

INDIGENOUS TRAINING MINISTRIES, INC. REVC'S NEWS & VIEWS by RevC August 2023 TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!! MALAWI Part 1



Malawi is the third poorest country in the WORLD per capita GDP. People try to survive on an average of \$2.33 per day. I was eagerly anticipating this trip to Malawi as we are investing heavily there. I wanted to do some evangelism for our CTC graduates who have pioneered churches and God did not disappoint!

Rev. Stephen Tambuli and I have some definite thoughts on how we can play a significant role in the evangelizing of Malawi. What we are doing through the CTC program is a key part of that vision. We are multiplying the number of trained pastors, then helping those who go into unreached areas and pioneer churches to have a proper building and the tools to train others. One hinderance so far is that the CTC program is not yet in Chichewa, the native language for Malawi and much of Mozambique.

We now have six graduates who are fluent in both English and Chichewa. I brought on this trip **six laptops** so these men could work with Stephen and translate the CTC curriculum. Having it in Chichewa will open many new avenues to expand the CTC program and evangelize Malawi. God has given us the opportunity to play a significant role in evangelizing an entire country! We are privileged to be a part of this mighty move of God! Please pray with us for provision and open doors for the gospel.

Stephen Tambuli had wanted me for some time to return and evangelize in areas where we have CTC graduates working. Even though I don't see myself as a preacher or evangelist, I do want to see people get saved and always try to finish any message I give with the opportunity to receive Christ. I know that when something positive comes from my efforts, it is God's doing not mine. He alone deserves praise and glory! On this trip, I was hungry to see people get saved and knew in advance that I was to do some evangelistic work. I wrote out a message I felt God had put on my heart, one that I hoped He could use. Over the next few days, we would see almost 100 first time decisions for Christ! PTL!!!!!!

**Day one** of ministry was a graduation ceremony in the bush for seven of our CTC students. It had been a while since I had bounced around inside Stephen's truck and this day was only a foretaste of what was to come. When Stephen said we were going into the bush, he wasn't kidding! We went to the village of Moto to visit the young

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pastor, John Kawalanga, and see the church building that we provided. He has done what I hope all the graduates will do and that is to multiply! He has pioneered a church and taken seven others through the CTC

program. The graduates were now ready to go out and do the same. The church followed the same design of other churches we have built across Malawi a 60'x 30' fired brick building with cement floor and sheet



metal roof. This location was beautiful with mountains in the background. PTL!

After Pastor John opened the service, the believers began their time of praise and worship.

They had speakers and a microphone, probably powered through a small generator since most places in the bush don't have electrical power! They didn't need any accompaniment because their singing alone was full of joy and was music in itself! They certainly knew how to celebrate Jesus as I was often the only one barely moving.

Shortly after the time of singing, I shared the evangelistic message I had prepared just in case someone was there without the assurance of Jesus. These were all members of the church and followers of Christ. After the message, we presented the seven students with their diplomas then all went outside to take a group photo. Stephen also took a closeup photo of Pastor John, his wife, and me in front of the congregation.

Although it was a Monday and normal workday for most people, a couple of the **local female chiefs** were present. I



suspect they also were believers. As we went back inside, music was playing through the speakers. Almost immedi-



ately, the two chiefs got up and started dancing side by side. I sat there thinking to myself, "How often in life would I have the chance to dance before the Lord with two chiefs?" This was an opportunity I could not pass up! For a few moments, it was just a threesome. Then others joined in, and it was another one of God's special memories He has given me.

Please pray for these young pastors, their wives, those translating CTC, and our vision for Malawi.



**Day two** started out just fine. We were headed to Bishop James Pukutani's church dedication in Makwete village. The church was almost finished, lacking only a few sheets of roofing and the cement floor. We drove to a metal sup-



ply place in Blantyre to load the truck with the needed sheets. As we were driving along the highway, Stephen suddenly pulled to the edge of the road because the engine was overheating. There was water dripping from under the truck, seemingly coming from the escape noz-

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pushing bicycles loaded with things to sell. We needed someone with water! A young man (likely an angel in disguise) approached us going the other way on a bicycle.



Note: They drive on the left side of the road! When Stephen asked him for help, he turned and went back from where he came. About 30 minutes later, he returned with a gallon of clean water. We were able to fill the radiator and return to our journey.

God's provision in the middle of nowhere!

Thank you for standing with us and for your prayers on behalf of those we are training and who are ministering in so many different places around the world. Certainly, God is our provision and He blesses us in many ways and when financially it most often comes through you! June was the most challenging month we have experienced in over 5 years. Fortunately, there are also times of excess when we try to lay up for difficult times. Please remember that we count on you monthly to stand with us. We can't give what we don't receive! We count on God's blessing to rest on your lives and on ours as well so that together we can be a blessing. We are praying and believing for God to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we could ask or think possible. We pray He will <u>multiply</u> back to you!!! **TOGETHER WE ARE MAKING A DIFFERENCE!!** 

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