

REPORT OF BUSIA CONFERENCE DECEMBER 6-8, 2019

Busia, December 25, 2019

“The word became flesh and dwelt among us...Full of grace and truth...Grace and truth came through Jesus Christ” (John 1:14,17).

We thank our Lord for the two youth camps and the Bible conference which were held in the Bible Center compound in the border town of Busia, Eastern Uganda. It was such a pleasure to the saints in this area to have three big gatherings one after another. The weather was not good for the meetings as we were using tents because there is no structure/building large enough to accommodate the big number that attended the conference. Throughout the sessions we had heavy rain and at times we had to wait until the weather returned to normal.



The subject was “the tabernacle” and one could be heard saying, “What a hidden mystery that is revealed to me. Who can doubt the greatness of our Lord?”

For almost all who attended the conference, this was their first time to learn about the tabernacle. Many teachings that can be learned from the tabernacle are related to our Lord Jesus Christ, and He is seen in every aspect of the work that the people were commanded to build.

Something that struck everyone was that this tabernacle could not show its beauty when someone was far from it. This as we learned is seen in Isaiah 53:2 **“He has no form or comeliness and when we see Him, there is no beauty that we should desire Him.”** This is a truth that every believer knows very well: Those who are far from Christ do not know the beauty of our Lord Jesus Christ. It was also very interesting to know the four colors of the gate each represent one of the four gospels.

To enter the tabernacle, one had to accept that he was a sinner and take a sacrifice to the priest; he had to pass through a gate that was very easy to pass through for forgiveness of his sins—exactly as it is today when a sinner by the word of God (gospel) realizes that he/she is a sinner and goes to our Lord Jesus Christ for remission of sin through Him. Here we see the gate as our Lord Jesus Christ.

The most interesting teaching in the study of the tabernacle was its location among the Israelites. The nation of Israel surrounding the tabernacle brings more attraction to the teaching. The Scripture in Matthew

18:20, **“For where two or three are gathered together in my name, I am there in the midst of them,”** corresponds thoroughly with what God wanted us to know, we who are of the dispensation of grace. God wants to dwell among his people so that they can worship Him.

We had a lot to learn and just a few items are mentioned here to show how interesting this



subject was/is.

Brother [^] Mukama Gerard (from Kamembe, Rwanda) long with brothers Thembo Phesto [>], Kasereka Kayumbu Darius, and Julius Muhindo (three brothers from Western Uganda) were so



helpful in this conference, and we really thank our Lord for their devoted contribution in this conference.

The number that attended was over 600 apart from those who gather from Busia and their children.

CHALLENGES IN THIS AREA:

- We were disturbed by the heavy rain because our meetings were in tents that sometimes collapsed. Prayers are requested for the provision of structures.
- This area now covers Eastern, Northeastern, and Northern Uganda, which is almost one third of the country. There is a need for at least two motor bikes to help in transport.
- Because the area to be visited is large, some brothers from central Uganda work hand-in-hand with those from this area. From Busia to Arua it is a two days journey. We again request for prayers so that our Lord can provide.

We thank our Lord for the work that He has allowed us to do in this area that has brought many to repentance. We thank all those who always pray for the Lord's work here in Uganda. Lastly, we thank all those who practically supported the conference.

Yours in our faithful Lord,

Ssemutereke Deo, Ddungu Daniel and Wepukhulu James (Uganda)
Mukama Gerard (Rwanda)

