

INDIGENOUS TRAINING MINISTRIES, INC. REVC'S NEWS & VIEWS by RevC November 2023 TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!! Malawi: Day 4 & Day 5



We set out in the flatbed truck to visit CTC graduate Pastor Nickson Mbalanguzi in Ngwalu village. Our truck carried 100 bags of mealy meal, food sufficient to feed many families for one month. I was to share the evangelistic message and then distribute the bags of food to those families in need. There were no problems with the truck other than the normal beating that you take being inside the cramped cab with three adult males traversing the washed-out dirt roads leading into the bush. After our trip Wednesday, I was already feeling like someone had beaten me with a baseball bat. Stephen says it is part of the price for salvations but certainly doesn't begin to compare to the sufferings of



Christ!

When we arrived, I was surprised to see a whitewashed church structure. This building, about the size of the ones we have constructed, had been built by another group

and the church didn't have a pastor until Nickson and his wife came to shepherd them. The people had gathered near a large tree which offered them some shade. Another brush arbor structure covered the local chiefs and chairs for the three of us. We unloaded the truck and piled all the food bags near where the people sat.

Once everything was unloaded, the people settled down and I gave the same message I had been sharing on each opportunity. The truth never changes but it changes people!



Everyone was very attentive and even the small children sat quietly on the ground and listened. I even tried to act out parts of the garden story which they seemed to truly enjoy. There is something about standing before people who have gathered in desperation that makes me desperate to see them come to faith in

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Jesus. The message was the same as the day before when God's anointing was so powerful. I hungered to experience that same feeling again to-

day, but it was not to be. I was faithful to my calling and God added more than 30 of those pictured here to His Kingdom. Again, angels were re-



joicing, and I was blessed to be used regardless of how it felt. The Word of God never returns void—it accomplishes what it was sent to do!

Next, we distributed food that was made possible by those who contributed to our "Feed the Hungry" account. If you would like to be part of this outreach,

simply mark your project gift "Hungry." Pastor Nickson spoke to the people, prayed over them, and dismissed them to their homes. Some had walked a great distance to get help and now would be carry-





ing 44 pounds of meal on their heads all the way back home!

To my surprise, Pastor Nickson had encouraged the people to bring an offering for the visitors.

This time there were three live chickens, a bucket of



beans and of vegetables, eggs, bread, and two beautiful pieces of cloth that I kept for Vicky. The rest went to Stephen except for a chicken that Howard took home. The people presenting the gifts sang and danced

with great joy in what they were able to give in appreciation for what God had done. It was another wonderful day in the Lord!

On the way home, we stopped along the way so Howard could purchase some mice on a stick. Yes, **MICE** on a stick. Howard said they are ready to eat right off the stick and naturally offered me some. My **"no**



thanks" was an easy decision on my part. He stated that he normally warms them up in a skillet with a little oil. Less than \$2 a stick! What a deal!

DAY 5

Stephen had originally set aside this day as a day of rest for me, thinking that I would be tired after all the drives in and out of the bush and preaching. I knew I would have a couple of days in Johannesburg before flying home so I told him to plan another ministry where we could do evangelism.

We left Blantyre for Jali to visit Pastor Madalitso Geoffrey, another of our CTC graduates, and his congregation. A well-attended group of city folk greeted us upon our arrival. Because this church is located near a main road and town, the people **generally** have more common luxuries such as electricity and a nearby source of water. Most all of them had walked or ridden bicycles to get to the church as there were no other vehicles parked there. They were none the less just as joyful in their praise to the Lord and happy to have a visitor from the USA coming to share.

After the time of praise and worship, it was my time to



speak. Again, I delivered the same evangelistic message as on the other days. I had prayed that this would also be a day of salvation and once again God did not disappoint me. There

were 10 people who stood to make first time decisions

for Jesus, bringing our total of salvations for this week to almost **100**. This photo shows the congregation and Pastor and his wife. We left them with grateful hearts





full of joy over all that God had done on this trip, especially the new souls that were added to the Kingdom of our Lord. Thank you for helping to make it all possible!

Much has taken place since I made this trip. My mother of 98 has gone to Texas to spend the rest of her days with my brother Bill and his wife Norma. We gave up one of our board of directors and added 4 new ones. In August I had surgery on my left shoulder that was much more than expected. I have not been able to travel internationally largely due to the surgery. Our tax expert has encouraged us to make some changes in how we do giving to ITM. I will share more on that next month.

We are looking forward to all that God has for us in 2024. Please consider investing with us in training Christian leaders, providing new congregations a church building, feeding hungry people, and bringing new believers to Jesus. We do our best to invest where we expect to see fruit abound to the Glory of God! We ask God to multiply your gifts back to you many times over! Please remember the building we need for Pastor Andrew's new congregation. We still need \$9200! PTL **TOGETHER WE'RE MAKING A DIFFERENCE!!**

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