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**REPORT ON THE CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE HELD AT IMPACT
CHURCH, KANGULUMIRA, KAYUNGA DISTRICT- UGANDA.**

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About us: SoHUG is an interdenominational Christian Community Based Rehabilitation project working with children with disabilities and their families in rural areas of Uganda, with its operations based in the district of Kayunga. We currently work with over 500 children and their families in the areas of education, physiotherapy, health care, sensitisation and income generating projects. Our aim is to see that these children are able to reach their true potential. Before the work of Spring of Hope began, disabled children were being abused, locked away and tied up due to the stigma of having a child who is disabled, we advocate and practically involve in a positive change towards this negativity.

Our Mission: Addressing and improving the general standard of health and the living conditions of children and young people with disabilities (CWD's) (YPWD's).

Our Vision To see a society that can fully accommodate and accept children with disabilities.

Core objectives:

- To enable parents support their children, and accept them fully.
- To see attitudes change in the community from negative to positive.
- To see the children reach their full potential, in areas of Health, Education, ,and general life standards.
- To spread the good news of the gospel of Christ to the hard-to-reach communities of Uganda

CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

At SoHUG, we appreciate the fact that a person who does not walk in the light of Jesus Christ is spiritually needy and vulnerable, for that reason, we embarked on spreading the gospel of Jesus Christ to the neighbouring communities and beyond to help these people live meaningful lives and also nurture their children to respectable God-fearing citizens. This handout presents our recently concluded Christian Leadership Conference conducted in Kangulumira sub county of Kayunga District (Uganda) in partnership with GOOD NEWS UNLIMITED (GNU).

At Spring of Hope, we believe in Jesus Christ, for he has moved us from afar, hence the need to spread the gospel about His Life on earth, His Death, and His Resurrection. Many a people have read the bible, believed in His Word but somehow failed to take out the interpretation in the spiritual domain, henceforth, remaining interwoven with religion and its doctrines. We realized

the need to step in and undo such situations, and one such way of achieving this is by training the religious leaders across the different religious denominations, that way, they would pass on the message to their flocks in respective churches. Spring of Hope in partnership with GOOD NEWS UNLIMITED has started doing this. During the month of September 2015, we set out to run a Christian Leadership Conference in Kangulumira sub county of Kayunga District and Gospel Crusades in the villages of Nazigo, Kangulumira, Bukeeka and Bugiri of the same district. Whilst the former was successful, the latter never took place due to some shortfalls in finances and time. However, the need remains unaddressed and there is every reason for SoHUG and GNU to execute this arrangement at some time next year.

God's grace with us, we were very successful in running a Christian Leadership Conference which took place from Wednesday, 30th September to Saturday, 3rd October 2015 at Impact Church, Kangulumira.

Day one:

- Teresha Clark, the Founder of SoHUG introduced GNU to the people, while Paddy Atuha, Managing Director, SoHUG talked about Spring of Hope operations and gospel mission.
- The Praise and Worship team of Prayer Palace Church Nazigo of Pastor Joseph Musaana did the curtain raising, and the warming up, throwing the conference into a flamboyant mood
- Pastors Francis, Joseph and Sam – shared the gospel with the congregation of 50 participants
- The Purpose of the Conference was unveiled and positively perceived by the participants
- Lunch and refreshments were served and every thing went on well after that, bible study..... punctuated with Praise and Worship with Impact Church and the Prayer Palace team.



Day two:

- Praise and Worship
- GNU team, led by Pastor David Kayumba arrives – introduces self and the team, presents GNU background, mission and vision; what it does, how it does it and where (Gospel missions)
- Paddy Atuha facilitates in the areas of Christian leadership in biblical context – topics in his presentation where on: *the qualifications of church leaders* (Titus 1:5-9); *Building on the foundation of Christ* (1 Corinthians 3: 10-15); *Following as disciples of Christ* (Mark 3: 14, Luke 23-24, John 8:31-32, John 13:34-35, Lk 14:25-33, 2 Chron 16:9); *Walking in Humility* (1 Peter 5:5-6, Prov. 12:1, 1Cor. 8:2, 1 Cor 15:10); *Becoming responsible with earthly things*-loving our mates, handling money, diligent in work- Lk 16:10-11, negative example of Balaam – Numbers 22-24. Read also Rev 2:14, II Peter 2:15); *knowing our union with Christ* (1Cor 1:30, Gal 2:20, Rom 6:3-4, Gal 6:14, 1 Cor 10:2, Rom 6:5,8, Eph 2:4-6, Judges 14:6, Luke 4:18, 2 Cor 4:7, II Pet 1:3, Acts 1:8, 2Tim 1:8, 2Cor 12:7-10, Col 1:11-12); *properly interpreting the word of God* (II Cor 4:2, 2 Tim 2:15, IIPet 3:15-16); *principles of bible interpretation* –Lk 24:27, Jn 5:39-40, 2 Tim 3:16)



Day Three and Four

- GNU team led by Pastor David Kayumba facilitates.
- Pastor Kayumba's message on the Life, Death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ and the call for Salvation to receive the eternal gift, irrespective of religion, somehow perplexes the leaders from varied religious denominations, who seemed to have been Christians, believers, but somehow, wrong with the gospel interpretation in the spiritual domain.

- They felt it was not proper to be combined owing to the fact that they belonged to different religious denominations with varied doctrines, with which they looked seemingly interwoven.
- Some thought they were up to be converted to a new religion
- Members were not free with doing certain things during praise and worship, the Pentecostals, for instance, thought it would be discomforting to the Seventh Day Adventists and Baptist Church members, if they danced and shouted to the Lord as they praised and worshiped.
- Pastor Kayumba's skills in delivering the gospel were awake, He emphasized the fact that he belonged to no religion but to Christ.... Quoting verbatim *"Christ was for us and is for us, as Christians we build on Christ's own foundation..."* Religions and the doctrines will surely not take any man anywhere.
- Leaders were quick to develop a sense of belongingness. With the spirit of cohesion achieved, norming surfaced and people began participating and freely brainstorming, courtesy of Pastor Kayumba's Participatory facilitation approach.
- Christian leaders were also taken through the ethical issues in Christian leadership – such as Confidentiality, Competence, Record keeping, Unconditional Positive Regard, Responsibility, Counselling e.t.c
- Participants were free to ask questions, and the questions and answers session really worked out the magic, testimonies and confessions ensued.....



Pastor David Kayumba ministering



Some Leaders listening to Pastor David Kayumba presentation in the conference

Impact:

The teaching of Pastor Joseph Kayumba of Good News Unlimited, coupled with that of Paddy Atuha of Spring of Hope Uganda were of great impact to the participants – some got moved and confessed, while others gave testimonies and some were repentant and asked for forgiveness. Teresha Clark, Founder at Spring of Hope was among the moved.... Teresha realized that she had a weakness of being judgmental, she, for a long time had behaved in certain ways that upheld her but disregarded others in different spheres of life. Realising this weakness, Teresha rose up at once, asked for forgiveness and gave a testimony on her life experience. This was a good example to the participants which prompted some others to follow suit.



Teresha's sharing her experience



Pictured (above), Pastor Robert Musaana of Prayer Palace Nazigo, confessed that he had been a Pastor for over twenty years but never imagined the possibility of having the Pentecostals, Anglicans, Adventists e.t.c sharing the word of God together, regardless of the religious and doctrinal differences. **Spring of Hope & Good News Unlimited made it!** Quoting verbatim: *“if we were to have many of these conferences and crusades, no doubt people’s attitudes would change-for we belong to one God and one Jesus Christ, by whose strips we are healed”*



Some of the consulted religious leaders , said they never actually expected the conference to be successful, and were inquisitive to know the religion to which GNU belonged, some thought they were Seventh Day Adventists ,others thought they were Born-Again Christians.....but after the teachings, they realized GNU was for Christ (not of any religious denomination) and the learning atmosphere became so conducive that many wished the conference would go on and on....



Top: Participants attending the conference., **Bottom:** GNU staff facilitates



Spring of Hope's Paddy Atuha, realizing that leadership begins at home and appreciating the fact that the family is the first unit in the make up of a community, shared with the religious leaders issues of marriage in the biblical perspective.

Biblical reasons for marriage (Gen 2:18, 1Cor 7:1-2, Gen 1:26-28); duties of husband/wife (Eph 5:21-22, 1Peter 3:7); communication in marriage (Eph 4:15, Prov 18:21, Col 4:6) ; Hospitality Genesis 18:2, Hebrews 13:2, Romans 12:13, 1 Peter 4:9); Finance Management (Eccl 7:12, Eccl 10:19, 1Tim 6:10, Haggai 2:8); Balance between family responsibility, church ministry and job; faithfulness (1Cor 4:2) sex relationships(1Cor 7:4-5); Family planning.

Lessons Learnt

- What are you going to minister in church if your family members are conflicting?
- We should lead by example – be role models. What lessons do our followers learn from us?
- Leaders are mentors to their subjects. This cannot be complete with outstanding family issues.
- East, West, Home is best. Love your spouse as Christ loved the Church.
- Woman, be submissive to your husband. Husband, love your wife

😊 Lost love was restored and the following day, men turned up with their wives in cheery moods, seemingly yearning for more...

😊 although we had projected a total of 300 people, we never achieved this, however, we started with 50 participants and the number went on increasing day-by-day, by the last day of the conference, we had 80 participants.

Message from Paddy Atuha, Managing Director, Spring of Hope Uganda.



Spring of Hope is very grateful to GNU and specifically to Pastor David Kayumba and team, for the spiritual and financial facilitation, which significantly contributed to the success of the Conference. The spiritual seed that you sow in Kayunga (Uganda) fell onto a fertile ground and bore juicy fruits! Indeed, your message will bear a far-reaching impact in the lives of many. As we focus ahead towards next year's upcoming **youth conference**, we sincerely crave for your timely cooperation and all round support and assuredly, the success will be all ours.

God bless you.



Israel and Teresha Karahukayo, the Directors of Spring of Hope Uganda are blessed to partner with Good News Unlimited in the Gospel Ministry. GNU - There is need to widen our ministry network to reach higher levels.... Your participation (spiritual, financial, physical) was a manifestation of a gospel ministry journey so well started in Uganda. Thanks GNU, Thanks Pastor David Kayumba and Team for the great work. May God bless you. All the Religious leaders who participated in the preparatory meetings, mobilization and conference, cannot go without mention – you did a wonderful job, your contribution in whatever form is highly appreciated –God bless you, your families and respective ministries.