators.



The delegates during the teachings

Highlights from teachers;

- ✓ The Bible reveals the Gospel of Jesus Christ but it also principles on how this message is supposed to be communicated to the world. There are many local congregation leaders who spend a significant portion of time studying the content of the Gospel message but significantly less time on how to transit and incarnate the content of the message. We must learn on how to pass it too.



- ✓ The church is the place where God desires by His grace to transform us into the image of Christ. It is at times hard to see the difference between the church and world.

Whilst the church is not perfect, it would be reasonable to expect that Christians demonstrate that the transforming power of the gospel has begun the work of sanctification. Every leader here must really work on their life style, language etc. since you cannot make people what you are not!

- ✓ Classroom styled training for discipleship is good, and also theoretical study of books is great however they must be complemented with prayers and other means that will impact character transformation, to influence and shape habits and values, to learn mastery skills and many other intangible aspects of life transformation. Leaders must be rooted in the word. The bible remains the constitution.
- ✓ Mentoring must be done well in our churches. Poor mentorship is detrimental to church leadership development.
- ✓ The work of building up the local church leadership and mentoring people and discipling will meet challenges. Sometimes you might meet people who are unwilling to join the team but as a leader you must just continue with the work. Never give up, continue.
- ✓ Building up a local church to be more effective is more than the sum total of adding all the church events, programs, activities and departments. While these are all important, building up local church is more than their sum. It is even incorporating the growth of church idea. If God is building his church, the church must be willing to allow him to reveal the areas he desires to focus on.
- ✓ The first and foremost mark of an effective church is faithfulness to the Word of God. If a church is really God sent then it must have an ordained message to give.



(Bsp. Gilbert presentations)

Questions Arising;

- i. How do you know you're producing spiritually mature disciples or not? How do you measure?
- ii. How will you help a leader who is willing to have an effective church yet he lacks the right people?

Responses from Ishmael;

- i) “By their fruit you’ll recognize them. Do people pick grapes from thorn bushes, or figs from thistles?”

Evidence? The work or transformation of the Holy Spirit. Gal 5

Look at your disciples. Is what the scripture says in Gal 5 how they look like? If so, you have some work to do on your discipleship strategy because it’s not producing what the Holy Spirit produces in people’s lives when he’s at work.

- ii) This work is the work of God. At the right time God will bring the right people.



CONFERENCE DAY TWO

- This was the last day of the conference.
- The number of leaders had increased
- The number of churches represented had dropped by one
- There were testimonies from the leaders appreciating the conference. To many, it was a time for new beginning
- After the teachings there was a time of celebration
- Notes were shared with the leaders through the WhatsApp group and mails
- Praise team being led by Pr. Zack did a great job



Highlights from the teachers:

Apostle Paul was one of the greatest leaders in church history. He loved his disciple Timothy, and wrote multiple letter filled with excellent leadership advice for the young evangelist.

- Good doctrine is an essential for good Leadership
- Spiritual leaders pray for others

- Leaders own their mistakes
- Leaders must take care of their families
- Leaders must be above reproach
- Spiritual leaders must be humble
- Leaders seek to unify and prevent strife
- Leaders pursue righteousness over riches



Celebration session

DAY	NO CHURCHES	NO MEN	NO WOMEN	TOTAL
FRIDAY	23	35	22	57
SATURDAY	21	33	26	59