



Equipping the church for evangelism, discipleship, and church planting — 2 Cor.5:18-20.

Though we are Mozambique bound, Malawi has proven to be a great training ground for us. “Now all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation” 2 Corinthians 5:18. We believe that we are called to equip the church for evangelism, discipleship, and church planting. To realize self-sustainability, indigenous churches are to be planted by indigenous believers.

All this starts with people whose lives are devoted to serving in Christ’s ripe vineyard. Seeing that the harvest is plentiful, we endeavor to empower and release more laborers into the fields.

In many of the evangelistic outreaches I’ve been involved in in Malawi, only a few people surrendered their lives to Christ. This then called for a more vigorous

approach of doing more than training in evangelism but a step further of discipling others after conversion.

We are showing the JESUS Film and other evangelistic Christian media in Chichewa (the local language) after which the gospel is shared. Sometimes teams of two or three go into the village to hand out evangelistic tracts and to share their faith with people in the presence of trainees. Courtesy Kaline (national evangelism director) is doing the same in other zones of the country. He now has the confidence to train others in one-on-one evangelism. Discipleship empowers others to do what they see their trainers do with confidence.

Malawi Bible School teaches many subjects. Salvation, worship, and evangelism are some of the classes Givemore teaches—students interrupt with a lot of questions. Salvation, for example, is believed to make sense if there is an element of losing it attached to it. It usually takes a lot of time explaining the biblical truth



Sylvia with a group of Mozambican ladies

that we cannot lose our salvation once we are saved. The fact that salvation is free by grace through faith alone is another truth that we do not rush through without making sure everyone of the students understands this. If one’s understanding of salvation is warped, evangelism follows suit. We pray that all who study in our Bible School grasp biblical truths which leads to gospel-transformed living.

Beginning this week, I’m tasked to help Yamikani, one of the Bible school students, pastor one of the churches in Lilongwe, Malawi. It is an honor for Sylvia and me to be given such a task to disciple another couple for church leadership. We are glad to be able to invest the treasures of God’s truths into others who intend to equip more people as well.



Pastor Banana and Givemore

As we work with Yamikani at the church, please **pray** that we will have sufficient room to continue teaching in our Bible School. We have a number of evangelism outreaches planned for this year. **Pray** that God would help us accomplish them and the converts will be lasting and growing fruit in the church.

With the privilege of visiting Pastor Banana that God gave our family last week, we ask that you **pray** we would accomplish the two other visits planned for October and November. The church in Moatize, Mozambique, was encouraged by our visit. Sylvia had a fruitful connection with the ladies who asked her to help them in studying the Bible among other things. We praise our Lord that even though we aren't conversant in Portuguese, we were able to minister in Chichewa without any problems.



J-Nathan outside with a big smile!



J-Nathan getting a chemotherapy treatment

"All things work together for good..." the Bible says. Our temporal stay in Malawi is because J-Nathan is receiving leukemia treatments at a hospital in Lilongwe. I would like to thank you for answered prayer you prayed about Mozambique. The church is now registered with the government. Kennedy Simtowe and Pastor Banana worked so hard for this achievement.

Please **pray** for Webster, one of the elders, as he continues to lead the church in Chinhoyi, Zimbabwe. **Pray** as well that Courtesy Kaline will choose those to train with wisdom and also that the chosen will choose others to train for ministry.

Continue to **pray** for the healing of J-Nathan as he undergoes chemotherapy for leukemia. The zeal for the work of God compels us to continue staying in Malawi. Besides, we have family in Malawi's GMI missionaries. There is no regret in our making that decision. The team here is a shoulder we cry on whenever the burden becomes unbearable as it mostly does. Sylvia is mostly

with our boy at home or sometimes in the hospital. Whenever our boy's health allows, we both take such opportunities to be involved in various ministries. I spend as much time with family as I can, especially the time when the chemotherapy phase makes J-Nathan sicker.

We would like to thank the legion of prayer warriors across the world who are praying for the healing of our son. Your love for our son and indeed for us is greatly appreciated and not taken for granted. Thank you for praying, for your financial support, your material support, and your emotional support. Thank you for your encouraging notes as well. God bless you.

Givemore and Sylvia



J-Nathan spending time in the hospital