

AGLOW INTERNATIONAL- RWANDA'S REPORT FOR 2nd QUARTER (APR.-JUNE) 2009.

INTRODUCTION

Aglow International- Rwanda is one of the local groups of Aglow International, a Christian women ministry that includes women from all denominations which has started its activities here in Rwanda in the year 2006, and is being chaired by an executive committee comprised of: President, Vice-President, Treasurer, and Two Secretaries.

Aglow Rwanda is affiliated to Aglow International but works independently in terms of managing the local group and has two main objectives:

- ❖ To help Rwandan women to become role models of balanced women as a Christian, mother and also as spouse.
- ❖ To help Rwandan women in rural areas to improve their social-economic lives as well as their spiritual ones.

Basing on Aglow Rwanda's action plan therefore, there are different activities organized quarterly and it is against this factor that a quarterly report is delivered. This report is based on the following main activities/events that were organized in the 2nd quarter of the year 2009 and this includes;

- Aglow Rwanda Ladies meeting of 10/05/2009
- Aglow Couples meeting 07/06/2009
- Prayer/ meetings for leaders

AGLOW RWANDA MEETING

On the 10th May, 2009 Aglow International- Rwanda held a Ladies meeting at Novotel Hotel Kigali, whose agenda was as follow;

- ✚ Training on house keeping and body hygiene by Brigitte
- ✚ Testimony by Josephine MUTAMURIZA
- ✚ Testimony by Ernestine
- ✚ Word of God by Pastor Constantine NIWEMWUNGERI

I) TRAINING ON HOUSE KEEPING AND BODY HYGIENE BY BRIGITTE

During the training Ms. Brigitte, an expert of Hotel Novotel provided some tips on house keeping as well as body hygiene to all the ladies who attended.

This is in regards with blending the necessary requirement to ensure that we achieve our first objective which is to make Rwandan women to become role models of balanced women as a Christian, mother and also as spouse.

The tips covered the following area on body hygiene;

1. How to manage braids and treated hair
2. keeping one's teeth clean
3. Tips on proper bathing
4. How to clean ears
5. How to wash the feet and between the toes to ensure that there are no fungi infection
6. Tips on laundry

The tips covered on housekeeping included the following;

1. How to clean the floor
2. How to clean the cycling
3. How to clean the wall
4. How to properly make bed

5. How to clean the windows
6. How to Clean toilets and bathrooms
7. To those who use charcoals to ensure that the kitchen keeps clean

II) TESTIMONY BY JOSEPHINE MUTAMURIZA

Regarding the second issue on the agenda Mrs. Josephine MUTAMURIZA who is now 54 years testified to those who attended the meeting the way ***she just believed in the Word of God and she was healed!***

Before, Josephine apparently looked to be one of the well-off Rwandan Ladies who used to do business in Dubai (UAE)

In 2001 however, she was diagnosed with high blood pressure which then fluctuated with low pressure and later on, she was diagnosed to be having a liver problem.

Shortly after that, her stomach started swelling that the Doctor used to remove 8 liters of fluids every week from her stomach.

During this time, Josephine faced great trials in all areas that her wealth was consumed by treatment charges, her friends and relatives all left her as well as her own children.

She even tried tradition medicine but all was in vain. She could not even get a mere relief!

Josephine who was left with less body weight, and looked after by a house boy (a stranger) who volunteered not to leave her alone, channeled to the word of God at that time she could neither eat, stand, sit nor talk. As she read the word, she was touched by Luke 14:1 and she believed it.

She had a vision and in that vision, the Lord told her that he has healed her and asked her to take a photo that she will be using to testify to other people.

The following morning, she was felt with great joy and surprised of having guts to not only sit on her bed, but also stood upright and made some few steps.

Her stomach gradually went back to its normal size that there was no need of removing the fluids from her stomach again as they used to. She slowly gained weight and strength and she is now very healthy working for the kingdom of God as seen in the photos below.



***When
sick***



her status today!

III) TESTIMONY BY ERNESTINE

Ernestine, who is 34, testified of how she was raped by 15 men during the 1994 Tutsi genocide and she faced great agony that she had injuries due to the fact that most of her internal body parts were spoilt.

She felt that she could not bare with forgiving those who caused her such injuries to her. But after accepting Jesus, she got rid of the past, and forgave all those who did such wicked things to her and then felt free indeed. She was later blessed with a husband, 4 kids and all other blessings.

IV) WORD OF GOD BY PASTOR CONSTANTINE NIWEMWUNGERI

In his prophetic message, Pastor Constantine based on Habakkuk 1:5, where he emphasized that all people have their day's right from Adam's days up today.

He gave the example of the days when people used to be naked, where ladies had no rights even in bible that they used not to be counted!

His message was therefore to encourage us saying that we are in days of grace and particular where ladies are given great value more than any other thing mostly in Rwanda.

He therefore argued the ladies to make great use of their days and speak out for others because God is ready to use the Ladies of Aglow Rwanda for many great things.

AGLOW RWANDA'S COUPLES MEETINGS

A couple's meeting was organized on Sunday 7th June, 2009 at Hotel Laico Umubano hotel starting from 2:00pm to 6:00pm.

As was indicated on the program the meeting started with a welcoming remark to over 550 participants where the president of Aglow Jeanne NAHO gave a brief introduction about Aglow and also introduced the guests who included the speaker of the day **Pastor Antoine RUTAYISIRE and his wife Peninah of Anglican**

church Kiyovu branch and a popular gospel singer of **Pentecostal church –Remera Simon Kabera** who led us in worshipping the lord.

Basing on the fact that our continent is faced with many wars, famine, and disease, there is attendance that most of the families are extended in nature.

And it is against that fact that we decided the theme to be “***How to manage an extended family in away that the couple’s relationship is not affected***”

Mrs. Peninah, the wife to the speaker first gave us a testimony of how she never experienced the joy of honeymoon due to the fact that they had to begin their marriage life with an extended family of 20 people!

They however managed because they based on the word of God and through all the difficulties, they overcome them.

She said that including their own children they are now 15 due to the fact that some have married as well.

The speaker of the day pastor Antoine RUTAYISIRE after elaborating on the theme by giving examples basing on his own experience, he therefore highlighted some principles that can help couples manage the extended families in a way that it won’t affect their relationship. His principles of course based on the word of God are found in mostly Genesis 2:18 and bible verses and they include the following;

- 1) **A family is God’s project not that of a human being!**
(Genesis 2:18) We therefore should value it. Here, he argued couples to honor God in their families by letting him be the foundation for their marriages and involved in Godly practices at their homes like reading the bible together as a family.
- 2) **Families should observe consistence communication.**
(Genesis 2:23) He gave the example of Adam in the story of creation, where he immediately talked after gating Eve as his wife, and above all, talking about himself other than talking about others. Families should meet and look their issues together. Here he challenged couples saying that, “*if we can make meetings at our work places, why not one in our homes?*”

- 3) **For one to properly manage an extended family, one should empower his own wife!** (Ephesians 5:31) Basing on biblical facts, a wife should be given the front seat not like the tradition way which gives her the back one on the contrary.
- 4) **Couples should observe a deep communion!** (Ephesians 5:31-32) This particular principle should be applicable in all aspects of life not just some.
- 5) **They should be transparent in what they deal with.** (Genesis 2:25).This is the only way of avoiding embarrassments in among family members.
- 6) **Families should set a principle that governs their lives** e.g. regarding prayers, family meetings, family budget etc.
- 7) **Building families that honors God and hence breaks the generation curses.**

In conclusion, Pastor Rutayisire made some comments on some biblical facts that some times misused e.g. where it states that the husbands are the heads of the family to mean that wives are workers for their husbands forgetting that the head contain the brain which never stops working instead.

He therefore allowed some questions and all were well answered.



Pastor Antione Rutayisire with wife (on front row).The Gospel singing group (left)

PRAYER MEETING FOR LEADERS

The prayer meeting for leaders was held on several occasions where on the every first occasion was decided that they should be held every Saturdays to ensure that we make consistent follow-up on Aglow programs as well as allowing God enough time to take control of every thing.

In the previous meeting however, it was decided that we should focus on the implementation of the project that was designed to improve on the children's hygiene at Gatore branch of providing them with sandals, tooth brush, tissues etc. This all done to ensure that we tame the problem of hygiene from the grass root level. (Attached also is the project.

The meetings always closes with prayers where we pray for Aglow in general, its different programs in different countries (of course those that we know), our leaders, our families etc



Gatore kids during the survey for the project.