USFW TANZANIA YEARLY MEETING PO BOX 151, Mugumu, Tanzania

Dear Friends all over the World,

EPISTLE FROM TANZANIA YM U.S.F.W (UNITED SOCIETY OF FRIENDS WOMEN)

Greetings from the USFW of Tanzania Yearly Meeting. We held our fourth annual conference at Bonchugu in Serengeti, 18km from Mugumu town, based between Serengeti National Park and Ikorongo Game Reserve. This was during a rainy season.

About a hundred people attended the conference. The theme of the conference was taken from the book of Isaiah 61:1-3 that was talking about good news to the oppressed.

The main speaker was Pastor Margaret Musalia from Vihiga YM. Her message stressed on setting the captive free, a chosen race, and deliverance to the poor for we have the redeemer. To enhance the theme other topics were Natural Resource Management (using our natural resources to support ourselves) by Marian Baker of New England YM, Church Integrity by Beatrice Malongo of Bware YM, and Marriage and family life by Pamela Ngoya of Nairobi YM. Prayers were made for all and many were delivered and gave their lives to Christ.

The great challenge was that the conference was different compared to the last year's conference. This is because more people attended until the meetinghouse was not able to hold all of us, it was more organized, and there was a much greater understanding of what is a conference.

The climax of the conference was honoring three of our elderly Women of Substance. These were Elitha Kayundi, Catherine Magigi, and Maria John. We had them lead a procession as others sang and danced, had their histories read, gave them each a certificate of thanks and presented them each with a solar lamp, since they have been beacons of light to us.

We wish you the best. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Yours in Christ,

Mary Joseph, Presiding Clerk



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