



Healings in Body and Spirit

The initial suggestion from the Bishop of Homa-Bay Diocese, Kenya was for a conference t on “Evangelism and Church Planting”. We felt as a team that we needed to root the teaching on evangelism with teaching on the Kingdom and also the work and gifts of the Holy Spirit.

The bishop agreed this before we left.

When we arrived it was evident that church planting was not a need, but rather how could they use the many churches they already had!

So after arrival we geared the Kingdom and Holy Spirit teaching into both a deeper theological understanding with practical applications. We felt it worked really well.

The Spirit was powerfully present during our ministry times, and you could see His convicting work in people’s lives. We saw several important healings in both body and in spirit. We found a discouraged clergy, generally moved each year, and a new bishop who wanted to build new relationships after difficult elections.

Some of the clergy had never allowed the Gospel to sink deeply into their daily lives, nor had they been open to the power of the Spirit. Some were and remained sceptical of the Spirit. Others moving in the Spirit needed to be released to exercise their gifts.

The teachings on the Kingdom and the Holy Spirit, together with evening teachings which were built around what the Lord told us was the immediate need, powerfully moved the situation forward.

By the end of the conference the bishop and many of his clergy had a new confidence and hunger to get back to their parochial work.

Bishop James wrote afterwards: “Your mission was a blessed one and we can witness the impact it had on the leadership. We have internalised the teachings and are now imparting the same to the congregations.”

The team included UK members: Tom Hewson (leader), Rosie Hewson, Beren Hartless, Henriette Watkins and Uganda members: George Tabu and Geoffrey Mwesigye.

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