

Some evaluating words from our three guests; Efina Dube (Mrs Presiding Bishop Dube), Progress Ncube (Assembly chairperson)and Praise Dlamini (Deanery Assembly chairperson) from ELCZ Western diocese. They have been our guests 19 May – 2 June 2014.

Person 1:

The most interesting things I experienced on my visit to Sweden:

1) The welcome was extra ordinary. I was impressed by how our hosts received and hosted us throughout the visit.

2) The little child church (in Oskarshamn) which teaches children at a tender age on how the church is run.

3) The following projects held by the church

a) Care for the old

b) Care for those whose relatives are sick

c) Reception, care and the way refugees are handled by the church – amazing.

d) Handwork by the jobless people.

Above all I was interested to learn that most of the work done by women in the above projects is voluntary.

The fact that churches are built almost everywhere makes it viable for everyone to go to a church close to them.

Person 2:

I learnt that women in Sweden are doing diaconal work. More than us.

The pre-school - the way you are doing it is very good - to bring parents. To teach the children the church way so that they grow up knowing their leaders.

Project Kalahari (in Harmånger) was big. Machines all over. There are projects on handwork.

Every place we have gone around has projects. When you come together after the meeting you have coffee and tea.

I learnt a lot from women and every one.

Person 3:

Things that inspired me; the way the Swedish welcome visitors, welcome at refreeries and welkeeping of helpless people.

I would like also to appreciate the way you are committed in the diaconal work, comforting the bereaved and those who have their relatives sick.

Many projects of which we can even go and preach to people how those projects can be implemented, such as weaving, sewing etc.

Nothing bored me. Instead a warmth welcome and the stay was good to me.

Thank you so much. May God bless you and give you more years to come.