



### Action Plan and case studies within the local communities by the Diploma course students

The Diploma course finalists left ARU campus in November for their last year of training, within their local communities. The training, taking 8 months, consists of leading each community through an action plan based on a local health



TINIA presenting her findings (first step of the work)

problem identified locally by themselves. Added to that, the Student has to follow 5 cases among local diseases identified from sick people in the Health Center where student is doing his/her training. After about a year, he/she must present to a board of examiners scientific and practical comprehension of the cases. This way of doing things makes our alumni more efficient and provides complete health workers within their communities. As a result, they are much appreciated everywhere they work as they really contribute to change much of the bad behaviour practised from long ago by the local people regarding their health. From March 6<sup>th</sup> to 09<sup>th</sup>, finalist students joined Aru campus for brief presentations of the first findings for the action plan and the case studies. The meeting was very encouraging as, for most of them, the progress was reassuring. Some suggestions were given to them to improve the quality of their work before the evaluators' arrival (from Health Zone, Health Facility and Diploma course) by May 2016.

### Spiritual Retreat

On January 27<sup>th</sup>, all the students and staff on Aru campus, withdrew for reinforcement of their spiritual capacity. It was actually a fully blessed day for the participants.

Rev François MADHIRA (the IPASC Aru Campus chaplain), led us through Isaiah 51 : 9, the theme : "Awake!Awake!" split into two : "Man's freedom according to God will" : "God's will and man's responsibility". The first part, done by the Rev DROMA and the second, by brother OBUKANDI one among Toussaint Anglican



Rev. DROMA, preaching through the theme: "The man freedom according to God will"



Student performing a drama: "Hurry up, Time will be over" on the spiritual retreat day.

as most of our staff and students this time, gave testimonies of their spiritual lives. One of the students (Mr ALUME) among many others, declared publically that this was really one of the rare opportunities given to him. While weeping about his past and lost life, he accepted Jesus as Saviour and strongly suggested to the assembly to pray for his family, where he said, none has time to think about Jesus' love. He finally testified that his arrival to study at IPASC is a really big blessing and then that IPASC has very much contributed in his life. Mr ALUME is now among those who share God's word during morning devotions. A rare case indeed!

parish cathedral intercessors. One more time, we are very encouraged by the results of that retreat

### Trustee's visit to IPASC

Almost every month, IPASC is blessed by the arrival of a guest. This time, an important person from Friends of IPASC Trust paid us a visit. Mr Willy Fulton, (IPASC Trust vice President) arrived in Aru, on January 30<sup>th</sup>; he went back home again on February, 2<sup>nd</sup>. Mr Willy paid us this visit after 4 years of a physical absence among us as his last visit to Congo occurred in 2012. During 2 days of his stay with us, Mr Willy took time to meet with staff members and



Welcoming Willy Fulton

particularly with the Executive Director. On February 1<sup>st</sup>, a farewell lunch was organized with all the staff members. We hope, as he promised, to see him again the next year.



Last day with Fulton; the bye-bye lunch with the staff members

### Meeting with Bread for the World(BFW)

When we welcomed Mr. Willy Fulton, we missed the Deputy to Executive Director, Mr. Bertin BULI. He was actually desolated as Mr. Willy had to come



Mr BERTIN giving a summary of the meeting at Goma with BFW to the staff members

during his absence. This was not

without reason; Bertin was in Goma with BFW for a meeting organized for its partners in Congo. IPASC, as one of the BFW partners, should be represented by the Executive Director and the deputy; but Mr. AMUDA had to be in Aru to welcome the trustee, Willy Fulton. The BFW meeting took 5 days and then Bertin returned home; unfortunately, while on the way to Aru, his bag was stolen in the bus and he lost everything inside the bag. Although that happened to him he travelled safely to Aru.

### IPASC Staff members Meeting

For 3 days (from Friday March 4<sup>th</sup> to Monday 7<sup>th</sup>), IPASC staff members from Bunia joined Aru Campus. The aim of this meeting was to do a together brain storming regarding the new line taken by IPASC as an organization which will be submitted to a change and a new lifestyle.

The thought turned around 4 items: Strengths, Threats, Weaknesses, and Opportunities with IPASC.

Mr. AMUDA launched the meeting by reminding the



AMUDA launching the staff members meeting; reminding participants on Vision, Mission, Values and Objectives of IPASC according to the founder

members about the vision, mission, values and objectives of IPASC. He insisted that all thought must be contained within that frame.

The meeting was series of workshops and presentations by teams. Finally, suggestions and a report were made,



Family Photo: Bunia and Aru both IPASC Staff members

composed of summaries made available to heads of departments and services for the permanent application of recommendations.

### Patricia J. Nickson Traffic circle

This year 2016, on April 26<sup>th</sup> we will remember the 6<sup>th</sup> year, since the founder of IPASC, the late Rev. Prof. Dr.

Pat J. Nickson left us for heaven. IPASC with all the surrounding local communities have not and will never forget the work of Pat.

The evidence is that, local community members surrounding IPASC, decided to build a traffic circle named "Pat Nickson Traffic Circle" in memoriam to the Lord's servant.

The work was supported financially by IPASC for



The new Pat Nickson's Traffic circle on main way toward IPASC

one part and another, by the local community. The Traffic circle is shown on the above picture and is supposed to be officially inaugurated shortly.



IPASC Staff members in front of Pat Nickson's Traffic circle

### Aru Security Situation from January up to date: A retrospective

Aru security situation is from the beginning of this year at least quiet. However, 2 bad situations took place:

In January, one of the big traders in the area (Mr. TSADRI) escaped a visit of unknown malefactors, on a Sunday while he was at the church. Probably the malefactors had bad knowledge of the target. This situation made people very worried.

Recently on March 10<sup>th</sup>, another well-known trader, (Mr. GABHO), escaped death. Around 7 PM, when he entered his compound, He was shot in his right leg and was seriously injured. The robbers took with them all the money he had in the car.

However the security situation is the saddest in Bunia, where gunshots every night have become the rule. In the next Newsletter, we will manage to give security background in Bunia.

Your support in daily prayer for us is of great need.

### Want to give?

Maybe you want to support the work of IPASC in the north – east of the DRC. Your donation is needed and will be of great help such as in : assisting PLWHIV, orphan children due to HIV, building public latrines, building safe water sources among villagers, paying for fistula surgery expenditure, or sponsoring penniless students Through Friends of IPASC Trust, a charity organization based in UK, bring us generously your gift. It will reach us as always. Thanks for your graceful donation.

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