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MALAWI—PART 3



Last month I wrote about the first part of my trip to Malawi. I'd like to tell you a little more about what God has been doing in this interesting part of Africa! Pastor Stephen and I drove to Bakala, a small town on the main road two hours outside of Blantyre, Malawi. There we turned onto a dirt road, passed a large Roman Catholic church and compound, and headed into the bush on our way to Chanthunya Village.

I first spoke in this village, back in 2015, to a group of mostly Muslims, a few Roman Catholics, and other non-Christians. A young evangelist, Paul Waluma, had been working in this area but had yet to see much fruit. I sensed I was venturing into the enemy's stronghold and had no idea what to expect! Would anyone come to hear me speak? Would we be chased from the meeting place? I was blessed to see over 200 people over-

flowing the room where I was to preach. After I spent an hour explaining the plan of God from Genesis to Revelation, 83 people stood to receive Christ as their Savior! This happened in the



presence of the Muslim imam, who was sitting on the floor next to me! Pastor Waluma later said to me, "RevC, do you realize that today is Friday, the Muslim holy day? You spoke during the time everyone should have been in the mosque praying, yet no one left. Today the mosque was empty and a church was birthed!" It was a great day! So, I had been looking forward to this return visit.

I returned on a Tuesday, a workday for many. The crowd was smaller but still overflowed the meeting room. A new Muslim imam, Moses Ntalika, is now in charge of the area and oversees 17 mosques.



He is standing in the doorway in the previous photo.



When we arrived, Paul had his youth choir begin singing praise to the Lord as people gathered. It did not take long for the room to fill, with people seated in the outside area as well!

This was just like my first visit! Several people raised their hands when Paul asked if any had heard me speak two years ago. When Paul





asked for the Christians to raise their hands, I was blessed to see many believers—the church was growing! He then asked how many were Muslim. A large number of

Muslims were there, both inside and outside the meeting place.

After a few introductions of area leaders and a time of praise and worship, I again shared a Word without compromise, comparing Jesus Christ to Mo-



hammed, Buddha, and Allah. I spoke about the love of God for mankind and His promises to those who trusted in Jesus Christ alone for their salvation. When I gave an invitation to receive Jesus, several people stood to their feet to publicly confess Christ. Stephen Tambuli, our



CTC director, later told me that there were more than 38 people who stood and prayed. That meant that over 130 people had come to faith

in Christ in our three days of meetings in Malawi.

After folks left, I spoke with Pastor Waluma concerning where the church was meeting. He shared that they previously had a temporary structure that was destroyed in a storm. The building we met in was also damaged from the same storm; I could see cracked walls and some damage to the trusses in the room where we held our meeting. Pastor Waluma and his wife, Beatrice, are pictured here. To the left in the photo, you can see the corner of the building where we

met. The makeshift church facility they were using was situated to the right of the present building. Pastor Paul



and Beatrice own all the land back to the tallest tree you see in the top right of the photo. They also own the damaged meeting place that is also used as a school for children. Their church, Evangelical Baptist Church, needs a permanent facility for their growing congregation. I would like to help build a church for these new believers like we did in Mbwana village (The Peanut Church). It will cost about \$10,000 to complete this project. Please pray about helping and earmark your gift "Baptist Church". Let's make a difference! This is where the story gets interesting!

On Wednesday, as Stephen Tambuli and I were driving to Dedza, he received a call from Pastor Waluma. Paul shared with Stephen that the Muslim imam, Moses Ntalika, had called him that morning. Their conversation went as follows: Moses asked Paul, "Paul, what

church does that missionary who spoke yesterday represent?" Paul replied, "He is a missionary and does not represent any particular church, just Jesus Christ." Moses replied, "Paul, I have not slept all night—that man's words kept me awake



as if he just continued preaching. I think Jesus is doing something in my life." Can you imagine the impact this man's conversion to Jesus Christ could have over this area and the people in the 17 mosques that he oversees! I'm asking you to join us in praying for his salvation and that God would give him the boldness to then stand up for Christ. Please pray & give to help us!

That morning before we left for Chanthunya Village, I had breakfast at the hotel. Normally I keep pretty much to myself when I travel, but that morning I noticed a black man sitting by himself. I felt led to ask if he would like some company. He asked what had brought me to Malawi, I shared a little of our story. He then told me he was there on business, representing the Clinton foundation doing humanitarian work in public health. He went on to share that his brother was a pastor in Mozambique, who moved in gifts of healing and deliverance. He asked for my contact information to share about the CTC program with his brother.

Pastor Samuel Mtaula, the gentleman's brother, contacted me by email the next day. He and Stephen have already set a time for Stephen to travel to Mozambique to explore the possibility of starting a new CTC program. Stephen had already made one trip into Mozambique in hope of doing exactly that but realized the language there is Portuguese. Our CTC curriculum has not yet been translated into that language. Pastor Mtaula has indicated that such a training program is greatly needed in Mozambique. He explained that he has people who could help us do the translation work as inexpensively as possible. Please pray with us that this open door will prove fruitful. Portuguese would open three new countries for CTC: Mozambique, Angola, and Brazil! I will finish the Malawi report next month along with some other exciting news I can't wait to share. Please do continue to help us both with project and personal support. As you read this we are in Ecuador & Vicky & I will also be teaching in Peru. You are always in my prayers for God's blessings to be upon vou. WE NEED YOU EVERY MONTH PLEASE HELP! TOGETHER WE'RE MAKING A DIFFERENCE!

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