

Empowering Ministry through Mobility: Rev. Laban Nyambere

Rev. Laban Nyambere, a devoted servant of God in Mukitamo Parish, Mbuba Deanery, has always carried out his pastoral duties with deep commitment, despite the immense challenges posed by long distances and rough terrain. His ministry requires him to visit multiple congregations, provide spiritual guidance, and engage in community development initiatives. However, the lack of reliable transportation often left him exhausted, limiting his ability to serve effectively.

Everything changed during the Fifth Episcopal Synod of the Diocese of Kagera, when Rev. Nyambere was blessed with a brand-new motorcycle. This gift was more than just a vehicle—it was a tool that transformed his ministry, enabling him to reach even the most remote communities with renewed energy and efficiency. "For years, I have walked miles to reach my people. Sometimes, I would arrive too late to comfort a grieving family or encourage a struggling youth. But now, this motorcycle is not just carrying me—it is carrying the Gospel to every corner of my parish," said Rev. Nyambere, his voice filled with gratitude.



With the motorcycle, he could now conduct pastoral visits with ease, ensuring that no member of his congregation felt neglected. Whether it was visiting the sick, comforting bereaved families, or counseling those facing life's hardships, he was able to be present when he was needed most. His evangelistic efforts also saw a remarkable transformation, as he could now travel to distant villages to preach, conduct Bible studies, and encourage new believers without worrying about how he would get there. Beyond his spiritual responsibilities, the motorcycle enabled him to actively participate in community development programs. As a church leader, he plays a vital role in initiatives aimed at youth empowerment, education, and economic development. With improved mobility, he could now coordinate these programs more efficiently, strengthening the relationship between the church and the wider community.

Bishop of the Diocese of Kagera, Rt. Rev. Darlington Bendankeha, reflected on the importance of equipping clergy with the right tools for ministry: "The work of the Gospel should never be slowed down by lack of resources. When we empower our clergy with mobility, we are accelerating the spread of God's Word and strengthening the church's presence in our communities."

Rev. Nyambere's story is a powerful testimony of how strategic support can enhance ministry, strengthen evangelism, and deepen the church's impact. What once seemed like an overwhelming challenge has now turned into a testimony of transformation. As he rides through Mukitamo Parish, the hum of his motorcycle is more than just the sound of an engine—it is the sound of the Gospel reaching every soul, near and far.