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A Christian project saving lives in Malawi

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In November John Seda and some other leaders of the Church of the Disciples of Jesus (CDJ) made a visit to the south of the country for a conference. Providentially the team managed to get hold of the fuel that they needed for the long journeys there and back despite the fact that all of the petrol stations along the route were closed. (The situation is still much the same at the moment). They found that the hunger situation in the South was (and remains) desperate. The people were surviving only by eating mangos imported from Mozambique, not the usual maize. People were also driven to eat the roots of wild plants.



People in Nsanje District eating mangoes

John and his wife, Betha, had worked hard preparing for the conference and this paid off. Betha preached to the women and led them in times of prayer. Many were convicted of sin as she preached. John used the 'Rooted in Jesus' material to teach the church leaders about leadership. On the Sunday morning he preached about holiness and many of the attendees recognised their need of salvation. The team also shared the gospel with people in the local village. One of the headmen became a Christian and came to the Sunday morning meeting. Please pray that he will stand firm in his new-found faith.



Ladies at the Chikwawa and Nsanje District Women's Conference

When John returned to Dedza he spent time praying about the future of the work in the South. He felt that God wanted him to go back there 'with the person that I am raising up'. That same day he received a call from a member of his team named Josiah who currently leads a village church in the Lilongwe district. Josiah told John that he and his wife believe that God is calling them to leave their village and move to the South. Please join with them in prayer for God to confirm this calling.



Distributing maize at Makosana

Over the past six weeks the maize that was purchased earlier in 2024 using gifts from SaltMalawi was successfully distributed to needy families of church members in most of the districts where CDJ has a presence. In total some 400 50 kg bags of maize were distributed to 2,250 seriously affected individuals.



Maize Distribution at Chikwawa

John Seda has just asked us to pray about the maize crop that has recently been planted and will hopefully be ready for harvesting in March/April this year. Although the seeds have germinated, the lack of rain in recent weeks has meant that throughout the country the crop is now withering. John is worried about the effect that this will have on the 2025 harvest and he has asked us to pray for rain across the whole country in the next few days and weeks.

Julian writes, I read this week the following: "When we show kindness and mercy to others, we become vessels of the Father's love, reflecting His light in a world often overshadowed by darkness. Showing compassion reminds us that every person is created in His image, deserving of dignity and love. This includes strangers, the vulnerable and even our enemies". Jesus identified Himself

with such people with these words - "When you did it to one of the least of these my brothers you were doing it to me!" (Matthew 25.40). What an incredible opportunity we have to share our blessings with Jesus, to find Him among the poorest people on earth and to serve Him when He is hungry, thirsty and naked!



Maize Distribution at Ntchisi

It is very worrying to witness the struggle for survival that our brothers and sisters in Malawi have been facing over the past 18 months. The success of this year's harvest is essential in this battle. We know that we need to stand with them over the coming months to regularly bring their needs to our almighty Lord. He alone can rescue them, as He has done in the past. Please raise with Him the needs of the poor in Malawi and trust that He will provide their daily bread, or in this case, maize. Thank you and may God bless you.

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