



# SaltMalawi

A Christian project saving lives in Malawi

## Newsletter

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At this time of year we remember with joy the fact that Jesus is the light of the world and that he came from heaven into the world so we might walk no longer in the darkness but in the Light. Sadly, the great Hope that we enjoy is one about which so many in Malawi remain in ignorance.

Malawi is experiencing great darkness and hopelessness at this time. Her economy suffered a massive blow last month when the currency was devalued by 44%. This has caused an immediate rise in the cost of the basic commodities essential for life, such as sugar, oil, soap, food, fuel, seed and fertiliser. In 2021 a 50 kg bag of fertiliser cost 35,000 Kwacha. This was considered then to be too expensive for the great majority of people. Last year the same size bag doubled in price to 70,000K. That caused a widespread failure of harvests earlier this year because people were unable to afford fertiliser. Today the price has risen to 120,000K! The impact on the poor of the nation is predictable.



Keep in mind when reading this report that the great majority of Malawians do not have employment or any form of regular income. What money they get comes from the sale of their crops. Their ability to survive the coming year has been made even more difficult.



These men have temporarily replaced the absent leaders in Nsanje and recently met with John for a couple of days teaching

Please pray too for our churches in the Nsanje region in the south of Malawi. Many have lost their leaders in recent months due to them leaving for South Africa in search of work.

The problem of hunger has become acute in the country. The poor harvest combined with the devastation of the floods at the beginning of 2023 have caused most village people not to have any food in their homes. Literally!

The Church of the Disciples of Jesus (CDJ) will start distributing maize aid to the neediest people in their churches just before Christmas. With so many churches this will be a massive effort. In the course of 2023 SaltMalawi has given

£30,000 to CDJ to enable them to buy maize when it has been available in anticipation of this situation. Thank you for making this possible. Please pray for God's protection over the team who will be serving in this manner and the maize that has been stored in preparation for this exercise.



A newly planted church in Mozambique visited by John & Charles in October

CDJ has been growing into Mozambique this year. In October John led a group to visit and encourage new churches that have been started by people who have left Malawi to live in Mozambique. Please pray for the growth and maturity of these new churches.

There is also a new church plant in the district of Nchisi north of Lilongwe. John & Charles visited to teach and meet for the first time earlier this month.



A new church plant in the district of Nchisi

We are very grateful to all individuals and churches for their continued support in prayer and finance. This work could not continue without your help.

SaltMalawi supports the work of the Disciples of Jesus churches in Malawi that were founded by Julian and Caroline Lott and are now under Malawian leadership

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