

Julian writes:-

We have been back in England for a month now since leaving Malawi. I thought that it would be good to let you know some of our observations from this trip. We hope that these will encourage you as well as give some detail to inform your prayers for Malawi over the next few weeks. We are so grateful to you for supporting us through prayer during the 10 weeks that we were in Malawi, and we know that John and the team continue to need that support themselves.

John and Biliati continue to do a great job in leading the church leaders. They work hard and demonstrate a high level of unity in that work. John in particular is developing as a preacher and shows wisdom in his leadership role. He does need a trustworthy assistant to help take administrative tasks off his shoulders. Biliati teaches well too. They are both highly respected among the leadership team.

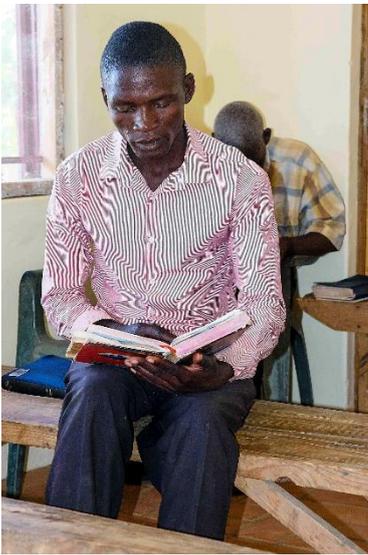


Photo of John teaching

The national church is divided into four separate regions. John leads in Dedza, supported by Jacob and Harson Banda while Biliat leads in Lilongwe, supported by Josiah and Tomas. In the north (Kasungu and Dowa) the work is led by Joseph supported by Innocent and Patrick. In the south (Chikwawa and Nsanje) Aroni leads, supported by Limpu and Fostala. Between them all they care for about 45 village churches in Malawi as well as a small handful within Mozambique. During our visit we spent time in each area apart than the south. Providentially, the team of men from the south visited us in October whilst we were sweltering in a heatwave of 37 degrees in the shade. At their homes during that time the temperatures were officially recorded as 45 degrees, again in the shade.



Photo of the team from the south in the pickup



Throughout our visit we concentrated on training our church leaders.
Left - Photo of Limpu studying

However, each conference attracted many church members too. It was noteworthy that in each region we have a good team of men and women who are working hard to serve their churches, and in several cases to reach the lost.



Right - Photo of churches in Lilongwe



As a country Malawi is suffering at present with widespread hunger. Together with the trustees of SaltMalawi and the church in Malawi we have been able to assist the members of the church and many others as we prepared for the famine. Earlier in the year while maize was available John and Biliati helped us buy hundreds of bags to be stored in readiness for now. The leaders have begun distributing that help. Pitiful stories have come in as the hunger bites in the many communities in which we serve. The growth in the church brings many responsibilities as well as great opportunities to witness to the great love of God in practical ways as well as in our preaching.

Left – Photo of supplies of maize

During our visit we were privileged to witness many people coming to the Lord in faith and repentance, including several who stand as leaders in their churches and communities. Especially among some of the leaders from the south where there was great excitement among them as they finally understood the gospel. Hearing from them just how many “churches” in their region know nothing other than law leads us to believe that God is going to open up many new possibilities in the future in these areas. God willing, Caroline and I will continue to make return visits to Malawi in the new year to continue to encourage the teams around the country to continue in their mission.

Thank you for your faithful support of us and these men and women in prayer and financial provision over the past 12 months. May God continue to bless you all. Caroline and I pray that you enjoy a blessed Christmas and new year, full of peace and joy.

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