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MAY 2017

Welcome to our May News Edition with highlights of the month.

LEADERSHIP TRANSITIONS

In May, many of the Universities and colleges had students doing exams so there were not as many engagements with them.

There were leadership transitions in many Christian Union fellowships. Many leaders shared their experiences of what is like leading their CUs. The outgoing chairman of the CU in Uganda Christian University in the Arua campus said his challenges were balancing his leadership roles with his academics; a lack of cooperation with some of his team members, congested programs of the institution which sometimes affected their CU programs and insufficient funds to run CU programs. He further shared; "I am grateful that each member of my team has learnt how to lead a Bible study group and we also were taught on how to structure a sermon."

The chairman and vice chair of the CU in Kabale University Silvan Muhumuza and Bambu Alice shared about how the trainings they have received helped them, "We received training on how to do discipleship and evangelism and as a result, we started outreaches in student hostels in addition to the outreach to a nearby prison that we carry out every Sunday afternoon. We came to understand the power behind being well equipped to equip others."

Silvan further shared that; " My residence is quite far from campus which doesn't allow me to spend as much time on campus with fellow students as I would want but I try my best to know what happens in the life of my team. I was challenged by some members of my team who though they know their roles, don't carry them out effectively".

FINALISTS CONFERENCE

Day long Finalists' Conferences were held in Mbarara (29th April), Jinja (2nd May) and Kampala (21st May).

Kyarisimiire Sarah, a Law student at Bishop Stuart University after the conference said, "I was greatly inspired by Dr. Andrew who talked about developing an entrepreneurial mind. I used to have a small business making juice which would help me raise money to top up on my rent and upkeep. But I was discouraged by my friends who 'advised' that my

business was not relevant to my course of Law and consequently I stopped running it and have struggled financially. But after this conference, I am going to re-start my business.”

OTHER NEWS

A joint CU mission's training conference was organized on 20-22nd May at Bishop Barham University College and, 262 students from 13 institutions attended it. Topics addressed included; 'Discipleship in missions', 'Bible study as an evangelistic strategy', 'planning successful missions', and 'Partnership in missions' among others.

A group of 120 students from Mbarara University of Science and Technology went on mission for a period of 1 week from 20th-27th May 2017 to Namwendwawa-Nawasanso-Kamuli District in Busoga Eastern Region. They were received and hosted by Pr. Kasawuli of Nawasonso Pentecostal church.



Next month, a number of students will be involved in missions to various parts of the country.

We are very thankful to all those who serve with FOCUS in different capacities and those who give of their resources to make what we do possible. We remain thankful to God who is at work among us. Again, thank you for your support.

Until next time;
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