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OKUKORA KWAITU

TIST n'ekigombe ekyehaireyo kwimutsya omuindo gwabahingi aba hansi kirikubonyeramu amaani gokurwanisa okucwekyerezibwa kw'ebibara, okwejuna obwono nekyenda kitan kyaburijo.

EBIGYENDERERWA BYAITU

Omukeyanyisa entunguka yentura nokurundana orwoya orurungi orurukuruga omumiti. TIST nehweza abahingi abarikurenga 25,000, ebyokwerinda Sirimu, endisa enungi yabomumaka nokucendeza yenku namakara.

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EDITORS MESSAGE.

TIST FARMERS

You all have been trained on the importance of opening small group Bank accounts with three signatories. As there is no more cash payment, do it to avoid inconveniencies.

SGs whose payment is less than UGX 50,000= will be paid by Mobile Money.

Hakim and Sarah are training you on the system to follow.

Ara

OBUTUMWA BWA EDITA.

ABAHINGI BEMITI ABA TIST.

Mweena mukeyyesibwa ahabukuru bwokwigura Account yekibiina omu Bank eteirweho emikono yabantu bashatu. Obuhatakiraho kushashurwa sente zoburiho, kora ekyo kwezibira okuremesibwa kutunga sente.

Abarikutunga sente ziri ahansi ya 50,000= nimuba nimushashurwa ahasiimu.

Hakim na Sarah bariyo nibabegyesa entwaza eimurakuratire.

Ara

FEBRUARY 2014 NEWSLETTER. DO YOU KNOW THIS?

God created the earth, all the creatures and plants in their natural Set up.

Man has disturbed nature by trying to cause destruction.

This is the right time to work hard to have what to eat and drink otherwise we are starving.

Why do I say this?

- ❖ I ask TIST members (SG) to plant trees to enable those coming in future to reap the right harvest. Shall we get benefits without caring for our groves and develop sense of ownership?
- ❖ As a quantifier, find many people don't care for their groves and do not know that the trees belong to them.
- ❖ With land which has lost fertility, planting must be followed by good care.
- ❖ Many groves are under bush. Remember tree planting is like planting other crops. If trees are not cared for they will not grow well.
- ❖ My advice to SG is that you have to clear bushes on and around the groves.
- ❖ SG members who say that quantifiers come to see TIST trees should change their attitude and develop the sense of ownership, and when harvest time comes they reap much.
- ❖ Plant trees, out of trees get food, medicine, shade, clean environment and income.

Plant many trees, when harvest time comes, harvest a lot.

BY DAVID MURUNGI

A Small Group Best Practice – Develop a Covenant for Your Small Group

When a Small Group joins TIST, they agree to follow the rules and values of TIST. They agree to be Honest, Accurate, Mutually Accountable, Transparent, and Servants to each other. They promise to maintain the trees the plant for TIST for at least 30 years before harvesting them. However, because Small Groups must work together for a long time, each TIST Small Group should also have a covenant that they have agreed upon that shows how they will work together and treat each other.

Developing and living by a covenant is an important element in the life of any Small Group. To develop covenant, the members of each Small Group should discuss and agree on a list of group values, expectations and behaviors. It is very important that the guidelines of the covenant be agreed upon and understood by everyone in the group. The group should then agree to hold themselves accountable to each other to live in community abiding by the covenant they have developed.

The whole group must generate the covenant, not one or two people. It should reflect openness, acceptance, accountability, confidentiality, and fellowship. For many groups, prayer may be important as well. The covenant should be specific, and make clear the logistics of attendance, leadership, and place, time and frequency of meeting. It can outline goals of the group. Each

group's covenant will be unique to that group and will contain what the members of the group think are most important for the spiritual and working life of the group.

It works best to agree on the basic guidelines of the covenant at the first or second meeting of the Group. If your Small Group has been meeting and doesn't have a covenant yet, don't worry. Now is a good time to create one!

Covenants are based on love and loyalty and only work if all parties seek to live by the covenant guidelines. Having a covenant and abiding by it creates trust, openness and safety within the group. An important part of a Small Group's covenant is confidentiality. In order for the group to be a safe place, there must be agreement on confidentiality. Nothing that is shared within the group should be discussed with anyone outside the group without the agreement of all in the group. People will then feel confident to be more open and honest about their struggles and accomplishments in their lives.

Sarah.

CLUSTER MEETINGS FOR SUCCESS.

- ✓ Cluster meetings are a big part of working successfully together in TIST.
- ✓ A cluster meeting is when TIST Small Group members gather together in a central location with common needs and interests. In these meetings, Groups share new ideas, receive training, report their progress and success, and create

plans to achieve even bigger results to improve our lives and communities. The new ideas shared give courage to Small Groups who need training and technology to fight climate change and adapt to changing climate.

- ✓ We meet in a central place Small Groups in a cluster agree upon so we can reduce the cost of transport, which is a barrier to needed activities. Since we are TIST, and we share profits from carbon, when we spend more money for transport, there is less profit to share with all farmers. The best practice is to all Small Group members and groves in a cluster to be within walking distance of the cluster meeting place.
- ✓ The meetings are composed many different kinds of stakeholders. They share the TIST Values and the best practices of TIST, and collectively plan how to work together to reduce the dangers and impacts of climate change.
- ✓ Teams address the issues of sustainable development within local communities, identify problems local people are experiencing, and create and share solutions. Groups may invite trainers and experts from other organizations to share more good ideas. This cooperation is a major reason that TIST is successful, and helps us do good work that matters and is valuable in our own communities.
- ✓ Small Group members' work together to address issues of food

security, disease control and prevention, educating children and resource investment. Small Group members train in nursery bed formation, and Conservation Farming.

- ✓ In TIST meetings, some members have created new businesses and planned new income generating activities. They have found ways to make their lifestyle more sustainable.
- ✓ Other members practice rotational Leadership so each member has the chance to share his or her strengths and experience, and to grow from the building up. This motivates participants to work hard both in their groups and meetings to establish good relationship and leadership skills.
- ✓ Cluster meetings are good and beneficial to us. TIST members, let us all always attend without fail. Learn when and where your cluster meets, and encourages your fellow cluster members to attend. Let's invite neighbors so they can join us in our work and make our communities and TIST stronger every day.

**From Alice Gakiiza Karabutungi,
Kanungu.**

MAKE TREES TALK.

The environment will witness that the trees talk.

How do trees talk?

The trees talk as the moving air known as wind has sound.

Trees take in carbon dioxide for their use and give oxygen out for human use.

I am sure the trees talk. See where trees are planted and see this environment.

This place has beautiful scenery of green grass all over the area.

The trees talk!

The behavior of man makes the trees to talk.

Some people are excited to know what language the trees speak.

When trees are not cut down for man's use, they will grow well and modify the climate.

The entire environment shall be clean, conducive and ideal for human life.

**By Joseline Koojo
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