

YOUTH RETREAT KENYA

The last week of December 2005 we held a Youth Retreat at Otieno Oyoo High School grounds. The Lord blessed us with the boarding facilities at the school that made our stay comfortable. For a long time we have been concerned that we lack ideas and skills to make a Youth retreat be interesting to the young people. The Lord blessed us tremendously as he fetched and brought those he wanted to provide ministry to the camp on the day the retreat began even though they had not been invited.

I was particularly concerned on whom and what we shall be able to present that shall interest the youth and not discourage them for the next retreat. A day before the retreat Elder Tom whom I had not been able to contact got in touch with me and on being invited accepted to join us. Priest Elly who had been away supervising building of a bridge in a place we could not reach him by telephone also contacted us, and he was close-by enough to assure us he was going to attend.

The first day was slow with the youth unfamiliar with one another, and none wanting to take lead or to be seen to be taking lead. There even appeared to be competition amongst some of them. We prayed over this, and the Lord blessed us soon enough as the following morning worship saw a beautiful spirit and eagerness to participate from all. In the morning worship every youth offered a prayer under good spirit of repentance and willingness to be directed by the Lord. Winnie's daughter bore a testimony of how she had been blessed after administration when she was operated on, and how she was blessed soon enough to attend the national exams scheduled for that month. She gave testimony that she was sure she was going to pass the exams.

The Youth received teachings on diverse topics like Effect of Drugs, Opportunities for the Girl Child and Dating the Gospel Way apart from the spiritual classes presented and the other activities. We felt blessed and satisfied in ministering to the youth, their active participation and enthusiasm uplifted us. At the end the question was when are we having the next one.