



Salt Malawi

A Christian project saving lives in Malawi

Newsletter

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STOP PRESS – Julian and Caroline have booked tickets to return to Malawi for two months from December 8th until February 17th. The purposes of this visit will be :-

- Encouraging the leadership team for the whole church and giving more training to the trustees in Malawi,
- Spending time with John,
- Hosting a conference of leaders to officially launch the training and discipling programme of the Rooted in Jesus course,
- Visiting individual churches throughout the country, and
- Possibly visiting the south of the country where a large number of churches have joined the Church of Disciples of Jesus (CDJ) in the past 2 years since their last visit.

Please pray that they will be used mightily in God’s service. For a new infilling of the Spirit of God to equip them for the task. For the physical preparation of all that they will need to take with them. Pray for courage and wisdom as they come to terms with so many changes that have taken place in their absence, and that they will readily adapt to the lifestyle and accommodation they once were so familiar with.



Baptisms in Mbozi in May

Covid news. Officially, according to WHO, there have only been over 60,000+ cases and 2000+ deaths during the pandemic. Vaccination rates outside the cities remain low. Less than 3% of the population is fully vaccinated and there is a very small amount of testing. Unofficial estimates are suspect as there is so little information. Anecdotal reports indicate a large number of deaths during the past few months which are attributed to Covid. In recent weeks, as the weather has improved, the people have begun their outdoor way of life once again and this has coincided with a fall in the number of official cases and anecdotal reports of deaths.

In recent months CDJ has received invitations to visit several villages in Mozambique each with a view to starting a new congregation there. Former CDJ members, having left Malawi in order to start a new life in Mozambique (where they can find more land to cultivate), are calling the church to come. These villages are near the borders at Lilongwe, Dedza and Nsanje.



Drama outreach in Mozambique



Installing the new manual water pump at the Village of Light

There was no electricity in the area of the Village of Light for many months following damage to the local transformer during last year's rains. This cut off the power supply to the electric water pump on the farm, so water use was limited to using shallow wells during that time. The drought situation finally got so bad that the shallow wells were running dry, so a replacement manually operated pump was installed in September.



Latest reports are that the electricity supply has now been reinstated but it is notoriously unreliable and the rainy season is not far away.



A communion service at the new church plant in the village of Thundu in the Dedza area

Since the death of Chiyembekezo, John, in addition to his overall leadership of the church, has largely also carried the weight of leadership of the Dedza churches, with occasional help from Biliat. However, Biliat has it in his heart to leave Lilongwe, where he has led the churches in that area for a number of years. This will be a probable discussion and prayer point for the Lott's visit.

Alfred and his family have moved from Lilongwe to live at the Village of Light to provide practical assistance to John. This will also enable Alfred to receive some training to prepare him eventually to return home and resume his role in church leadership in the village of Matchakaza.



Mercy work in the village of Bisiketi (Dedza district)

The church in Bisiketi has resumed meeting following Samuel's retirement from ministry due to ill health. The nearby church in the village of Lifu has provided the impetus. John visited last week and reports tremendous excitement about what is now happening after years of struggle. Also, there are many good things happening in the villages with on-going teaching of the Rooted in Jesus material, invitations for the leaders to visit new villages to preach the Gospel, and requests from other village churches to join with the CDJ church. There have also been successful teaching conferences specifically for women in the Lilongwe area. Pray that many will act on what they learn and continue to share the Gospel message. Your prayerful involvement in all this is very important. Do let us know if you would like more detailed prayer news sent to you on a regular basis.



A ladies' conference at the church in Makosana (Lilongwe district)

Aaron's team in the South is growing and reaching out to new villages. Aaron is seeing the need for more help in training leaders. The Dedza team are also pushing out into more remote areas, where the enemy is active through the Nyau and witch doctor activity, and in other ways.

This picture shows John Seda (left) giving new Bibles to a church in Mozambique in the south. Aaron is on the right.



The generosity of supporters of SaltMalawi has enabled the funding of some bicycles & motorbikes to help the local church leaders reach members of their congregations.



Josiah – leader at Matchakaza



Limpu – leader at Chikwawa



Benjamin – leader at Mbozi



Jacob – leader at Lifu

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