

End of 2022 Ministry Update

The Yanduya's in Malawi



A great door of ministry opened

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Greetings our dear friends in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ! We write this newsletter with hearts full of praise for the many things God has done in 2022. Despite the global challenges we all faced, we are all witnesses of God's amazing goodness amidst all the challenges we faced. God provided amazing ministry

opportunities and we thank Him so much that He made it possible for to reach this far. We join the Apostle Paul in praying that our Father would grant us all, according to His riches, to be strengthened with power through His Spirit in the inner man so that Christ may dwell in our hearts through faith; and that *we*, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ which surpasses knowledge, that we may be filled up to all the fullness of God (Ephesians 3:14–19).

For the past few years, we have been going to a place called NATHENJE in the Central Region of Malawi. The Lord our God has opened a great door of ministry in this area such that Nathenje has now become our second home. The Lord sent our dear friend Rev. Boniface to this area to prepare a place for us a place of ministry. Rev. Boniface has been inviting us to join him in training many church leaders who have never had an opportunity to get even the most basic training in Bible and Christian leadership. In our recent outreach, the Lord impressed upon our hearts the need to reach traditional chiefs with the Gospel. These chiefs are considered to be the guardians of culture and traditions most of which are not in line with the Gospel of Salvation. The chiefs are now calling us to go again and have a seminar dedicated to the chiefs alone. We have received their call just the same way Paul received the Macedonian call in Acts 16. Considering the critical roles chiefs play in communities, this might become a starting point for something big in this area. Please do take your time to remember us in prayer as we work on organising our first seminar of 2023 focusing on these traditional leaders. Do also remember to pray for the people of Nathenje. They are very receptive to the Good

News. They are always willing to host us every month but resources are a major constraint. Thank God for their love!

A Seminar for Rural workers

Research has indicated that a great majority of Pastors and elders leading churches in Malawi have never gone for theological education. There are varied reasons why this is the case. One such reason is that theological education is expensive hence not easily accessible for people coming from locally founded churches (Malawian Instituted Churches). A great number of congregations in rural Malawi have no connection with any mission organisation or outside churches. This has made it difficult for Pastors and leaders leading these congregations to access good theological education. Towards the end of 2022, we received three invitations for us to consider facilitating leadership seminars focusing on those already in ministry but have had no opportunity to attend any Bible School. Do put this in your prayers too. Our 2023 plan is to conduct at least four church leaders trainings and two seminars for traditional leaders. Whenever we hold these seminars, a great need of Bibles become apparent. In the year 2022, we managed to distribute more than 150 Chichewa Bibles. Currently we are still waiting for the Bible Society to provide one audio Bible to one visually impaired convert. We will continue seeking more Bibles in 2023 as we increase the number of Seminars we will be conducting in 2023.



MEN'S FELLOWSHIP AT KACHERE

Some months back we introduced a Men's fellowship at Kachere Zambezi Evangelical Church. This is the church we are currently pastoring. The aim of this ministry is to disciple men for Christ and also to encourage fellowship among Christian Men within our neighbourhood. In most of the churches in Malawi, men have been a minority. Almost 80% of church members in Malawi are women and children and men make up the remaining 20%. Various sporting activities are included in programmes involving men in the church. 2022 hasn't been a great year for our Men's Ministry. A lot of the members of this ministry have not been attending the fellowship and this has prompted us to rethink our strategies and programmes. Please join in praying that the Lord would help us find better ways of handling this important ministry in our local community.



As we get into the New Year, we continue asking more of your prayers and support. Please pray:

1. for God's Wisdom as we process the invitations for Seminars and other training programmes.
2. for financial provision for us to carry out all the programmes that have been lined up this year.
3. that the Gospel will be communicated clearly in the rural areas of Malawi where false 'gospels' have found fertile ground. Pray that more Gospel-centred churches will be planted and that Gospel-centred Pastors will be sent to lead those churches.

4. for the plans to register an organisation that will be handling these trainings for rural Christian workers!
5. for Pastor Boniface Milanzi and the church he is leading at Nathenje. Pray that God would bless all his efforts in reaching the people of Nathenje with the Gospel of Salvation.
6. that the Lord would continue providing Chichewa Bibles to be distributed to new believers who cannot afford to buy a Bible on their own.