

PT SHALOM
URBAN WOMEN'S VISION-CASTING DINNER
June 7, 2019

Following the PT Shalom Women's Conference (May 20-24, 2019) with ministering women from rural Uganda, 48 urban women gathered at Eureka Place Hotel on June 7, 2019 to evaluate the worth and ministry transactions through the annual conference. It was a wonderful over a shared meal, during which the vision for Women in Ministry was recast. These urban women who give support through prayer, teaching, giving, and volunteering to equip other women in God's word as they witness in their homes, churches and communities were deeply appreciated.



In the context of the PT Shalom Women's Ministry, preparation for a missionizing

prayer was under the backdrop of informally evaluating our annual engagement, with a vivid recall of 23 urban women hosted and ministered to 163 rural women at the PT Center, only two weeks earlier.



Among the 48 on that night, we had PT Board Members and associates, women in ministry who are parents, bible teachers, church leaders and workers, educators, counsellors, students, as well as several from the professional and corporate workplaces.

The thrust of this engagement was to maximize the unique women-teaching-fellow women dynamic and to avail access to Bible teaching so

that gifts, resources, and knowledge are expended across both the rural and urban mission fields.

This sustained conversation re-emphasizes the urgent need and relevance for this rural-urban synergy to apply towards formally equipping women for ministry, beyond the helpful church-based informal involvement they enjoy.



How it went

Mrs. Grace Twongyeirwe reiterated the vision to train women, highlighting the unique opportunity to create and nurture relationships, identify needs, and support each other in practicing biblical womanhood at home, in the church and community.

She shared touching testimonies from rural women growing under God's word, as told to her in their fruitful of engagement as they intentionally teach and nurture their children in God's word, and various aspects in which they are becoming better gospel agents in their communities. She said that they are increasingly exemplifying godly values of hospitality, conflict resolution, sharing resources, and thus making disciples of Christ.



More elaborately, she offered a vivid glimpse into improved sustainable endeavors in domestic welfare improvement, among homes of Gospel ministers where, women have embraced co-working with their husbands in the kingdom through animal husbandry projects, farming, small scale business startups to support families.

The urban women who volunteered and facilitated also shared of the challenge at hand, which is the acute need to be more equipped in the Word, to be able to equip others, to be more sacrificial in time and resources and to train and gain confidence in the knowledge, not as a brand but to reach out to fellow women.

Prospects of Rural-Urban Connection

The Rural - Urban distinction was only made to highlight a 'cross-pollination' in ministry, or interpersonal exchanges from two different God-ordained backgrounds, with a synergy to his glory. As the urban women expressed interest to share their skills and knowledge in teaching and giving resources, there was an echoed conviction towards more self- sacrificial involvement and heeding the call to serve God through serving fellow women.



As Mrs. Twongyeirwe explained the continuous engagement that goes on in between the conferences through up country trips, there was an expressed desire from some women to make these training trips.

There was good presentation of the "Women's Ministry" degree program and its need, by Dr. Julius Twongyeirwe. He took the members through recurring trends of needs for women, and how to engage them for gospel transformation.



Women were energized to know that those who complete this ministry concentration should be able to organize and lead a women's ministry program in their local church or any other area of ministry to women. They realized how best they can employ a combination of personalities, gifts, background, education, and passions in such settings and endeavors, to the glory of God.



Promising Involvement and local participation

The urban women not only resolved to prayerfully consider serving on the PT Shalom Women's as ministry team members, but to practically be involved as prospective students at the PT Institute where a curriculum for Women in Ministry (WIM) has been developed and ready to be launched. They also pledged to avail themselves as instructors for teaching other women in God's word and sustainable livelihood skills.



They will also try to render material support and items (financial to help women start-up projects for livelihood) and work towards supporting the ministry with logistical items like bedsheets and linen necessary to host gatherings at the PT Institute.



Some urban women thought of offering help where there are counselling needs, and continually praying for each other. Other women went away thinking of the best ways to support the sustainable livelihood and gospel life engagement.

From the interaction, fellowship and readiness received from the women, the PT Shalom Women's Ministry is set to a promising move towards more local participation of urban women, energized to serve and share with their rural counterparts for gospel-centered transformation in their homes, churches and families, to the Glory of God.

Further Mobilization Efforts

We realize our acute sense of the need to train women, formally and informally, effectively for gospel ministry, equipping them to pass on the gospel to others at home, at church, at the work place and in the neighborhood. Our programs therefore continue to rally women towards this goal, under different relevant gospel platforms.



Ladies Reformation Seminar (October 2019)

The PT Shalom Women's Ministry is partnering with ACEMU (A Consortium of Evangelical Missions in Uganda) in a follow-up Ladies Reformation Seminar in October 2019. The objective of this gathering is to glean lessons from the Protestant Reformation, that are relevant for today's gender dynamics especially as they concern biblical womanhood, in a Post- Modern environment.

The Pre-Annual Flagship Seminar (March 2019)



The urban women welcomed the idea of a pre-conference seminar, to plan and arrange for training the rural women. During such a seminar, instructors will use the opportunity to go through what they have prepared to teach rural women, and receive input from others. The urban women's seminar to prepare for the flagship annual conference will now take place in March 2020

In realizing the opportunity they have to meet women from different areas under one umbrella, this is a unique biblical conference equipping them to teach others, giving an opportunity to those who hunger for God's word and long for fellowship with other women in ministry practitioners.

As well as give discipleship opportunities to those who need more growth and maturity, the conference seeks to offer a unique space for participants to recount their growth testimonies for the Ministry to monitor possible growth goals, as they prepare for the Annual Women's conference.

