

## Newsletter of Alex Sserwadda for December, 2022.



*Alex and some of the lay readers in their retreat.*

**Dear my Beloved,**

*Greetings in the mighty Name of our Lord Jesus Christ whose Goodness and Mercy endure forever!*

*Rhoda, Shalom and Raphael send you greetings!*

*We praise the Name of our loving Father for last year, and thank Him for the new year 2023. Please receive our appreciation for the \$5000 you sent to support us. You have been so generous to us in prayer, encouragement and finances. We cannot thank you enough. We pray that God will bless you exceedingly.*

*The month of December had many ministry opportunities for us. I baptised 70 people, spoke in a youth and Childrens' conference, led a lay readers' retreat and preached in several Churches. We also had an ordination of ten deacons and one presbyter in my Diocese and commissioning of over thirty lay readers in December.*

*As I communicated in my last newsletter that I was asked to lead a parish this year, I officially started my pastoral duties in this parish on 1<sup>st</sup> January. The parish is made up of five Churches.*

*I wish to inform you also that effective this year our seminary is starting a Bachelors programme in addition to the Diploma and Certificate programmes in existence. This programme is called "Bachelors of Biblical studies and Christian Leadership". I am glad to let you know that I have been invited to teach in this programme and I will be teaching the Old Testament survey in the first semester.*

*In other good news I wish to inform you that the Ebola disease scare I have been telling you about in the last few months is diminishing each day. Part of my area that was under lock down for three months was opened and people are now free to move, work and congregate.*



*Some of the ordinands that were ordained deacons in my Diocese.*

### ***Thanksgiving***

- *Please thank God for His guidance and protection throughout the past year 2022 and for carrying us into the new year 2023.*
- *Please thank God for this partnership with you that is growing stronger each day. I am always encouraged in knowing that there are brethren who love and pray for us.*
- *Please thank God for the many ministry opportunities God is opening.*
- *Please thank God for the re-opening of part of my area that was under lock down due to Ebola. The people that had become hopeless and weak are now regaining their strength.*

### **Prayer requests**

- *This year 2023 is going to be very busy for me. I will be leading a parish, working as a school chaplain, teaching in the seminary and doing studies at the South African Theological Seminary. Please pray for God's wisdom and strength as I prepare to balance the duties of parish rector, seminary teacher, school chaplain, student, parent and husband.*

- *Please pray for the parish I am leading this year. There are many people who have not accepted Jesus, many children living as orphans and there are rampant cases of alcoholism and domestic violence.*
- *The seminary will be opening for the new semester on 8<sup>th</sup> January. Please pray for me and other lecturers as we prepare our lectures. Please also pray for our students as they prepare for the semester. May they be prepared not just to learn but to be transformed into God loving, Christ centred, Spirit filled ministers of God's Word.*
- *Please pray that God will continuously provide for our family and ministry needs.*

In Christ Jesus,

Alex Sserwadda

***"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in," (Matthew 25:35)***



***Some of the lay readers that were commissioned by the Bishop in my Diocese.***



*The Rt. Rev. Dr. James Bukomeko, Bishop of Mityana Diocese presiding over the ordination.*



*This is our baby Raphael. He is growing up so fast.*