



Malawi Status Report.

Sister Josephine and I had the privilege of visiting Zambia and Mozambique camp meetings to welcome Leadership and fellowship. It was indeed a wonderful historical experience.

In between our visits to these two countries we had the 2023 Passover meetings in Lunzu Blantyre which were scheduled to start on the 6th April, Thursday evening to 9th April Sunday. Rev Bexter Sitma who is our central region Overseer and board member opened the meetings with preaching on “Jesus paid it all”. On the 7th April Friday morning, 75 of our Members travelling on an open truck arrived with our southern region overseer Rev Gentie and wife Gertrude. He explained that many more were left behind stranded owing to transport challenges. Three services were held on Friday, Saturday except Sunday and God showed up on the alters to bless His people.

We left the wonderful Zambia camp on Friday 7th April early morning and arrived in Lunzu Blantyre by midnight ready by God’s grace to join the Joy of Passover meetings. By Saturday morning, all available seats were taken. Amongst those who attended was the group head Ntema Village Mrs. Ntema and other community people. All preaching was on atonement. The Lord’s approval and His presence was strongly felt in the services as we preyed on the altar. On Sunday we had Sunday school classes for primary outside and senior and junior combined in the main church. Bro Last Mateyu handled the lesson. For devotional service we had the main choir singing “When I See the Blood” and Bro Hopeson Shuga lead the congregational song “What Can Wash Away My Sin?” The title for devotional service was “Resurrection: the Hope of Christians” taken from John 11:17-25, including, “I am the resurrection and Life.”





Passover congregation



Ministers

Arise to righteousness, take away the stone from your heart and come out and live. Soon, the alter was opened and a wonderful prayer session followed and the Lord showered some blessings to seekers.

The following results were reported:

● Born Again	8
● Sanctified	5
● Baptized with the Holy Ghost	6
● Healed from various ailments	13
● Revived and Blessed	31

Indeed, the presence of the Lord Jesus was in our midst to save, heal, and revive many hearts. After a special lunch, the church dispersed joyfully to their respective stations.

Special visits to Branch churches in southern Region from 5th to 8th May 2023

Mkuche Branch

Our first stop over was at Mkuche branch . Pastor David Brighton and the church were under the late Rev Vareira in the past. He welcomed us and greeted our team which included Josephine and I, Rev Gentie and his wife, Rev Brand Sande, Rev Madi a board member, Pastor Nyaluso, his wife, and the Nyakamela congregation. The purpose of our visit was to welcome the branch church into the worldwide Apostolic Faith church family.

Immediately after greetings, we went into a meeting to receive the 38 members. We explained to the branch leadership on administrative issues and leadership set up. Pastor David was very happy and disclosed that there were also some more branches in the area who heard their stand and were keen to do likewise. The congregation at Mkuche requested to welcome Mrs Josephine Nkhata and soon we saw a goat, chickens, and much gardening produce coming forward. There was much singing and celebration in the village.

At 3pm we had a service. Pastor Nyaluso led the chorus "The Love of Jesus Is Wonderful" and also led the congregational song "Jesus What a Friend." Pastor Sande took the opening prayer. The Word was taken from 1 John 3:8- 9, and the title was "What Has Sin to do with a Christian?" Soon the alter was

open and a rush followed with much prayers. A meal was served and towards sunset we started driving back to base.



The meeting at Mkuche



Service

Nthondo Branch

The team arrived in mountainous Nthondo branch around 10am, and we were received by Pastor Maluwa and the church. Pastor Nyaluso and his wife also arrived from Nyakamela. Our purpose for the visit was to welcome a group under Bro Yosefe Marich from Mitete. Bro Yosefe will be working under Pastor Maluwa since his business projects are in both Malawi and Mozambique.

At 11:30am, we went into a revival service with about 65 in attendance. Pastor Nyaluso lead the choruses "Only Jesus" and "Reach Out and Touch the Lord." Bro Hopeson led the congregation song "Pass Me Not O Gentle Saviour" while Pastor Sande led the opening prayer. Pastor Maluwa greeted the team and announced the day revival program. The word was taken from 1 John 3:1-9 with the title 'Sin Forbidden.' The preaching touched on the overcoming life of a born-again Christian. Soon the altar was full and a good prayer session followed.

We went for lunch and came back for another revival service at 2pm which was taken by Pastor Gentie the Southern region Overseer. He took his text from Mathew 4:16, "The people which set in darkness saw great light." There were people outside the prayer center listening to preaching. Soon the altar was open and good prayer session followed. Six people came forward to be prayed for. We left Nthondo village excited and bubbling with the kingdom joy as we drove out while they sang "Go well, may God look after you," waving their hands.



Nthondo welcome at Mission house



Worship center service

Chitsa branch

Sunday 7th May saw us in Chitsa branch which is the southern region headquarters. Pastor Gentie and his wife Gertrude accompanied by Rev Flex Lino Alfandica, Overseer in Morrumbala District in Mozambique, with the company of two other families, welcomed us. We went into prayer session and afterward had Sunday school classes. Bro Hopeson Shuga handled the combined senior and junior class while some sisters went outside with the primary class. At 10:30 we had a devotional service, the title was "Sanctification," and the Scripture was taken from 1 Thessalonians 4:3 and John 17:17-23. After a junior choir rendering a beautiful song, "If You Meet Jesus Your Life Will Never Be the Same," Pastor Silver led the congregational song "Pass Me Not O Gentle Saviour" and Rev Alfandica prayed. Pastor Gentie handled announcements and greeted us all. The preaching encouraged us to ensure we are sanctified and living a holy life. Soon the altar was opened and we had a wonderful prayer time. My wife Josephine Nkhata was asked to come forward for a special welcome in Malawi. She was showered with gifts from sisters in Chitsa and those from Mozambique. We saw ducks, chickens, and garden products given. There was joy and a celebration mood on many faces here as well.

Mrs J Nkhata welcome.



Church in Chitsa



Junior Choir



After lunch we came back for Evangelical service at 2pm, which was handled by Rev Flex Lino Alfandica from Mozambique. The choir sang "When I See the Blood." Bro Silver led the congregation song "Just Lean Upon," and Bro Lovemore prayed. After announcements from Rev Gentie, Rev Madi sang the special song "The Two Men from Emaus." Bro Flex took his Scripture from Mathew 6:33, "But seek ye first the Kingdom of God." He encouraged on ensuring one is born again, and soon there was a rush to the altar. God visited the altar and blessed His children.

Mbenje Village

On Monday of the 8th May, we proceeded to Mbenje Village where five pastors gathered with some of their elders to be welcomed into the Apostolic Faith Church of Portland Oregon. They expressed their desire in February through our district pastor Rev Brand Sande. We gathered in a grass-thatched church building with ladies and youth seated on the floor. We first held a meeting where Rev Sande introduced our team while Pastor James introduced other ministers present and elders. I then took time to welcome them and shared on few administrative matters and brief history of Apostolic Faith work since many of them know Apostolic faith church in Malawi well through the late Rev Vareira. We distributed *Highways* and tracts in Chewa. There was a joyful mood in the church and appreciation that we finally came.



Rev Madi, Chris, Rev Gentie being led to church The congregation and elders present



In church for the meeting .



The team and ministers received

A service followed. Sister Tinenenji Shuga led choruses and there was wonderful heart singing. Bro Hopeson led the congregation song "Since Jesus Came into My Heart" while bro Gentie led the opening prayer. Bro Madi took his guitar and sang a special song that attracted more villagers to rush into the church. The Scripture was taken from 2 Corinthians 5:17, "Therefore if any men be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold all things are become new." The title was "Who Is a Christian?" The congregation present was receptive to the word, responding with loud amens, and soon we all fell on our knees praying.

Lunch was served and faces were beaming with joy as we enjoyed fellowship. We had time to appoint workers for the district center branch in Nsanje. Pastor Brand Sande came with the congregation and proposed workers to be prayed for: an assistant minister and a deacon to assist work in the branch.

We thank God for His great grace and blessings during this busy, long weekend as we went around visiting branch churches in the Southern region. We came back more revived and pray God to grant them grace to come to the scheduled Malawi camp meeting from 30th July to 6th August 2023, God willing. Your prayers are requested.

Yours in His service,

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