



SaltMalawi

A Christian project saving lives in Malawi

Newsletter

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Julian writes - As I sit at my desk and listen to the rain I think of the rainy season in Malawi. This year in the western region of the country people are beginning to plant their maize. Over the past several years the cost of fertilisers has greatly increased annually to the point that John can hardly imagine anyone being able to afford to buy it. It is now 7 times more expensive than 6 years ago. Without fertiliser no one can expect a good harvest, however hard they work. No harvest, no food.

In the past months fuel prices have increased by a staggering 48% and this is having a knock-on effect on the prices of everyday items such as food and clothing, as well as fertiliser and seed. Fuel shortages remain as bad as ever, despite the price increase.

Life has become much harder for poor people living in rural villages. Recent reports show that hunger in the south remains really bad; many are just eating mangoes. A bag of maize is costing as much as 80,000 kwacha, which is way out of reach for them. Apparently there is none to be bought for much of the country. Poverty is such that men are leaving their families to go and do piece work wherever they can get it. The churches then struggle in their absence. Please pray for them at this difficult time.

In the midst of these physical problems the church continues to be hard at work. Some recent highlights are the following: A women's conference for the districts of the south was well attended towards the end of August. John Seda's wife, Betha, helped to lead, accompanied by a mission team from Dedza district.



Women ministries conference at Mphamba Church in Chikwawa District 22/8/25

You will remember John's adopted son, Paul. He is now assisting to lead in a branch of the church in Dedza. Paul has felt God laying this

on his heart and he will continue to help during his college vacations until he finishes his current course. SaltMalawi is helping him with the cost of the examinations.



Mercy work at Kanjana church

In October there was a Lilongwe District joint service at Kanjanja when the church was encouraged to remain faithful in the Lord. After preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God, needy folk were given blankets, soap, salt, etc as part of the church's mercy work programme.

They ask that God will bless SM for supporting the mercy work in Malawi and Mozambique.

We are sorry to report that Biliat has stepped-down from all of his roles within CDJ, leaving John Seda, Charles Nelson and Joseph Chisungeni to carry the work forward as church trustees and leaders over the entire group of churches. Please pray for these men as they ask God to identify others to head up the work in Lilongwe district replacing Biliat, and over the country as a whole.



Mercy work among the elderly

When visiting Nthondo village they taught leaders and their wives, took blankets and soap for the elderly and met with the church on Sunday. John preached on the parable of the sower. Many people responded and began speaking in tongues. Some who cannot speak in English were doing so! John feels that this trip emphasised the need for someone to teach the leaders in the south because people are hungry for God. Josiah is still positive about serving in the south but has sought the Lord and feels the next step should be to find a house to stay in so that he can spend a month at a time there doing this. Please pray for God's provision for him in this respect.



The missions team from Nsanje visiting Nthondo church in the South

In October John made a trip to the south. Despite trouble with the car, and a spiritual attack on the team's well-being it was a fruitful trip.

There is much to be thankful for when we see how God is working in Malawi. There is much too to be prayerful about. Our next prayer meeting for Malawi is open to all and will take place online on Wednesday 26th November. If you would like to join please email peter.taylor@saltmalawi.org

SaltMalawi are excited to welcome Bryony Pannell as a new trustee of SM. Bryony has worked for many years in Malawi and will bring much wisdom and experience to our team. Thank you for everyone who has been praying for a new trustee.

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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