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REPORT ON THE ENLARGED LEADERSHIP RETREAT (ELR) 2010

Over 70 CYJ leaders and members from the various branches and centres across the nation converged in the town of Mutengene (South West Region) from 1st – 4th April for the 2010 Enlarged Leadership Retreat (ELR). Holding under the theme: "VISIONARY LEADERSHIP", the retreat provided a framework for CYJ leaders to take stock of ministry activities, build their leadership skills and capacities and above all conceive ways and strategies to rebuild the CYJ work that has been rocked in recent years by some destabilizing challenges. This report recapitulates the major highlights of ELR 2010.

TEACHING SESSIONS

The various teaching sessions that featured in the programme all focused on the theme of the retreat—Visionary Leadership. In a keynote exhortation at start of the National Coordinator (NC) Br. ASANGA FON explained the meaning and emphasized the importance of visionary leadership. He also underline the focus that delegate should carry during the programme—to see God and to know Him. The National Programme Director, Br. Lucas MOSOKE underscored the need to rebuild a work free from reliance on man and to dependent on God the author and the finisher of the CYJ vision. The Guest Speaker of the programme, Elder NKONGHO of Full Gospel Mission Molyko Assembly emphasized the importance to get an authentic vision and not to copy the vision of other people.

PRAISE AND WORSHIP

ELR 2010 was also marked by elevating moments of praise and worship each day of the programme. The host choir (CYJ Mutengene) blessed the hearts of participants with the theme song (especially composed by them) of the programme entitled "Visionary Leaders". Praise and worship attained its climax on Saturday evening with an unforgettable worship experience that ushered brethren into the very presence of God.

INTERCESSION AND IMPARTATION

Also featuring in the retreat programme were intensive moments of intercession. The programme began each morning with an hour of intercession. Special prayers were also made for the past 20 years and the next 20 years of the ministry by the founder Br. Victor MBARIKA and the one of the founding members Br. Desire NGAMDI MESSI. A special intercessory session came up on Saturday evening during which members recommitted themselves to the CYJ vision and engage themselves

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- ✓ Proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ
- ✓ Mobilize Youths for Christian Service

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- ✓ Mobiliser les jeunes pour le Service Chrétien

to be part of the new dimensions and perspectives God is adding to the vision of the ministry. The retreat was also marked by an impartation session during which the National Leaders present prayed and laid hands on all delegates for greater fruitfulness and fulfillment in the CYJ vision.

WORKSHOPS

Another major highlight in the retreat programmes were the workshop sessions. A total of 4 workshops featured in ELR 2010: Ministry Strategic Action Plan (MSAP) 2009 – 2010 Workshop; Worker's Forum and Academic Forum and Workshop on New Perspectives for the ministry. The workshop on New Perspective provided a forum for National Leaders to concert with other ministry leaders and members on how to develop new strategies, policies, and activities that would enable the present generation CYJ to better accomplish the vision of the ministry in their time. The NC emphasized that the concept of rebuilding the work does not and should not be misconceived as birthing a new ministry. He explained that it draws its *raison d'être* from the vast reconstruction endeavours in a wide range of areas in the ministry (evangelism strategies, financial support system, infra-structural development and ministry investment etc). He underscored that the CYJ vision and goals has always been and will remain the same—"To proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ and mobilize youths for Christian service".

ELR 2010 EXTRA

Several other events also came under the spotlight during the retreat amongst which was the visit of the founder of the ministry Br. Victor MBARIKA and one of the founding members Br. Desire NGAMDI MESSI. Both encouraged the brethren to remain steadfast to the CYJ vision especially the drive towards personal evangelism. A CYJ pocket calendar produced by the national leadership was also distributed to members. Members also received documents to help them implement the MSAP 2009 – 2010 and to write down their personal and ministry visions and to take steps to accomplish them.

CONCLUSION

ELR 2010 was officially closed by the NC in the very early hours of Sunday 4th April 2010. At a moment when most Christians across the globe began their commemoration of Easter the joyful faces and hopeful hearts of the delegates at ELR bore testimony of a compelling reality—God is doing a new work (Isa 43: 19) inside the ministry. It is a new work that reposes firmly on the unshakable foundation of an unchanging vision—"Proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ and mobilize youths for Christian service".

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