

Our Experience with the Youth in Chimoio Diocese



The youth of the Southern Deanery in Machaze

The second term holiday was characterized by different activities in the Diocese of Chimoio despite being relatively short (2 weeks). We, the stagiaires in Mozambique, wish to share with you some of these activities.

We are members of the Diocesan youth commission which managed to organize two youth camps. The first one took place in Machaze where Dombe Mission is located. The topics discussed were the following; marriage, polygamy, relationship and dowry payment. All these themes were accompanied by dramas, group discussions and sharing between the youth and some invited guests who were knowledgeable in these areas.

These youth had a lot to share by asking countless questions. It was not only a time for discussion but also for interaction, singing, dancing, praying and doing sport.

The second camp was a four day youth training where three youths from each Parish of the Diocese were represented. One of these participants was supposed to go to Brazil for the *World Youth Day* but didn't due to financial constrain.

It is in this line that Chimoio Diocese organized its own *World Youth Day*. The central theme was the same as for Rio de Janeiro "Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature" (Mk 15:16). The youth were very impressed with this message and they resolved to become instruments of evangelization. In addition, there were delighted with the three symbols that the Pope used in referring to them; the youth being as a window where a light enters, as a flower which flourishes and a pupil which receives light and transmits to others.

Apart from this, Dombe and Sussudenga communities have been collaborating between them. There has been exchange of experience between various groups. For instance, the youth of Dombe visited Sussundenga twice since the month of May. The *Legion of Mary* and *Infancia Missionario* of Dombe have also visited Sussundenga once. These events have promoted interactions and joyful celebrations.



Members of the Diocesan youth commission who organized Youths training in Amatongas



We have benefited a lot during these encounters. We have been exposed to the real life of the youth and feel part of them.

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Representatives of various youths in Chimoio Diocese in Amatongas during the youth workshop