

My journey in gospel ministry

How did we get to October? I am almost halfway through my four-year college degree, and it feels like just yesterday that I started. There have been several highlights this year but the biggest one for me was the opportunity to witness gospel partnership at a grand scale between the Armidale diocese, my church at Lower mountains Anglican parish (LMAP) and my ministry partners at Trinity church Adelaide, supporting the gospel work in Kigezi diocese, Southwestern Uganda. It was a very unexpected gift which also gave me the opportunity to see my family and friends back home. In God's kindness the conference was held near my grandma's village and so I paid her a surprise visit at the end of the conference. I thank God for the privilege it was for me to participate in the clergy conference where Ken Noakes my minister at LMAP was the keynote speaker.



A thanksgiving dinner at the bishops' home after the conference. Andrew and Margie Newman – CMS missionaries

The conference was well attended with approximately 95% of the clergy and their wives from the diocese spending a week with the team from Australia to discuss about discipleship and the health of families in vocational ministry. I had the opportunity to preach for the first time in Uganda in two churches that were packed with beaming young faces. We also got to meet students and lecturers of Canon Ndimbirwe Bible College which is raising up the next generation of gospel workers for the diocese. The Armidale diocese sent Andrew and Margie Newman as CMS missionaries to support the college and they have also been supporting annual youth conferences to equip youths with skills to handle God's word correctly. To top it off, I managed to complete a gospel introduction course (JesusWorks) with my parents that we started during lockdown, and they confessed faith in Jesus. I don't have enough words to express my gratitude to you for supporting me to join the trip and for your ongoing partnership with me in gospel ministry and I pray that God will bear much fruit from our partnership!

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Please pray in thanksgiving,

For gospel partnership:

- It was great to witness gospel partnership effectively between four dioceses and to see some of the fruit born out of it.

For the opportunity to visit home

- In the short time I was home, I managed to see all my immediate family and catchup with some good friends.

Please pray,

For wisdom

- As I begin to set my mind on what happens beyond college, there are lots of ministry and personal decisions to make that will affect life beyond college.

For godliness

- That above all things, I will be humble before God and his word, putting sin to death and living for the one who died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves, but for Him who died for them and was raised again.