

ANGLICAN CHURCH OF BURUNDI

DIOCESE OF RUTANA



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Departments of RUTANA Diocese: Apart from the **Diocesan Secretariat** that covers all the existing departments, the Diocese of Rutana has already various departments as shown below:

1. *Projects Coordination Department*
2. *Mothers' Union Department*
3. *Communication Department*
4. *Christian Education Department (Evangelism)*
5. *Financial and Accounting Department*
6. *Youth Department*

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I. On January 21st, 2019, Rutana Diocesan Bishop accompanied with Diocesan staff and other members of the Church officially **launched the activities of setting up a conference hall and other church ceremonies and social events.**

That church project is undertaken by a certain number of church businessmen as their contribution to the wellbeing of the new Diocese of Rutana. It may take very long time to get finished because the people who have given themselves to build it have no sufficient financial means but believing in the Lord and motivated by God's love to serving Him and His Church got engaged to making small contributions and slowly build it. **Below are pictures of launching activities and the perspective of the conference hall**



II. Whereas the Rutana Bible School was going to re-open its door for a new Bible School Year, a catastrophic event happened **on 22nd January 2019 and some of its walls collapsed** because of heavy rain. Fortunately there were no students in it otherwise lives of people may have been damaged or taken away. This incidence now disturbs the school calendar because the diocese of Rutana has no other choice rather than postponing the calendar until the Bible School is rehabilitated in order to secure students 'lives. **This is the picture of collapsed walls**



III. On 23th January 2019 there was an Oecumenical Prayer during which the Catholic Church and the Anglican Church of Rutana worshipped together. This time was the round of Catholics to come in Anglican Church and it happens every year. **The preaching was based on love** as it is mentioned in **1 Corinthians 13: 1-13** and **John 15: 9-17**. The Christians were so excited and full of joy and a mixed of Christian songs were sounding in Anglican Cathedral.



IV. a) From 25th January to 3rd February 2019, there was a team made of five people visiting Rutana New Diocese and their Names are as mentioned below: **Rev. Donald Werner, UK, Rev. Richard Dick, UK, Rev. Margaret, UK, Mrs Melanie, UK and Edward Kireti, Kenya.**

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b) Since they arrived in Rutana Anglican Diocese, they have been working restlessly and meeting different groups of people. Just after they arrived in Rutana diocese there was an official welcome to them pronounced by the Diocesan Bishop and a self - introduction followed on the two parts: on the part of visitors and the diocesan staff of Rutana Diocese and other church representatives. The following day, the whole team went to Rutana High School where **Eduard Kireti preached to many young Christian students.**

c). On Sunday the 27th, the local churches gathered together to officially welcome the visitors and **Rev. Canon. Donald** preached. From Monday to Friday there was a Conference during which various groups of people attended such as **church leaders** and their **wives, Mothers' Union Representatives** and **23 couples**, and **young people**. Photo of different conferences



d) On Saturday morning, 2nd February, the visitors were taken by the diocesan Bishop to Germany Site for a touristic visit afterwards they came back and Margaret Preached in Rutana Anglican Cathedral.

e) On Sunday the 3rd February, visitors were divided into two groups and **visited two parishes named Gifunzo and Gitaba** where **Donald and Dick respectively preached.** After come back from church they were taken to Bujumbura by the Diocesan Bishop.



f) During their stay in Rutana Diocese they blessed profoundly the church with their spiritual touching and well organized teachings and the church was so built up and asked them to come back without delaying. Besides that, the visitors **managed to visit the Rutana Public Hospital, the Orphanage of Rutana and also they visited three orphan- girls' students** and a **certain young widow** in their respective homes and they prayed for them.

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****Prayer*Request*:***

1. Funds to rehabilitate the Bible School which recently collapsed
2. Missionaries to come and help our new Diocese grow and our Diocesan Staff members master English Language.
3. Chairs to our new Cathedral on which Christians can sit.