



Life of the Federation

AFRICA

Kenya: Meeting of the CBF Coordinators in Nairobi

From February 11 to 18, 2004 a meeting of the CBF coordinators took place in Nairobi, Kenya. Nine of the subregional coordinators attended, as did the General Secretary of the CBF, Alexander M. Schweitzer, and the former coordinator of the subregion of Southern and Western Europe, Dr. Thomas Osborne, who was present as a resource person for the management seminar. During the first part of the meeting, the representative of the African region in the Executive Committee of the CBF, Archbishop Kaigama from Jos in Nigeria, was also present.



The first two days of the meeting were conceived as a management seminar. Besides the development and practice of fundamental techniques of project planning and execution, attention was especially paid to concrete aspects of management in the work of the coordinators of the regions and subregions. A general job description for CBF coordinators, as well as individual job descriptions specially tailored to the different realities of the individual regions and subregions, were also prepared. These clarifications will be helpful for the further concrete work of the Federation and for future generations of coordinators. But the discussion also provided an opportunity to deal in depth with the question of the CBF structures, especially its communication channels, as well as with that of the resources of the individual regions and subregions. The next two days stood under the motto "Encounter with the Local Church". The participants drove to Nanyuki, a city at the foot of Mt. Kenya, where they took part in a Bible Animation Day in the parish of Christ the King. Through reports from the various regions of the world that they represent the CBF coordinators were able to communicate to the approximately 3,000 participants how as Christians they are part of a great world-wide family. However, the members of the CBF were first of all on the receiving end of things and they were completely overcome by the African vibrancy and directness of style that made this celebration of the Word of God an unforgettable experience for them.

In the afternoon the group made a trip to the Benedictine community of "Our Lady of Mount Kenya", where among other things they offer a Bible track entitled "Bible on the

