



## **Malawi Quarterly report**

### **Missionary visit to Nchalo**

On the 24<sup>th</sup> October we travelled on missionary visit to Nchalo a small town surrounded by Tea Estate in Chikwawa district where bro Dancan Martin our pastor in Nsanje visited in early October to share the gospel to a past acquaintance namely bro Thomas. We were welcomed by bro Thomas and Pastor Lanjisi at our Lodge.

On the 25<sup>th</sup> October Sunday morning we left the Lodge for Thomu village at pastor Lanjisi's residence. After exchanging greetings we went for service at a local school where they rent a classroom. We were 22 in attendance including 3 from Ndirande village where pastor Thomas is pastoring. The topic that morning was "Common Faith and common salvation" reading from Titus 1vs4, Jude3 and Rev 14vs6-7. The preaching brought out that through common faith, we receive common salvation by believing the old-time everlasting common gospel which is heavenly designed for all mankind. Soon an alter call was made and a good prayer session ensued. The sick came forward to be prayed for.

After the service we went for a business meeting, where lunch was saved and after quiet good deliberation and question time, the group was welcomed into the apostolic faith Mission family. They were happy to hear of special meetings coming up in December.

### **Nsanje special meetings**

On the early morning of the 11<sup>th</sup> December, most of our brethren trickled to Nsanje district for year end special meetings scheduled to conclude on the 13<sup>th</sup> December 2020. We had 7 from Marka, 6 from Blantyre, 30 from Nthondo village, 23 from Nsanje church and we had leadership from the new branches in Nchalo area, where 3 arrived from Thomu village and 2 from Ndirande village.

We had our opening service on the Friday at 5pm by brother Hopeson Shuga, taken from Numbers 14vs22-25. The message brought out that we must be the Joshua and Caleb of our times. We must have faith in God and not be fearful owing to challenges around us or doubt God's ability to sustain and keep us in any circumstances. In no time the alter was full and a fervent prayer session followed.

On the 12<sup>th</sup> December, at 9am we had a workers conference on the subject "Leadership" from the ministers manual. Opening with 2Timothy 2vs6 which says "The husbandman that laboreth must be first partaker of the fruits" which means we must be exemplary to our people. The first Bible they read is our lives before they hear us preach. In all what we want our followers to be we must be an example to them. The teaching taught us that our main business was "Leading men to God" and that true Christianity is not a profession but being practical and exemplary to others. We must live a practical spiritual life that demonstrate the life of Jesus Christ otherwise anything less to that is empty, powerless and not effective.

Afterwards we looked at the status of Malawi work. We have three regions in Malawi namely Southern, Central and Northern, with 28 districts. In southern district we have the gospel light in three districts out of 13 that is Blantyre, Chikwawa and Nsanje districts. In Central region we have the gospel light in Lilongwe district only out of 9 districts while in the northern region's 6 districts there is no gospel light yet. Since 1959 when Rev Vareira arrived in Nsanje so much was done to spread the gospel in southern region, an effort was done for central region while Northern region will need our much attention. We were encouraged to pray earnestly to ensure we take up that responsibility to visit and spread the gospel of the Kingdom of God in all that area in our life time God willing. Many hearts were stirred and heavily touched by facts on the ground.

After lunch we had an evangelistic service by brother Last Mateyu on "You must be born again" taken from John 3vs 1-5 "Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the Kingdom of God". The preaching brought about that without being born again one can not live an overcoming life in this present world. The altar was filled up quickly and a good prayer session was the case.

At 4pm we had round table and training of Sunday school workers, while at 6.30pm we joined the Virtual concert in Zimbabwe virtual camp meeting. Ministers and workers enjoyed the concert. After the concert we had a board meeting.

On the 13<sup>th</sup> December, we had Sunday school sessions at 9am with bro Hopeson Shuga taking the Search curriculum while bro Last Mateyu took the young adults class, we did not have answer class and primary palls.

We had about 15 visitors with three local ministers from different churches, one of them came with his family and the congregation. They heard of the revival and decided to come. Two of the ministers were with us in last September meetings while the one who came with the church was coming for the first time. The subject for devotional was "Trust and Obey" taken from text Deut 11vs26-28, 1 Samuel 15vs1-9 and 22. "Behold, I set before you this day a blessing and a curse; A blessing if you obey the commandments of the Lord your God, which I command you this day: And a curse, if you will not obey the commandments of the Lord your God," The preaching brought about that Saul did not do all what God instructed him to do Amalek. He was instructed to utterly destroy all but instead he spared Agag and the best of the sheep and all that was good and would not utterly destroy them. And it was asked have you destroyed all sins, all that which is evil in your life? "What meaneth then this bleating of the sheep in mine ears, and the lowing of the oxen which I hear" Bring that Agag behind you to the altar and there was a rush and much prayers for a good session. God touched many hearts including the pastor who came with his congregation who came to tell of his blessings from the service and requested to meet us in our next visit to say what is in his heart. He promised to always come through. God was at work in our midst.

The camp was filled with joy and excitement. After lunch we left for Blantyre. We thank God for enabling us to hold this end of year special meetings in 2020 pandemic year. We pray and hope that God will grant us grace and relief by taking away COVID19 to enable us get back to normal.

**In Pictures: visit to Nchalo new branch with Pastor Lanjisi and pastor Thomas and their wives and the congregation in Thomu village, The new rented worship centre in Lunzu Blantyre, Nsanje Special meeting welcoming ministers and their spouses, In the service, part of congregation and alter session. Picture after service, ministers and part of congregation outside.**



