



**Renewal Ministries  
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**Rulenge-Ngara  
Diocese**



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# **Team Tanzania, 2025**

## **Ngara Town**



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**Julius—Regional leader**



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evangelist, Presov, Slovakia**



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Salaam, Tanzania**



**Sosthenese Masilango and Beatrice Columbo, Mwanza, Tanzania**  
**Praise & Worship Leaders**



**Salve, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania**



**Victoria (Zitha) Mnyanyi, Dar es Salaam, Teacher/Translator**



**Sebastian Chisuga, Kibaha, Tanzania—  
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**Othman, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania**

**Bus Driver**



## Team Tanzania, 2025

### Chato Town



Emmanuel Venance

Lay Catholic evangelist



Anna Sanga

Worship leader



Leonce Thedory

Muscian

Sebastian reports: The rally at Chato was conducted at Buseresere Parish. 480 men, women and children attended. In the mornings seminars were conducted for healing and deliverance, youth, Marriage. The parish priest here was very helpful and thankful seeing an obvious change in his parishioners attitude towards prayer and towards giving. Those that gave their lives to the Lord were 126. Testimonies: 1. Twins that had been sick for a long time were completely healed. 2. A brother who was mentally sick and couldn't help himself was healed and was seen to stand on his own. 3. Many healings occurred for those with joint pains and stomach issues. One of the highlights of the Buseresere mission was the participation of religious sisters who were with the team from day one to the very last one.

## Team Tanzania, 2025

### Biharamulo Town



David Ngussa

Lay Catholic  
evangelist



Alphonse Norbert

Praise & Worship  
Leader



Adriana Gerald

Lay Catholic  
evangelist

The Rally was conducted at the grounds of St. Francis of Assisi Parish under the leadership of David Ngussa. Attendance was more than 400 people of which 200, gave their lives to Jesus. This had not happened before and it was received with great joy. For this a vote of thanks was passed to Tom and team and Renewal Ministry for making all that happen. Apart from the afternoon preachings, there were seminars in the mornings: 1. Healing and deliverance 2. Youth ministry 3. Evangelization

Many people after receiving the Light of Christ decided to bring all the fetish they received from witch doctors.

## ***Outreach to Ngara-Rulenge Diocese***

This mission marks the twenty-fifth annual Renewal Ministries outreach to the East African country of the Republic of Tanzania. By God's amazing grace, we have been able to reach out to 24 of the 34 dioceses in the country, some of them multiple times. Our response this year was to an invitation issued by Bishop Severine Niwemugizi. Bishop Severine has served the Diocese of Rulenge-Ngara since its creation by Pope Benedict XVI on August 14, 2008. The diocese serves a population of 1.3 million with about 31% being Catholic.



*Tom Edwards & Bishop Severine*

Our mission began with the long journey to the coastal city of Dar es Salaam. After a bit of rest, we boarded the first of two flights to reach the town of Bukoba on the Western shores of Lake Victoria. That was followed by a seven hour bus journey on a natural road with thick clouds of red dust filling the air. Most of our main events would take place in the town of Ngara.

Our schedule this year was one of the most ambitious to date. Our plan included three outdoor rallies conducted simultaneously in Ngara and two smaller towns, Chato and Bilharamulo. The two smaller towns were over 100 miles away. The rallies were from 2:00 pm to sundown in each town for eight days. The Ngara schedule included various workshops for two hours each morning. In addition, there was a retreat for the priests of the diocese in the town of Rulenge on the far side of the valley. Ngara town is situated on a ridge at an elevation of about 4600 feet above sea level. It is near the border of Bemenda. The beautiful valley is several miles across.

The towns are mostly inaccessible during the rainy season. The Kagara River flows in the valley below. The land is used for subsistence farming with crops of maize, beans, cassava root and thousands of banana, plantain and various fruit trees. The area faces many challenges such as poverty, limited education and restricted access to health care.

Our team this year numbered a total of 22. This included 15 very talented brothers and sisters from various regions of Tanzania. Those from abroad came from the USA, Canada and Slovakia. As one might imagine, the logistics and execution of this mission was a long time in the making. Even at that, limitless grace was necessary to overcome the many obstacles. We are extremely thankful for those who lifted their voices toward Heaven in intercession before, during and to the very end of our mission.

As is often the case, the rally which began on our arrival in Ngara was attended by a hundred people or so. Rallies included lots of preaching of the gospel, very animated praise, worship and dance led by our talented praise and worship team. This led to much prayer and invitations to commitment to the ways of the Lord Jesus. Personal prayer was offered by our team each day and the presence of the Holy Spirit was tangible. The many testimonies which followed reflect all kinds of blessings, signs and wonders. Each day the word spread that God was doing something special. The rally was open to all, churched, non-churched, and animist. Muslims often came and stood on the fringes soaking in the Word of God. Attendance grew each day and toward the end of the week the participants were numbering more than 1500, this in a relatively small and remote town.





*Team members  
praying with others*



Many testimonies emerged as participants came forth to share what the Lord has done. Our team members report on a few of these:

**Patrik shares: Woman's stomach healed —** One day at the end of the rally session I was asked to pray with a lady who was suffering severe stomach problems and no appetite. I prayed a short prayer. Through my interpreter I learned the woman was feeling better. I prayed a second time. The woman then stated she was immediately very hungry and she got up and rushed home to eat, she just left. Wow, she must have been really hungry!

### **The Return of a Son**

A woman in a yellow dress testified that she came to the program burdened because her child had left home and hadn't returned for a year. During prayer, the words were spoken: "Everything the devil has stolen must be returned." At that moment, she cried out to God and said, "Today, my child must be found." That evening, during the program, her child called her for the first time in a year. The woman gave praise to God because her child decided to come back home.

**Married Couple—**The husband testified that he brought his wife to the evangelization event; she had been unable to walk. During the evangelization, she was healed. In the video, she is seen standing and walking without difficulty.

A woman named Mary had a problem with her leg. She didn't feel up to attending the evangelization, but she forced herself to come. During the evangelization, her leg was healed.

A woman named Naomi testified that she came to the conference with vision problems—her sight was blurry. During the evangelization, a white man came during prayer, laid hands on her, prayed and her eyesight was restored. She can see clearly now.

A woman named Sophia shared that she had an issue with her leg but was healed. In the video, she demonstrates that she can now even dance.

### **Medius Dahudi – Healing of the Chest (Saturday Rally Testimonies / Patrik)**

He came on Monday (the testimonies were shared on Saturday, so six days later), suffering from chest and side pain. Despite the pain, he faithfully attended the program every day, but the pain persisted until Friday. On that day, he went to adoration before the Blessed Sacrament and said, "I give all my problems and illnesses to Jesus." The next morning, he woke up completely healed. The chest pain had entirely disappeared.

### **Angry Son**

A mother came for prayer with her young son. She said the boy constantly seemed angry at her. The prayer minister, Julius, received a word of knowledge—"abortion." She asked the woman about this, and the woman began to cry. It turned out that the woman had conceived at an older age—when she was 47. She thought, "I'm too old to have a child." She went to a doctor who told her an abortion would cost 200,000 Tanzanian shillings (about €66), which was a lot of money for her. She somehow gathered the money, but in the end, the doctor refused to perform the abortion. She then went to a witch doctor for an abortion and drank the potion she was given, but the child survived even that.

The child was born, but has carried a sense of anger toward his mother ever since, but never knew the reason. The prayer minister encouraged the mother to confess the truth to the boy and ask for forgiveness. Both began to cry, the son forgave the mother, and then prayers for healing gave them peace with each other.

## Man with Bad Dreams and Something in His Throat (Friday deliverance Workshop / Patrik)

At the workshop, a man testified that he had long felt like something was stuck in his throat and had frequent nightmares. After prayers, the feeling in his throat disappeared and the nightmares stopped.

At the workshop, someone testified that they had suffered from pain in their arms and head, but they were completely healed and no longer feel any pain.

A woman named Coleta came to share a testimony that her son had gone to a faraway place (Dar es Salaam) in search of work and a better life. But he returned home sick. She came to the evangelization, and during the program, her son was healed from his illness and delivered from an evil spirit that had been tormenting him. The son showed up and confirmed his mother's testimony.

Eric shares the following:

Two Muslims—aged 10 and 20—manifested signs of demonic oppression during a healing and deliverance prayer session. They were brought into the church for prayer. The older boy had a negative reaction to holy water. But after persistent prayer, he calmed down and no longer reacted to it. Afterward, he seemed to “wake up in a daze” and didn't know where he was or how he got to the church. The seminarian assigned to the parish followed up with him and learned that he was a Muslim from Burundi. His government wanted him to return to his country, but he had accepted Christ and did not want to go until he first received baptism. The younger boy had such strong manifestations that several men had to hold him down. He too was set free. Both boys indicated a desire to receive the sacrament of baptism and want to enter the Church.

## Morgan Freeman – Healing of the Eyes

At the rally, there was a man who came every day, dressed in a dark sportcoat and dark glasses. He looked like Ray Charles or some people say like Morgan Freeman with white hair. He was there every day and very much involved and we prayed for him a number of times. On Friday, he gave a testimony that God had worked in his life in miraculous ways at the rally. For a long time his eyes have been bothering him and he wears glasses. He also has a problem with his ears, he can't hear well and he doesn't know what his friends are saying. Today he said his eyes are healed! He took his glasses and threw them away, and doesn't wear them anymore. Unfortunately, his ears still have problems, but he is grateful for the healing of his eyes that he experienced.

## Home Visit brings Peace (Eric)

On the last morning of the mission, three team members accompanied the seminarian assigned to the parish on a home visit, visiting a family that was unable to attend the mission due to the distance from the church and their poverty. The grandmother walked with a stoop and lived in a mud hut with one of her daughters, who in turn has a daughter who was born lame, and can only crawl about. The grandmother has another daughter, who lives nearby and who also attended the visit. She was blinded when a relative returned from war with some other men, trying to kill her with a grenade, to get her property. The family has suffered much, but retained their Catholic faith.

The team talked about God's love and forgiving others. The team prayed for healing of mind and spirit. The mother of the lame daughter rested in the Spirit, and the others felt his love. It appeared that the grandmother was able to walk upright! By the end of the visit, all of the women were touched by the love of God. The team gave the blind woman a ride to the rally at the church, where she went to the sacrament of Reconciliation.



## Two Women: (Eric)

On the final day of the mission, Tom, the leader of the ministry, called on the Holy Spirit to fall upon the crowd. Immediately, two women came forward, both manifesting spirits. The first was full of the Holy Spirit! She had her arms outstretched, a glowing smile on her face, and radiated bliss!

The second woman looked like she was in torment, with a pained look on her face, and arms shaking about. The team took her into the church, where three team members and the seminarian from the parish prayed over her. Two of the team members, big guys, struggled to keep her arms pinned to the floor while she fought the prayers. At one point she muttered something and the seminarian translated it, "We are many. We will leave, but we will come back tomorrow." The team kept praying and calling on Jesus, Mary, and the saints to be there and to help. The woman muttered again, translated as, "I am the last one. I will leave and we will not return, because you are so many." With that, the woman stopped fighting, her body became slack, and she woke up in a daze, not knowing what just happened." The seminarian was going to follow up with her, but the team members did not hear anything else about her situation, as they left town the next day.

## The Nun at the Airport (Lynne)

When we were at the airport in Bukoba, there was a nun there, also waiting for a flight. One of our team members, Lynne, approached her and started a conversation. She began telling her about our mission and introduced her to the pro-life workshop we were doing, even sharing the presentation notes and a biologically accurate model of a ten week old fetus.

The nun told us she is a biology teacher and was on her way to Mwanza to speak to young girls at a Catholic school.

At the end of the conversation, she said, "Today I told God that I did not know what to say to the girls and that He needed to tell me what to talk to them about. God provided the answer and now I know."

We gave her our printed educational materials as a parting gift.

## Theology of the Body Class (Lynne and Eric)

Around 70 attendees of the rally attended a Theology of the Body class and embraced its teachings about the holiness of sex and the sanctity of marriage. The female attendees responded especially well to the teaching that men and women have equal dignity and that women must to be respected, just the same as men. The men were challenged with the concept from the Letter to the Ephesians, that they are to lay down their lives for their wives, just as Christ did for the church. The attendees embraced the teachings and showed much gratitude.

John Mathe shares;

This year marked my 21st mission trip to Tanzania. Our Lord has allowed me to share with His people in 22 of the Dioceses out of the 34 Dioceses that make up the Catholic Church in this beautiful country. As we arrived at the rally our first day and looked at people gathered what came to mind was the Scripture passage in Luke 6:20. *"And raising his eyes toward his disciples he said: 'Blessed are you who are poor for the kingdom of God is yours.'"*

God's word proved to be faithful as we all experienced the peace and joy that comes through sharing our love for Jesus through the teachings and Praise and Worship that will be remembered and shared for eternity.

Andre shares: "It never ceases to amaze me to see how the Gospel is truly 'the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes...' (Rom 1:16). Our team was able to see that power in action through our priests' retreat and daily rallies in the Diocese of Rulenge-Ngara. While the local priests seemed a bit hesitant at first, by the end of the day they were moved by rediscovering anew the Gospel's message of salvation in the kerygma and hungry to see a greater release of the gifts of the Holy Spirit in their priestly ministry. At the rallies, hundreds of people joined our daily pro-life and deliverance workshops, then found healing, reconciliation, and hope in the life-giving power of the Word of God. It was especially heart-warming to see everyone, young and old, praise the Lord and dance joyfully before him every day. In every mission experience, whenever we go and share the Gospel to the ends of the earth, we end up being the ones blessed by the love of God that we invariably see in those to whom we minister. Praise be to Jesus the Messiah!"



*Some team members with Bishop Severine Niwemugiz*

Bohdan shares:

*"Even so, I say unto you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repents (Luke 15:1)"*

The healing and deliverance workshop began with 100 people and grew each day to 250. On the first day a young man appeared and sat in front row. From the very beginning of the teaching he was asleep. People sitting next to him could not awake him. He was sleeping during the whole teaching but at the end when we started to pray he suddenly woke up and while we were praying to the Holy Spirit he had a strong manifestation - laying down on the earth and shaking. After 20 minutes the manifestations ceased, he stood up, his face was completely changed and he started to praise God. He gave thanks to God for the grace to be healed and delivered. On Wednesday he announced that he was ready to come back to the Catholic Church since as a formerly baptized person he had converted to Muslim faith.

God has done this great conversion and returned one of his sons and even more. Many people who attended the Rally gave witness to their experience of God's love and power.

Nate shares: Over our week in Ngara-Rulenge, I witnessed God move powerfully among the people that He loves so much. People experienced deliverance from evil forces in their lives. Troubled families came and prayed, and testified to reconciled relationships in their homes. I was blown away how expectant the people of Ngara were that God would move in their lives, and their gratitude when He did. A particular grace for me as a Seminarian was assisting with a retreat for ~20 of the Priests of the diocese of Ngara-Rulenge. At the end of our time, it was clear that many of these Priests gained new insights and preaching points on the Kerygma, and had received a fresh renewal of the Holy Spirit. Our God is so generous, and there were so many blessings for only one week; I can't wait to hear of the many more in the months and years to come!



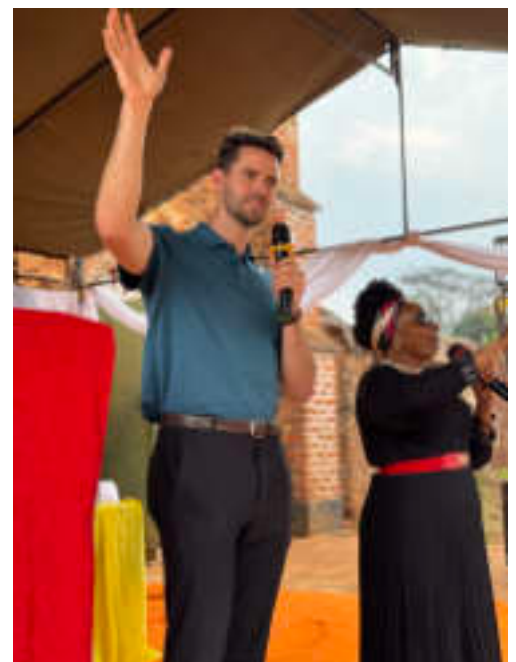


*Our Rally platform erected on the steps of Ngarahohoro Parish—oldest church in the Diocese, dedicated 1931.*



**All members of our team contributed with preaching, teaching or testimony.**

*Repentance at the Rally—Witchcraft paraphernalia is burned. Followed by much rejoicing.*



## *Priests Retreat in Rulenge*



Our original plan was for a three day retreat for the priest of the diocese. However, some conflicting events in the diocese such as an Ordination for one priest and a 50th. Jubilee for another limited us to a one day retreat. Nevertheless, some of the priests were able to make the long journey from the far reaches of the Diocese, some traveling for many hours on the natural roads. Tom, Andre, Eric, Sebastian and Nate made the trek across the valley to the town of Rulenge. We met in a complex that once served as the Bishop's seat before it was moved to Ngara.

Our focus was on the importance of incorporating the Kyrgma into all aspects of ministry and the principles of revival and renewal through being ever mindful of how the Holy Spirit has reignited revival of the church and God's people throughout the ages. Our goal was to experience a time of refreshing and renewal with these men of God who faithfully labor in a remote and often difficult environment. We were not disappointed. We were blessed also in that a few local sisters were able to join in. Perhaps the event is best describe in an email I received from Fr. Evasius Gosbert Shumbusho, Chairman of the Priests' Council of the Diocese. He also shares his testimony which I think would pierce the heart of most anyone.

Dear Beloved Tom Edwards,

I greet you all in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, with deep affection and gratitude.

First and foremost, I would like to sincerely thank you for your recent visit to our Diocese of Rulenge-Ngara, where you generously offered your time, talents, and spiritual gifts to strengthen our Catholic Charismatic Renewal. Although, due to diocesan commitments, we were only able to meet for one day instead of the planned three, the seminar you provided was truly enriching and touched the hearts of all the priests who attended. On behalf of my brother priests, I thank you from the bottom of my heart for your love, sacrifice, and generosity. Despite being the primary beneficiaries, you covered all the costs of the event yourselves! May God reward you abundantly; beyond measure and beyond human calculations!

As the Chairman of the Priests' Council of our Diocese, I felt compelled to come and meet you personally after



my Sunday pastoral duties. I wanted to honor the promise I made and ensure that before you return to the United States, we could spend quality time together to know one another better. When we met on May 15th, 2025, the day of the seminar, time was limited, but now God has granted us this beautiful moment of fellowship, sharing, and Prayer.

I was deeply touched by our evening together, sharing a delicious meal, drinks, heartfelt conversations, and powerful moments of intercession. Truly, through you, I have seen the face of God. You have given me renewed strength for my ministry, especially as I celebrate my 10th Anniversary of Priesthood this year. Your love has inspired me to seek further growth in my understanding and practice of Charismatic Renewal, so that I may better serve God's people with zeal, holiness, and pastoral wisdom.

Special thanks to our elder brother Sebastian, who coordinated this encounter and ensured everything went smoothly. May God continue to bless him with good health of body and soul.

As part of this spiritual friendship we now share, I would like to briefly share my personal testimony with you. It is my prayer that through this, you may know me more intimately; not just as a priest, but as a brother in Christ who walks the same journey of faith, through trials and GRACES, always trusting in the DIVINE providence.

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**\*My Brief Testimony of Priestly Journey:\***

I am Fr. Evasius Gosbert Shumbusho, a Catholic priest of the Diocese of Rulenge-Ngara, Tanzania. I am 42 years old, the sixth of eight children born to \_Mrs. Advela Mukarubanga Rulalire(72)\_ and \_the late Mr. Gosbert Bitesigirwe Mfunjo\_, from Kihanga Village, Karagwe District.

I was raised in a Christian family grounded in faith and moral integrity. My beloved father, a catechist, passed away suddenly in 1987 when I was only five years old. Despite this loss, my mother worked tirelessly to care for us and ensure our education through primary school, secondary school, and college.

With deep humility, We say: Thank you, Mom!

After completing my studies in Philosophy and Theology, I was ordained a Catholic Priest on July 26th, 2015, by Bishop Severine Niwemugizi.

On July 28th, 2015, I celebrated my First Thanksgiving Mass at my family home in Kihanga - Karagwe. Many friends, relatives, benefactors, and parishioners joined me in that joyful celebration. However, that same day, a tragic car accident occurred at Bugorola – Misenyi, killing four people and leaving eight seriously injured; all of whom were from the community of Katoke Seminary, where I had served during my Pastoral year programme and as a Deacon. They were on their way to attend my Thanksgiving Mass.

This tragedy wounded my heart deeply. To make matters worse, rumors spread accusing me of witchcraft, saying I had joined Freemasonry and sacrificed people in exchange for priesthood. Some of my friends distanced themselves from me. I was left alone, burdened with grief and fear.

This made the beginning of my priestly life extremely difficult. I felt isolated, anxious, and overwhelmed, as if the whole world was blaming me.

After the funerals of the priests and the religious sister who died in the accident, Bishop Niwemugizi assigned me to Katoke Seminary to serve as a teacher and formator, since many staff members had been lost in the tragedy. Though initially hesitant, I remembered my vow of obedience and accepted this mission in the spirit of sacrificial love.

Just six months into my priesthood, I suffered a serious motorcycle accident while returning from ministry in Buziku Parish. I fractured my hip, dislocated part of my spine, and tore multiple muscles. I still carry this pain today and continue with medical therapy.

In 2017, while still serving at Katoke Seminary, I was involved in a second motorcycle accident after giving a seminar to youth at Kibehe Parish in Chato, which completely reversed the healing progress from my first accident.

Over the past 10 years of priesthood, I have also survived:

Two major car accidents, both resulting in total loss of the vehicles.

An armed robbery attack on November 13th, 2021, at Nyankanga (on the Biharamulo–Chato border), where over six bullets were fired at me but, by God's Grace, none touched my body.

Another armed assault on April 22nd, 2025, during a family harvest thanksgiving event, where again, several shots were fired at me, but God protected me!

In these ten years, I have lost formators, guardians, close relatives, and friends who were my pillars of support. Some family members and friends also distanced themselves from me due to my priestly vocation, leaving deep wounds in my heart.

Yet, through it all, I have never regretted saying "Yes" to the priesthood.

The blessings I have received are far greater than the challenges I have faced. I have seen God's hand sustaining me and protecting me in all these trials.

For this reason, I humbly offer this Thanksgiving Mass for my 10th Anniversary of Priesthood, to glorify God for His faithfulness.

My personal priestly motto; drawn from three combined Scriptures and expressed as one unified prayer—is:

"O Lord my God, I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters; in the midst of the Church I will sing your praises and give you thanks forever, for you have seen and heard me!" (Hebrews 2:12 + Psalm 30:12 + John 11:41b)

I also cherish the words of Saint Augustine:

"Lord, I entrust my past to your mercy, my present to your love, and my future to your Divine Providence."

I kindly ask for your Prayers that I may continue serving God with joy and faithfulness, persevering through every trial, until I reach eternal life.

Thank you so much for welcoming me into your lives, and for being part of this sacred journey of friendship and ministry.

With love and prayers,

Fr. Evasius Gosbert Shumbusho

Chairman of the Priests' Council

Catholic Diocese of Rulenge-Ngara, Tanzania

## *Village Life in Nagara*







*Village life in Ngarwa*





# **THAT'S A BABY**

## **SHARING THE GOSPEL OF LIFE**



The global depopulation movement is everywhere. In African countries, the Maria Stopes International (MSI) clinics are in every major city. Based in London, MSI is the equivalent of what we know in the USA as Planned Parenthood. Their mobile clinics reach into the rural and very poor areas, including Ngara region. Their “health services” offer abortion, various contraceptive methods and sterilization. They promote what they call “long acting and permanent family planning”. Many people who come to our events have received these services. They are not informed of the dire consequences which may follow their treatment.

Under the leadership of Jean Marie our teams have been meeting this challenge head on with quality education and lots of prayer. We have equipped teams with the vital visual aids and detailed instruction materials. Under the leadership of Sebastian and others, Tanzanian teams are now reaching out and responding to invitations from parishes around the country.

Many Bishops are thrilled and fully on board. We have repeatedly been invited to present the workshops on the development of the baby followed by the church approved Natural Family Planning. In doing so, the principals of Holy Scripture accompany every teaching and the Kingdom of God is advanced. The response has always been astonishing.





Jean Marie shares: I am so grateful that our Lord directed Sebastian and Tom to take the team to Ngara this year and to Victoria and Jacinta for their incredible gift of translating in our workshop. Our Pro-life group numbered in the sixties and attended every day with great expectations, joy and concentration. As Lynn shared each month's development, they listened intently and eyes were fixed on the posters Eric was showing them. They were in awe of seeing the beauty and complexity of each baby. And when Patrick read a scripture passage for each month, they entered right into God's living Word and were totally in sync with what God was saying. That was Monday, our first day, and when we brought out the fetal models from 7 to 26 weeks, they couldn't contain their excitement as they broke out in clapping and joyful response. It was like Christmas morning and opening gifts! The next day, they came eager to learn Natural Family Planning. The majority of the men and women could not take notes, so we were challenged to come up with different teaching strategies. NFP is something that they really need to understand and get right if they are going to use it. Otherwise, we are doing them a tremendous disservice. Luckily, we have been given access to a very faithful and creative Holy Spirit! We ended up having a great time acting out and doing a lot of repetitive actions. And when they came back the next day and we checked for understanding, they laughed as they showed us and told us the correct responses. They got it! As the week went on, the team shared Theology of the Body, the dangers of contraceptives (many women had the IUD or the implant), and abortion (which is common there). Their many questions clearly exposed the lies they had been led to believe but more powerfully and beautifully showed their love for Jesus and the deep desire to trust and obey Him. We ended on Friday and just as it was like Christmas on Monday, there was Christmas joy once again as we gave each one of them a blessed rosary and a 10 wk baby model. We then together prayed as one with our rosaries and hearts full of Christ's Joy and Love.

Lynn shares: When you call on the Holy Spirit, get ready! The Renewal Ministries Tanzania Mission Team opened our hearts to do God's will by spreading the Good News of many holy teachings. In particular: why as Catholics we are pro-life and the power of forgiveness to receive the graces of healing and deliverance. These two workshops throughout the week brought increased amazement in the faces of those who attended. My particular sections of teaching were going through the baby's developments during gestation, as well as co-teaching with my husband, an overall view of JPPI's beautiful Theology of the Body. These classes complement each other well. By bringing baby models they could hold, that are the exact weight for a particular gestational month, we could see in their eyes and sense their hearts, they were melting with the realization – that although they're small – babies in the womb are very much human beings! TOB had to be a part of understanding how our bodies have a purpose. It's through our bodies we can do the work of the Father, just like Jesus did. The men in-particular were reminded of the equal dignity of women and how our bodies-in-action are an outward sign of our sacrificial love for spouse and family. The women were so appreciative that these words were spoken. Renewal Ministries provides workshops like these world-wide knowing the difference it will have in marriages, families, and communities – for many blessed years to come.

Erik shares: Around 70 attendees of the rally attended a Theology of the Body class and embraced its teachings about the holiness of sex and the sanctity of marriage. The female attendees responded especially well to the teaching that men and women have equal dignity and that women must be respected, just the same as men. The men were challenged with the concept from the Letter to the Ephesians, that they are to lay down their lives for their wives, just as Christ did for the church. The attendees embraced the teachings and showed much gratitude.

Right: The five day workshop concludes with the giving and prayers of the Rosaries for life.



Do you sometimes feel that your burden is too much?



We met these guys coming at our van in Bukoba. I'm always amazed at what can be transported on a motorcycle, bike, or in this case, a two wheel cart. That's 40 plus mattresses and they are starting up a long steep grade.

Manpower can go a long way, but persevering and accomplishing our mission will always require the Lord's help.

“Cast your burden upon the Lord and He will sustain you” (Psalm 55:22)