

## Staff Update on their experiences at the Ugandan National Prayer Breakfast, October 2008

The AHI staff voted the three top leaders of our school to attend the National Prayer Breakfast last month.

AHI Project Manager, Nduala Hakim shared:

Hakim shared that he was able for the first time to meet very many important people in our country especially government leaders who are from fairly high classes and have much that he is able to copy from. Especially the guest speaker, a Nigerian who is a professor in USA – in all he spoke one thing that was so important and is going to help Hakim in his daily life plus other people around him.

“A house that is divided cannot stand for long, but one that is united will always stand forever.”

The most important thing in that statement is that in the whole world if we are divided we will never have peace. Peace will only come when we unite and put this quotation to practice at the place of work. AHI is a house so we should do everything it takes to remain 'One' in order to change this world.

Even when the President stood to speak, he said that Africans are not 'stupid', but their problem is their 'brain'.

It was totally a new and different thing for Hakim to be a part of the Prayer Breakfast. He met people that he had never dreamed that one day he would be with them, in the same place and share a meal with them. He is sure it was not 'his' plan but God's.

He wants to thank all of our AHI donors that he benefits much from - your support not only in terms of finances but also in life skills.

AHI Vocational School Principal, Kijjambu Jimmy wrote:

On the 8<sup>th</sup> October, 2008, the Parliamentary Prayer Fellowship organized the National Prayer Breakfast for the 10<sup>th</sup> time. We were among the blessed to attend it and had time to listen to great leaders of our nation and continent.

The theme of the Prayer Breakfast was 'Unity in Diversity'. Every one's advice about 'unity' was that people living together, we should remember that irrespective of our differences, we all have the same origin; that is God. So, we should find areas of common interests, then unite upon those, especially Jesus who is recognized by every single person on earth in different versions.

The only path to development lies in unity beginning from the smallest to the biggest; just as Singapore did. Also we must learn to avoid dependence because it leads to foreign control of the brain. Also when one is remotely controlled by his/her superior, one can never develop easily since it remains the role of the superior to develop him at his own discretion. In essence, we must avoid ideological dependence.

What came out outstandingly the most important was the idea of establishing values other than vices because lack of values automatically hurts the nation. Nationhood is a result of observation of values since they are commonly shared and owned by every stakeholder and they are all forced to work so hard in order to preserve them other than destroying them.

Values have their roots in widely acceptable morals and are like natural laws. For example the gravitation force, they become like the North principles or cardinal points of a compass. They never change direction, they normally face the same direction and when you break any of them there will always be consequences to suffer.

So living a life based on values other than vices will enable development to begin taking root even to the poorest families in our country.



AHI Deputy [Assistant] Principal and English Teacher, Saiti Benard wrote:

I was among the privileged to attend and listen to the leaders of the nation. I experienced a lot as the theme was 'Unity in Diversity'.

Every leader talked about unity, advising people in the nation to know that our irrespective of our differences we have the same origin and that is God. So, we should sort out areas of common interests then unite up on those – especially Jesus who is put first and recognized by every person in the world.

What was clearly understandable was the idea of establishing values other than vices because lack of values hurts the nation. In fellowship, we believe that values will fail the vices. Values to people are like natural guidelines or laws, they never change direction. Once you break any of the values you suffer the outcome. So, staying life-based or values other than vices lead to the development of every person on earth from the poorest or smallest to the biggest.