

DELTA DIARIES

Dear Praying Friends,

The following is a summary of our recent **Orokolo -Muro Fire Conference:**

Leaders from most local denominations met recently at the Muro Bible School for a powerful time of repentance, reconciliation, and to declare healing for the Ihu District.

At present nearly all Government services in Ihu have collapsed, but we stand with them in prayer to see these restored. We want to see schools that honour God and health services where the sick can receive medicine and prayer, both given with love.

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...Some weeks before the conference, Dr Lin had a dream in which she was transported through the air to Orokolo. She found herself walking along the beach and wondering why the Spirit had taken her there.

She tried to talk to a man but he did not respond. As she walked further she found a group cleaning out a traditional style house. As with all clean-ups, we keep what is good and throw out what is not good.

Dr Lin picked up a broom and started helping with the clean up, realizing that this was the reason God had taken her there...

We wish you could all have been with us for this Fire Conference. Pastor John, our Aussie engineer, who was with us, has no tears left and has a great smile!!



As usual they turned on a most impressive welcome with drama and dancing and youths running around with lighted bamboo torches singing 'Let the fire burn'.

Each night we showed a video: *End of the Spear*, *Lazarus Phenomenon*, Rhinehard Bonnke's *Into the War Zone*, *TB Joshua*, and *Mother Theresa*. Some gave their lives, others rededicated their lives, and others broke free from unforgiveness. Over 30 people gave their lives to Christ. All these people will be followed up by the village leaders and they have decided that when they are ready all the churches will join together for a big baptism.

Our days began at 5.30 am with dawn prayer, with teaching sessions at 9am, covering topics such as:

- Are we really standing on the Word of God or do we stand on the word when we feel like it?
- Where is the cross of Jesus in our life and how does it affect our every day living?
- 'Leadership qualities, traps and responsibilities', 'Redeeming our cultures (sorcery and death customs)'
- Deliverance ministry and living in the power of the Holy Spirit

There were a lot of discussion groups as the leaders applied the teachings to their own lives and village churches/situations...

...Some times this involved lots of laughter as they were able to laugh at many of their customary beliefs. In the evenings, after the video, everyone stayed to discuss it and always ended in deep repentance with lots of weeping and prayer (this was not programmed—it just flowed in the Holy Spirit).

The meetings were held at the Bible School, located between two villages. In the evenings there were at least three hundred people in attendance, and during the day, ranging from fifty to eighty.

Some had walked for two days from Vailala East, others came from Ihu and further along the coast. There were leaders from the Catholic Church, United Church, Reformed Revival (a local Pentecostal church), the Salvation Army, AOG, Four Square, and CMF.

On Saturday afternoon we met with the Pastors to get the feel of where we were going. All were in agreement: they wanted to make a public apology for back-stabbing one another as they wanted unity. They wanted to stand on 2 Chronicles 7:14 and repent on behalf of their people and intercede for a healing of the land.

We programmed this for Sunday afternoon.

They also agreed that the United Church would consider hosting a large reconciliation meeting for leaders from all church denominations (please do pray for this).

In the Sunday service, Meka used the illustration of a coconut and how we spend too much time caring for the body (the husk) and too little time for the spirit (the inner portion that produces new life).

He had many powerful testimonies of answered prayer and finished with Zechariah 4 'It's not by might; it's not by power, but by My Spirit'.

After that many shared dreams and messages until one of our key pastors started to weep, a deep weeping that brought everyone to their knees.

After the service, those who wanted ministry for deliverance from demonic activity and baptism of the Holy Spirit stayed back. About 25 were prayed for.

By 3pm everyone was back.

The Pastors had a beautiful time of reconciliation; they then led on to repenting for the sins of Ihu District and praying for healing of the land.

Three hours later the feast was ready, time to rejoice. And what a feast the village people had prepared!

After the feast the merriment continued with a concert, the people all full of Joy.



One woman was so full of joy and dancing around she fell out of a low window! One of the pastors checked out the window, and there she was, lying on the ground praising God!

We'd hoped to leave early on Monday morning for Kapuna, but not to be. We were asked to take a final devotion before we left and afterwards the Pastors were prophetically ministered to—the weeping continued, tears of joy, tears of challenge.

We finally left about 2pm! Pastor John has got most of this on video and we'll continue to pray until we see Transformations 4. You've all been a vital part in it; thanks so much for praying.

When we returned, Dr Lin had another dream: 'I was walking up a shallow muddy river with a very fast current, with trees on both sides. I realized I had got ahead of the rest of the group but kept on wading when I heard a noise behind me...

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'What I had thought were roots of trees in the water had turned into long brown snakes, coming out from the bank and thrashing around in the fast water which swept them down the river.

One after another they were carried away. I was worried they might attack the others behind me, so I turned and went back.

I found a man in the river. He was fully dressed and soaked, but smiling; he was so happy, like some one just out from the waters of baptism who knows he is free at last.

Love to you all, Barb-Colin-Lin-Shiana

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A great big thanks to all who have contributed recently to God's work here in the Delta.

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