

**PROCLAMATION TASK**  
**SHALOM WOMEN'S CONFERENCE REPORT**  
21<sup>st</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> May 2018, PT Center, Kagala Hill – Bukerere  
Theme: "Know God and Make Him Known"

**Women Knowing God and Making God Known**

What women have known of God incarnate, (Ephesians 5:1 "…imitators of God"), should not just be for the sake of knowing, but should be a reality where faith meets action (James 2:15-16). To know God is at the centre of Mankind's purpose.

Women who serve to display His Glory in the unique competences, resources, talents, gifts and genius God gave them are therefore Kingdom workers in making Him known. The Gospel is then lived out in all the layers of God's people each, in their local worshiping body-thus making Christ known and loved.



Women can do this by collaborating at different layers in the communities they are placed, not only in homes and Churches, but in various places as they are placed in markets, local dispensaries, and other social gatherings where they can be the salt and light.

This is founded on godliness, built within character, skill,

interest, or opportunity of land, or trade in a small commercial enterprise, knitting, sewing, crafts, catering services, hair saloon, and bridal attire among others. This aspiration demonstrates the Kingdom value of using the gifts that each one is given, to blossom, while ministering to each other and advancing God's Kingdom in various ways (2 Timothy 1:6-7).

**PARTICIPANTS**



All the women from rural regions arrived on Monday and attended all the sessions including the night and early morning fellowships. Kampala City was represented by facilitators and volunteers.

In all, the conference had a turn up of 80 women, represented from most regions in Uganda as follows:

Region	Region	No. of Women
Kasese	Western Uganda	27
Mpigi	Central Uganda	7
Busembatia	Eastern Uganda	20
Iganga/Bugiri/Jinja	Eastern Uganda	8
Namayingo	Eastern Uganda	10
Soroti	Eastern Uganda	1
Kampala	Central Uganda	5
	<b>Total</b>	<b>78</b>

## TOPICS SHARED AND LESSONS LEARNT

Worship & Devotion from **Psalm 119:1- 48** was exposed every morning in three sections by Dr. Julius Twongyeirwe, Mr. Boaz Atuheire and Mr. Silver Nizeyimana. The highlights of the teachers pointed to how Psalm 119 is without doubt all about the Word of God, with special emphasis on God's law. It was taught as a prayer rooted in the word of God, detailing the ups and downs of the life of faith. The plea re-echoed by the Psalmist asking God to teach Him understanding, direct him in His paths, and to fulfill His promises according to His word, was a major take home lesson for the women.



*Dr. Julius Twongyeirwe leading the women in Devotion*

They testified as continuing devotions went on, mainly how they learnt the following principles in regard to God's Law;

- To ask God to implant in them the longing of His word
- To ask God to open the eyes of their heart for enlightenment and understanding.
- To read the word of God
- To study the Word of God
- To memorize the word of God
- To meditate upon the word of God and apply it, by His Grace.



*Mr. Boaz Atuheire leading the women in Devotion*

### **To become fruit and bear fruit (John 15:1-27)**

Dr. Julius Twongyeirwe taught the relationship between the tree and the branch, and there is no fruit that goes on the tree that is not better than it; therefore a healthy tree will produce a healthy fruit, as being a thrust of why we should remain in the true vine, Jesus Christ to produce fruit that lasts.

The highlight of the lesson were the various testimonies that admitted how they previously presupposed that fruits referred to in the text, were the gifts and talents that Christians possess. The highlight of the teaching was that the “fruit that lasts” are the souls purchased for Christ through making disciples of all men, which is commissioned on us Christians.

The women testified of renewed purpose to preach the word and make disciples boldly, starting from their homes as they raise Children and communities. These are the highlights of the lessons learned, as testified by the Women;

- To be intentional in seeking to study the Word of God in order to be able to transmit what they have learnt.
- To teach Children to know the Truth, not versions of what is perceived as true, as presented by other world views, but the Christian and Biblical world view.
- To purpose to be the first source of information that their children seek and for that information to be seasoned with Godly truths and answers, so that fruit bearing is the end of every effort in child raising and nurturing.







**Throw off everything that hinders  
(Hebrews 12:1-4)**

Mrs. Grace Twongyeirwe cautioned in the word about the sins that so easily entangle us, and their solutions being submission to the word of God.

There was an outpouring of confession and resolutions made onwards being wary of time spent in the things that do not build the Church, like gossip, selfishness and distractions that eat time to study and live in the word.

They learnt to pray and labour to cultivate spiritual disciplines like prayer, service, praise and celebration; that will lead them to flow in transmitting the gospel to fellow Women, and to the people they interface, so that they can proclaim as true that which they have seen work out in their lives.

The women individually and corporately resolved to jealously guard time with God and to prioritize studying God's Word, with a vision of teaching others and making disciples.



**Spiritual Warfare in Knowing  
God and Making Him Known  
(Ephesians 6.19) - How to Pray**

Dr. Julius Twongyeirwe exposed the substance of Paul's Ministry in Ephesus, in teaching towards how to pray in the Spirit. He exposed how people got saved and evil engagements and business like selling idols and temple prostitution; was lost when the Gospel was preached. The highlight was for women as workers in advancing God's kingdom to know that when the Gospel is being advanced there is spiritual warfare.



The women testified to learning how warfare must therefore be Word grounded, and committed to invest in prayer and submission to the word, in order to engage circumspcctly.

### **We proclaim Him (Col. 1:28-29)**

Rev. Dr. Rebecca Nyegenye taught women to announce, teach, declare, and even warn the world in which they live about the Gospel of Jesus Christ. She highlighted the unique opportunity that they have through their God-ordained duties of womanhood, activities, gifts and resources to spread the Gospel.



*Rev. Dr. Rebecca Nyegenye and Mrs. Grace Twongyeirwe praying with one of the women.*

The lessons shared by the women included how they have already started practicing those values through the exhortations from the PT Shalom conferences. They pledged to be more deliberate and with urgency to proclaim God's word, and to that will be used of God to build healthy churches by the Grace of God.

### **Managing Home affairs - A witness to the World**

Mrs. Jenniffer Bwire taught from the Bible how Women are called to be the Slat and Light of the family, community they live as well as through vocations they practice ( Matthew 5:13-16). As they manage homes in every capacity give, as married, single or widowed, she encouraged women to bear Christ likeness in every thought , attitude and activity for example through seasoned speech and hospitality.

*Mrs. Jenniffer Bwire, a facilitator and Mrs. Grace Twongyeirwe praying with the women.*

This teaching was greatly appreciated by many women. They testified to previously restricting Home affairs as exclusive from being viewed as a mission arena. Through sharing and testimonies, they shared how they had learned to share their faith through actions expressed in the home like generosity, hard work as unto the Lord, diligently raising children in the fear of the Lord.



**Likewise teach older women to be relevant in the way they live (Titus 2:3-5)**





Mrs. Abigail Minziro taught how young women can learn from the older ones, starting with studying the Bible.

She especially highlighted how to build bridges of love in their respective communities, to be agents of healing, sealing the gaps that delay or hinder the spread of the gospel.

*Mrs. Abigail Minziro praying after teaching*

The women shared in confessed to sometimes being the source of those stumbling blocks in the gospel and repented of that. They learnt that every opportunity as a disciple of Christ is an opportunity to make a new disciple as well.

They also committed to not only teach other women but to be agents of love in action in sharing, giving, restoration and forgiveness that brings healing in homes and communities.

*Mrs. Grace Twongyeirwe welcoming a mother who came from Busembatia with her three daughters*

They also committed to grasp every given opportunity to teach younger women, across several divides, as a testament of God's word bearing on the lives of His people.



**Parenting the Biblical way (2 Tim 1:3-5, Psalm 127.3, Deut 6:9)**

Mrs. Grace Twongyeirwe taught, as she encouraged the Women to set apart their Children in the world by teaching them God's word because other things perish but God's word is eternal.



*A group discussion about things that easily entangle us and the Biblical solutions*

The women shared their learning as follows:

- Those who have physically handicapped children pledged to love, care them and value them, despite the handicaps, for they are still the image of God, and loved by Him.
- They resolved to not spare the rod and spoil the child; after an admission that some don't know how to deal with bad behavior growing but to discipline their children when they misbehave while young, and to do it prayerfully and without anger.
- They learnt that teaching them God's word starts when they are as young and in their mothers' womb-in talking to them, singing to them, teaching children diligently, as they walk, sit in the house, do their chores and make it a lifestyle of Study in the word of God as Deuteronomy 6.9 encourages.

This session was supplemented with learning from several other testimonies. *“Thus far the Lord has brought me”* was the theme of a Testimony shared by Rebecca Nkore. She pointed women to God, while recounting how her Christian mother deliberately taught her and her siblings God's word, and preached Christ to them as children; She shared how the seed planted by her mother grew, as she came to know Christ, seek Him on her own, trust Him and depend on Him for provision and counsel when she later lost both her parents.



In her sharing, the women were able to relate intentional Biblical parenting to Proverbs 22.6 that when Children are “Trained up in the way they should go; when they are old, they will not depart from it. There was also feedback from women who agreed that when you want Children to be keen on studying the Word of God, teach them by doing that. When they see you in study, and devotion, they learn it from you.



The women were encouraged by the encouragement that even when they may seem to rebel as they grow up, the seed of God's word prayer will eventually yield fruit of the Gospel that was preached to them.



Ms. Maureen Ainembabazi, shared her experience with her mother's purposeful effort to befriend her children as a strategy to disciple them in the way of the Lord. In encouraging them to open up the areas of their life that may be considered taboo in the African setting between mother and child, Maureen shared how this encouraged them as children to be accountable holistically, especially spiritually, for the principle to honor parents, as

In her sharing, most women admitted to being authoritarian, with their children. They shared how now they learnt to accommodate a friendly atmosphere and not to be detached disciplinarians, as most African parents are; so as to create an environment to disciple and teach children God's word, to seeing it lived out, in their lives including areas of their lives which normally they would hide from their parents.

Ms. Sheila Nabuuma Wavamunno used her experience as a Sunday school teacher in Watoto Church and Watoto Childcare Ministries in Kampala to about teach about raising Children in the fear of the Lord.

From her teaching, the women learnt that Children are important to God, can be used of God, are never too young to learn God's word, and most importantly to teach them the Word of God by doing not merely saying, since learning for them is by example.



*Mrs. Grace Two translating as facilitator Sheila Nabuuma Wavamunno taught*



## What was achieved?

In the testimonies shared by the Women in the concluding Session, the following were noted as achievements;

- Because of Studying the Word of God and exposure to the Truth, as is learned since the PT Shalom Conferences began, women have introduced and consistently conducted Bible Study groups, in their Churches and communities. This is happening in Busembatia, Kasese, Namayingo, Iganga, Bugiri, and indeed in Soroti, where the leader conducts Bible study skills seminars in various parts of the country, using skills she has learnt in the PT Shalom Conferences.
- The PT Shalom Women's conference has raised up women filled in the Word of God, through studying of the scriptures and deliberately passing them on to their children and other women, teaching what is godly good. This was an enduring testimony as they shared self initiated devotions in the conference, modeling how it is done in their churches, how they work in and out of home; purposing to work and prayer, by the Grace of God.



The Soroti region representative testified that; it is from the PT Shalom conference where she was exposed to the Truth and literature that counters false teaching ( the book, "*God's Grace – A Biblical Rescue from the Perverted view of God's Grace*" by Dr. Julius Twongyeirwe) .



She was instrumental in mobilizing the Christian community and a Pastorate association in Soroti in rejecting infiltration of the false teaching of a hyper grace, called "Phaneroo" in Uganda.



Because of the knowledge and skills learnt in the PT Shalom conferences which also taught sustainable livelihood skills, to partner in their husbands shepherding effort in Ministry; the Soroti Women's fellowship registers an achievement, the process they are undertaking to register a company name to conduct their weaving business.

The women reported with praise, in being bolder to proclaim the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, even outside their homes. This is because of more time devoted to study the word of God, to be able to interpret it correctly and transmit it in the different context their society and situations present. This was especially emphasized by the Busembatia group.



The women have succeeded in working as unto the Lord, even in what they call minute private tasks and as a fellowship, to work out activities that keep them mission minded in order to witness not only in the home and churches, but around the greater community.



As the women shared, there is increased ministry collaboration, which is initiated by women who attend the PT Shalom Conferences, towards other denominations for example with the Anglican Church in Kasese, and Christian Church in Busembatia. These collaborations have been achieved with those who share the same mind in Ministry and Kingdom service.

*The women praising the Lord*





There has been a rural-urban synergy in the co-working value of women in Ministry.

The PT Shalom Conference has been a great opportunity for Urban and rural women to work with each other in the service of the Kingdom, as they bring their respective knowledge, skills, abilities together in.

The conference was an opportunity that worked to strengthen the women's ministry through

collective effort and encouraged training for women as leaders and proclaimers of the Gospel. As a result, the whole church is strengthened and men and women are equipped to partner together in gospel work. To God be the Glory!

