

As we experience colder days, and increasingly dark ones, we are looking forward to celebrating Christmas with loved ones, the arrival of the Light of the World. It's difficult for us to even imagine how differently other parts of the world regard the same season. In Malawi the past few months have been overly hot and dry. Everyone there has been eagerly anticipating the arrival of the rains, providing some relief from the high temperatures. Jesus is rightly seen as the water of life.

The hope at this time is for heavy rain that will allow planting to begin. For the great majority of the planting seasons this century conditions have proved to be very difficult for Malawians to grow sufficient food to meet their needs. This past year has been no different. Once again through your generosity SaltMalawi has been able to make substantial donations to the church allowing her to buy food to help the most in need in their communities face the time of hunger that has now arrived.



Children in the village of Lipu in Chikwawa Distict October 2020



In particular, care is offered to those who are orphans. Chimwemwe ("Joy") and Miya ("Give Thanks") are two such children who have received help over many years. They are pictured here (left) with Chimwemwe's grandmother.

Chisomo ("Grace") is nearly 7 months old. Her mother died in childbirth in May. We are thankful that it has been



possible for SaltMalawi to enable her family care for the baby throughout these most difficult months.



It has also been encouraging to witness how the Church of the Disciples of Jesus, across both Malawi and Mozambique, has continued to grow in maturity and in numbers during the past 12 months. As part of our support of these churches SaltMalawi has helped to provide discipleship training ...

... and materials to assist 4 local

churches to complete their construction of church buildings in more remote areas of the countries.



The new church building in the village of Mdzole in Lilongwe District in November 2020

There is so much else to report that is largely unseen. Days of fasting and prayer, individuals

such as Dan who have experienced supernatural healing of the spirit and the body after he nearly died in a motorcycle accident, and many people turning to faith in Jesus in

these uncertain days. There is a lot to be thankful for. All of what we report in this short newsletter is indicative of the Kingdom of God at work amongst the poor

The newly finished church building in the village of Chidya in Dowa District in November 2020

Dan Seda

and needy. Yet the challenges faced by the church remain immense. Thank you for your financial gifts this year. Thank you too for your offerings of prayer and time that you have made. Please will you consider standing with us as we continue to support the young church as she seeks to show the light of Jesus in the midst of much darkness in the coming year.

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