

THE SHALOM
ANNUAL WOMEN'S CONFERENCE 2016



What a wonderful week it was for us, we engaged in fellowship and learning together when women, especially pastors' wives gathered at the PT Center for their annual Conference! 97 ladies travelled from various regions to join about 16 others in Kampala who included their instructors and care-takers. They came with a total of 19 of their children.



Many ladies who serve with Grace through BSF had prayed for this gathering over the months. Now some of them came in person to witness what God is out to do among these dearly loved saints who serve alongside the often-overburdened and less trained husbands in local churches. About seventy women came from the western region while the rest came from the far eastern, the near east and central Uganda.



They arrived on Monday throughout the day till midnight depending on the length of their journeys.

The reunion and fellowship was great. There was singing, dancing and lively participation, great testimonies on how they have changed since a similar event a year ago.



Testimonies ranged from their improved relationships with their pastoring husbands, to their better placement and involvement in ministry. They prayed for each other and exchanged gifts.

One of the unique features of this conference was that they funded themselves for their return journey. This lowered the number from last year's attendance but demonstrated their commitment. We heard how some sold their chicken, goats, borrowed funds and worked ahead to save whenever they sold crops. We helped get them to the PT Center once they arrived in the city on Monday, and ferried them back to their various bus stations yesterday.

We had gathered enough second hand clothes to share with them. We had pieces for them and their children and it was great joy as they received these clothes. They felt so loved and cared for – something rare even in the context of their own husbands. The clothes have been gathered over the months from various homes and ministries.



Interestingly, we were surprised to host four of their husbands who led some of their teams. The men were sincere in explaining that they had to come and find out what kind of experience was bringing such transformation and anticipation among their wives.



We had reminded them that the first time they came, the ladies did not guidance when they made it to the venue and safely back. At this, they came out to let us know how this training has been love and how it has taken root in hearts, in homes and local churches.

For next year, the western region alone has requested to mobilize over 200 trainee ladies if we can find more room for them.



Grace's friends who came to encourage the women are already thinking about how to mobilize resources to buy mattresses for the Center so that we may not have to hire out mattress but have our own. We are asking ladies to commit themselves and buy a mattress or two. With a better venue, it is becoming clear what God may want to accomplish through this work.



PROCLAMATION TASK
SHALOM WOMEN'S CONFERENCE
 16th – 20th May 2016, PT Center – Bukerere
 Theme: "Abiding in Christ for fruit-bearing"

	Monday 16 th	Tuesday 17 th	Wednesday 18 th	Thursday 19 th	Friday 20 th
07.00 – 08.00		Breakfast			
08.05 – 08.45		Worship & Devotion God's Sweet & Bitter Providence (Ruth 1) <i>Julius Two</i>	Worship & Devotion God's Sweet & Bitter Providence (Ruth 2) <i>Julius Two</i>	Worship & Devotion God's Sweet & Bitter Providence (Ruth 4) <i>Julius Two</i>	DEPARTURE

Session One 08.50 – 10.00	TRAVEL	Supportive Role 1 <i>The Power of a Praying Mother</i> Grace Two	A Woman for God ...in the community and as a member of society... Sarah Wataba	A Woman after Godher devotional life....(God's Word & prayer) Grace Two	TRAVEL
Session Two 10.05 – 11.10			A Woman for God ...at Home as wife and mother... Elizabeth Asiimwe	A Woman for God ...at Church as a Gospel worker... Joy Mugarura	
11.15 – 11:45		Break			
Session Three 11:50 – 1:00		Bible Exposition John 15:1-8 Abiding in Christ Julius Two	Bible Exposition John 15:9-17 Loving in Christ Julius Two	Bible Exposition John 15:18-25 Living for Christ Julius Two	
1:05 - 2.05		Lunch			
Session Four 2:10 – 3:15	Shepherding a Child's Heart (Prov. 22:6, 15; 23:13; 29:15) Catherine Wacha	Supportive Role 2 <i>Keeping Him Attractive & Presentable</i> Sarah Wataba	Supportive Role 4 <i>Keeping as One in the Truth</i> Joy Mugarura		
3.20 – 5:00 Session Five	ARRIVAL	Woman: What is in your hand? Creativity and innovation in producing for the family Jenifer Bwire	Supportive Role 3 <i>The Power of a Praying Wife</i> Elizabeth Asiimwe	High points of the Seminar Take Home Lessons	
5:05 -5:25		Break			
Session Six 5:30 – 6:45		Welcome, Intro & Orientation to Program	Question & Answer	God's Sweet & Bitter Providence (Ruth 3) Julius Two	
6:50 – 8:00	Supper				
8:05 – 9:00	Reflection / Prayer & Closing the Day	Reflection / Prayer & Closing the Day	Reflection / Prayer & Closing the Day	Supper	

Supportive Role 1: The Power of a Praying Mother

Praying for godly engagement in parenting

Supportive Role 2: Keeping Him Attractive & Presentable

How do I know the norms of “Good and Bad Tastes”?

His Speech, Language and Tone

His Dressing and Physical Appearance

His Habits and Manners (Acceptable Conduct)

His Counseling Methods

Supportive Role 3: The Power of a Praying Wife

Praying for his Role as a Spiritual Leader, Husband and Father

Praying for his Health and Physical Protection

Praying for his Emotional Life

Praying for his Security in Work and Providence

Praying for his Faith and Spiritual Walk

Praying for his Passion and Zeal in ministry

Supportive Role 4: Keeping as One in the Truth

Hearing God’s Voice Together

Acting on God’s Instruction Together

Preaching Together: “I helped shape it up”

Preserving Sound Teaching

Double Reinforcement in studying & Understanding God’s Word

A healthy family

1. Exemplifies a strong sense of goodness as a result of godliness

- Has a sense of family unity, permanency, and history that are Christ-centered defined
- Has family rituals and traditions that draw from the Bible
- Shares meals and communicates during meals
- Engages in leisure activities together

2. Uses clear, honest communication with a goal to build each other

- Expresses feelings openly and without judgment
- Discusses goals and dreams together
- Listens carefully to one another
- Does not act out anger physically

3. Is open and affirming as an interpersonal, Christ-motivated ingredient and attends to the emotional needs of the family
4. Shares a sense of mutuality and support and expresses appreciation for one another often
 - Takes physical care of one another as needed
5. Demonstrates trust and accountability
 - Honors agreements and commitments
 - Insists that directives to children be met
 - Takes personal responsibility for actions
 - Admits the need for and seeks help when appropriate
6. Resolves conflict
 - Identifies, communicates, and solves problems
 - Refrains from reciprocating negative behaviors
 - Has a willingness to forgive and be forgiven
 - Resolves conflict quickly
7. Has boundaries and organization
 - Evidences a parental subsystem hierarchy
 - Has boundaries that are clear, firm, yet flexible
 - Knows family members whereabouts
 - Agrees on family members roles and responsibilities
 - Outlines and enforces household rules
8. Has a healthy view of sexuality and spirituality
 - Has effective, open communication about sexual issues
 - Displays affection with sensitivity
 - Is sexually faithful (for spouses)
9. Has a religious core and instills values
 - Provides for the spiritual needs of its members
 - Experiences purpose derived from Christian belief
 - Has parents who teach a sense of right and wrong
 - Seeks divine assistance with family problems
 - Attends a church together regularly; prays together
 - Views marriage as a sacred, long-term commitment
10. Shares time and interests together

- Spends quality time together in large quantities
- Has regular parental involvement in family activities
- Shares bedtime stories with children
- Limits time watching television and playing video games

11. Establishes behavior control

12. Meets basic tasks

13. Connects with the community