

INDIGENOUS TRAINING MINISTRIES, INC. REVC'S NEWS & VIEWS by RevC January 2022 TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!! 2021 YEAR IN REVIEW



We have so much to be thankful for because we live in such a blessed country, one that even with its problems is nothing like many other places on this earth! Before I review what God has done in the previous 12 months, I want to share a bit of the current situation in Malawi as it affects 75 families:



Our Christian brothers and sisters, who live in a Muslim area, are going through a time of drought on top of their crops being destroyed by worms. What makes this situa-

tion even worse is that the Muslim clerics are offering food and provision for those who deny their faith in Christ and return to Islam, pointing out how they are left to themselves when Islam offers them food. This is taking place in an area where we helped three of our CTC grads build three new churches and finish two others. One of those was **Pastor John Kawalanga**



who has pioneered a work in a Muslim area near his home. For three months, he faithfully visited the area, sharing Christ with anyone who would listen. However, not one Muslim was willing to accept Jesus as their Savior. Then an influential Muslim woman became very ill. Though the family sought every possible means for her healing, nothing was helping. Facing the loss of her life,

someone in the family came to Pastor John and asked for him to come and pray for her. She was miraculously healed which opened the door for 20 Muslims to come to faith in Christ. The family was so grateful that they gave John land on which to build a Christian church. The photo to the left was where John had been meeting for church and holding literacy classes so people would eventually be able to read their Bible.



This photo is Pastor Kawalanga's new church building for which we provided the funding. I am sure that the enemy of our souls and the Muslim clerics are not at all happy with what has taken place.

I asked Pastor Stephen Tambuli what was needed to sustain the 75 Christian families. He responded, "The 75 Christian families will require grain food, maize (corn) and beans which will sustain them during the growing season (two months). \$62 per family will purchase a bag of maize and beans." I felt that many of us would want to do what we could to make a difference for the testimony of the Kingdom of God and our love for our brothers and sisters in Christ. It is hard enough for me to imagine eating corn and beans each meal for two months, but the alternatives for them are much worse. All together we are looking at \$4700 which includes transferring the money to Stephen in Malawi. If any of you wish to do some evangelistic outreach, there are 12 villages in this area with about 300 families, most of which are Muslim, facing the same need but with no knowledge of the true living God's love for them. Like the scripture says, "Truly, the fields are white to harvest!" Whatever your heart tells you to do, please do it as soon as possible and thank you for standing with us. Mark your gift "Feed the hungry" and I will see that 100% of this project support gets to Stephen. God bless you for your compassion and generosity. May it multiply back to you many times!

2021 REVIEW

We began 2021 having graduated **371** students in 2020, a record number for one year and that during **"the year of Covid."** We ended 2020 with **3877** total graduates that we know about. We will end 2021 with a total of **4117** graduates, an increase of **240** for 2021. We currently have **1417** students enrolled. PTL!!!!

I began **January** with an operation on my right shoulder. I'm happy to report I am doing much better! I was amazed how quickly one can lose the benefit of having been on a somewhat rigorous exercise program prior to the surgery. Having a young child in the house, I wanted to get myself in better physical shape. My effort was helping until I evidently overdid it. All that progress vanished over the few weeks that I was sidelined surrounding the shoulder operation. Spiritual fitness is much the same. We grow stronger as we faithfully give ourselves daily to a steady pace of prayer and scripture study that allows us to exercise and use what we learn. Trying to lift too much weight when you are not equipped to do so will only lead to injury. Trying to fight spiritual battles when we have not equipped ourselves to do so will only reveal our lack of preparedness. Jesus said that when we see certain things take place on the earth, they would only be "the beginning of sorrows." I think that time is closer than most of us want to believe. I fear that the battles we are going to face in the near future will be overwhelming if we are not prepared to do battle spiritually. Now is the time to ready ourselves for what is ahead. If we wait much longer or think others will do the heavy lifting for us, we may be too late. Be encouraged to give yourself to daily spiritual exercise at a pace you can maintain long term. There are difficult times ahead.

In **February**, we raised **\$6500** to help fund the three secret CTC locations in Vietnam and another **\$20,000** to help move Pastor Samuel's church project forward in Mozambique. We provided a motorcycle for Pastor Sethi as he works among the Pygmies in Burundi. We also helped Pastor Victor Ikechukwu raise \$1500 through Countryside Christian Center for his wife's medical expenses. She had a tumor removed that weighed as much as three newborn babies. I am scheduled to be with them for a week in January as we open a new CTC program in his church in Lagos, Nigeria.

In March and April, I challenged you to help build

two new churches. The first church was for Pastor Dennis Chaima. Although he is a seasoned pastor, he and several members wanted to attend CTC



and house the CTC program in his church which was destroyed in a storm. The second was for Pastor Stafford Sato who is a CTC graduate and will house a CTC program in his new church building.

Between March and April, \$11,324 came in for Pastor

Chaima's church, leaving **\$8,676** to finish both buildings. In **May**, I reported that the additional funds had come in and both churches were now under construction. Also, the roof was finally delivered to the church we were building for Pastor Francis in the Zamba district. Unfortunately, our pickup



truck now needed repair work as it was hauling materials for which it was not equipped.

In **June**, I reported on three of our CTC graduates who have pioneered five congregations: Pastor Raphael Muwa in Kabwele village of the Zomba district, Pastor John Kawalanga in Chinseu village, a Muslim area, and Pastor Geofry Madalisto. Pastor Geofry has three congregations and needs one full building and the finish of two others. Approximately **\$40,000** would be needed



for these five buildings.

In **July**, we shared some of the amazing things God has done around the world! We graduated 4001 students when two groups in the communist country of Nicaragua completed their CTC program. Pastor Alfredo Martinez oversees ten CTC programs and needs

our prayers for God's protection for him and the students answering the call of God.

We also partnered with MVI and CMA to provide motorcycles for ten pastors in six different countries in Africa. Just two months after receiving their cycles, they together reported **393** first time decisions for Christ. Lastly, one of our partners responded to God's leading when she learned of our need of **\$40,000** to build or complete five church buildings. She wrote a check for the entire amount! God knows your needs and wants to show Himself strong on your behalf. PTL!

In the **August** newsletter, I took you on a walk down memory lane to help you understand how God had us involved in building elementary schools in China, a CTC facility in the Philippines, a church for a CTC graduate in the Philippines, and then the "Peanut Church" in Malawi. This led to God asking me to help build nine churches. Five of these churches would be in the Philippines and the rest in Africa, three in Malawi and one in Mozambique. It seems apparent to me

that God wants us to remain ready to help CTC graduates who pioneer congregations and get title to land to have a church building that can also serve as a CTC facility. To do so would require the purchase



of a 3-ton flatbed truck at a cost of **\$16,000** to carry building supplies where our graduates are establishing churches.

In **September**, I reported on my family being robbed of four suitcases by professional thieves as we made our way from the airport to Portoviejo, Ecuador. Despite the challenges that brought, we still managed to open a new CTC program in the El Rosario district of Manabi, a mountainous area 90 minutes outside of Portoviejo.

October shared a church growth update on what took place in the nine churches we have completed so far in Malawi. Each congregation has grown and continues to do so. Our investments are multiplying exactly as we have prayed. TY Jesus!

November was about God's **"Miraculous Supply"** of the funds to finish paying the **\$16,000** for the 3-ton truck and **\$14,000** to finish a building for one of our first CTC graduates in Tanzania, Pastor Zephania Mabuba. Pastor Zephania just recently graduated 17 CTC students from his own CTC program. Plus a second building was for Pastor Sethi Munenwa in Kalemi village within the Uvira District of the D.R. of Congo. He has a congregation of 65 people, including converts from Islam as well as Wambuti Pygmies. If you have not read the November newsletter, I encourage you to go to our website **www.revc.org** where you can find it under the sample newsletter tab. It will encourage your faith!

In **December**, I reported on Pastors Moses and Grace Chitkuta who pastor in Dedza, Malawi. They recently graduated their first six students and are expanding their CTC program into new areas. I also reported on Dr. George Kurenji, our CTC director in several countries in Africa, who graduated 31 students in Tanzania.

I closed the report with my plans to travel to Ecuador in December to preach and graduate 45 students. I was forced to cancel my trip due to Covid restrictions and will reschedule as soon as the restrictions are lifted. Please pray with me as I have purchased my Delta tickets for a trip in January to Nigeria where I will stay for two weeks and start two new CTC groups in two different areas there. I am also scheduled to travel to Lomé, Togo, in March to start another new CTC location. God please help us to do so!

Thank you for responding again and again as God challenges us to exercise faith. Without your obedience little would be accomplished. We love and appreciate each of you. We did so much this past year in our ministry to projects for which we are sincerely grateful to you and the Lord for His provision. Please continue to stand with us! There is much more to do! Know that you continue in our prayers and that I am asking God to multiply back to you as you give; blessing all of us to be a blessing! Lets be about our Father's work while there is time to do so. May God bless and keep you, make His face to shine upon you and give you peace! **TOGETHER WE'RE MAKING A DIFFERENCE!**

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