

## Malawi Report

We thank God for His divine care under circumstances prevailing in the world today. The effects of the third version of Covid 19 brought in new strict health guidelines that compelled us to curtail gatherings in the temple for first three weeks except for Sundays only. All other programs were scheduled to whats-app meetings and Facebook platform. Our members would gather in small numbers in home cells and we would link through whats-app for services and bible study during the week days. Those who do not have whats-app would be encouraged to go and be at residence of a family that does have the whats-app facility. This cheap method allowed us to continue with congregating and have services .

## **Easter Meetings**

Easter Meetings were held in respective branches. We had two ministers who travelled to Nsanje and Nchalo . Bro Chris from Blantyre and Pastor Madi from Marka team up to be with the church in Nsanje while Bro Last Mateyu travelled to Nchalo branch to assist Pastor Lanjisi. There was much joy and excitement as we gathered hearing of the suffering that Christ went through to enable us enjoy this wonderful gospel . All preaching centered on atonement and the Lord visited the alter services , 3 were saved in Nsanje while many received blessings in Nchalo and other centers like Nthondo, Nyanga and Blantyre.

## Passing on of Pastor Luke Banda.



On the 11<sup>th</sup> August 2021 evening our Pastor and board-member Rev Luke Banda of Lilongwe passed on to glory. God graciously provided all necessary to enable the family and the church provide a dignified burial. He lived in Lilongwe for more than thirty years. We pray to visit Lilongwe with a revival God willing latter on.

In the month of July we had the passing on of the first Overseer of The Apostolic Faith Church in Malawi, Rev Webster Vareira. Pastor Luke Banda was the secretary treasure in Rev Vareira's administration team for many years until recently when brother Luke was appointed a board member in the new set up.



## Nsanje 2021 Revival

Just immediately after returning from Lilongwe funeral, we all trickled to Nsanje district for a national revival according to our year program. Revival started on the 19<sup>th</sup> August to end on the 22<sup>nd</sup> August , 2021 on a Sunday. We had eight from Blantyre, twelve from Nthondo, seven from Nchalo, six from Marka, eight from Nyanga and eighteen from Nsanje locals. The highest attendance was 65 . Our main focus was on development, hence we had two mornings on conference meetings with Youth services in the afternoon and Revival services in the evenings. We shared on Devotions and Prayer Life, Behaviour of a Minister, What and how to preach and Handling of finances and a women meeting which was handled by sister Ellen Mateyu. We had a good number of youth and visitors in attendance during afternoon and evening programs. We hired a hall for services and two class rooms for accommodation. Each branch handled its own catering to ensure all were covered.

The campers were encouraged to spend good time on the alter in all our services to seek spiritual experiences and pick blessings. And soon there was much joy on many faces as the Lord touched many on the alter of prayer. On the Saturday evening we had more musical items and many testimonies with a short but hot revival service. Those who remained behind in big cities joined us through Facebook services.

On the final day Sunday, the program started at 9am with sister Maisa and brother Madison taking up the primary class, sister Ellen Mateyu took the English class while brother Hopeson Shuga took the vernacular class in chewa. The title was "**On the Alert**". The congregation followed with contributions and questions in the process. This was followed by a devotional service on "**Entire Sanctification**" the second work of grace to cleans one's heart of the inward sin,"Adamic nature". The text used was John 17 verse 17 to 21"**Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth/Neither pray I for these alone but for them also which shall believe on me through their word**" As we were encouraged that Jesus prayed for our sanctification as long as we believe the word, soon there was a rush to the alter and a good long prayer session ensued where God showered many spiritual blessings.

## Conclusion

It is refreshing and encouraging to note that the Spirit of the Lord Jesus Christ was in the Revival meetings and God saved 12 souls, healed 7 from various ailments and showered many other spiritual blessings. We went for lunch and joyfully dispersed to our relevant stations bubbling with blessings.

We received reports that all went well and many are thankful of the Revival that happened under Covid 19 pandemic environment. God of Heaven gave the victory. Thank you for your prayers.

Yours in His service Chris M. Nkhata District Superintendent- Malawi work The Apostolic Faith Church

# Report in pictures















