

Malawi is suffering from severe shortages at the present time – shortages of fuel, food and fertiliser. There have been problems with drought in the north of the country and severe storms in the south.



Some of the devastation caused to the roads in the south of the country by Storm Freddy

The high cost of fertilizer is now out of reach of many ordinary families so crop yields this year have been far below normal. People have harvested what little maize they have grown even though normally they would have waited longer for the maize to dry. This is also a response to thieving in their fields. There are families in villages near to the farm in Malawi where they have already eaten what little they did manage to harvest and now face 9 months of hunger ahead.



Delivery of aid to the south

Earlier this year, SaltMalawi provided the Church of the Disciples of Jesus (CDJ) with funds to help alleviate the problems of insufficient food.

At the beginning of May 25kg bags of maize flour were distributed to the families of 200 affected seriously church members in Chikwawa and Nsanje districts following the devastation caused by Storm Freddy. The aid package included 200 blankets, 200 buckets, 36 pots, 200 basins, 204 cups and 800 plates.



A number of church leaders are leaving their homes (and some the country) in search of work. Even those who are remaining at home are expressing a struggle to find and afford soap, let alone food.



The SaltMalawi trustees have recently transferred further funds for another package of food aid to help alleviate the situation, though there is now very little maize left in the country to purchase and prices are rising. Julian will be travelling to Malawi in July and will be able to witness the situation first-hand.

The new CDJ administrator Charles Nelson has settled into the new role very well and is now able to take some of the pressure off John. He has moved onto the farm with his family.

The propagation of the Rooted in Jesus teaching via small groups is going well in the Dedza region but more slowly in Lilongwe and Chikwawa. John is encouraged by the progress that has been made in Nsanje.



CDJ leaders in Lilongwe with Rooted in Jesus 2 books.
Charles Nelson is on the far left.



Baptisms at Kasungu on Easter Sunday



The church at Kasungu on Easter Sunday

Please pray for:

- Julian to have health & safety while travelling,
- Wisdom as to what is done and said throughout his stay,
- The local church leaders to have fresh vision & encouragement,
- Miracles of provision during this time of hunger.

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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