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MALAWI PART III—THE BEST PART



As promised, I'm going to share with you more about my trip to Malawi and the tremendous work God is doing there in the hearts of so many spiritually hungry people. Before I talk about the above photo, I need to explain to you that we presently have 3 CTC locations in Malawi. Two are near Blantyre, the capital, and one is in Jali, about 3 hours from the capital. The CTC in Jali is somewhat unusual because it actually has some Muslims attending classes. There are also some former Muslims who came to faith prior to enrolling in CTC, and as I remember, a couple who came to faith in Christ while attending the CTC classes. Normally, CTC only draws believers; we felt it was important, however, to allow Muslims who were earnestly seeking to know the truth to have the opportunity to find HIM. I was anxious to have the opportunity to sow

ranged for us to meet though it was not their normal class time. Most of the students were in attendance, and a couple of area pastors were also present. Stephen asked me to again share on faith and then answer questions. The time went very quickly as the students were very responsive and hungry to learn. Please pray for the Muslims who have yet to come to faith in Christ!

The best part of my two weeks in Africa happened on Friday morning when our CTC Director Stephen Tambuli, my translator Howard, and I left early for Bakala. From there we again went off the main road into the bush. Immediately, I could see evidence of both a Catholic and Muslim presence. The Catholics have purchased considerable land and built a large complex. But from there, as you go deeper into the bush, the influence is Muslim. We drove for some time on dirt roads, passing many people walking the edge of the roads or the occasional person on an old single speed bicycle.



into their lives and encourage them in their faithfulness to follow Christ. Stephen ar-



When we finally reached our destination, a small brick building with a tin roof, there were already people inside waiting for us. Many more were arriving as we got out of the car. The photo at the top of this column gives you some perspec-



tive of what I encountered as I walked into the crowded room. I could sense the anticipation in the atmosphere, and I had the feeling that very few, if any, foreigners had come to this village to share the truth about

Jesus Christ. Stephen introduced me to Pastor Waluma, who lives among these villagers and has been trying to evangelize. This is itself an unusual situation because those who have attempted to evangelize in other



Muslim areas have been threatened, beaten, or burned out. Pastor Waluma is still there trying to win people to Christ. Stephen had asked him to arrange this meeting, yet he was surprised as there were so many people coming to hear the foreign missionary speak. He and Stephen counted about 300 Muslims in attendance! Pastor Waluma said people had walked from several villages to attend and that there were even some Muslim imams in the crowd as well as the local village elder.

The crowd continued to grow as I began to share on faith and give a detailed presentation



of the gospel, going all the way back to the Garden of Eden. I explained the

origin of sin and how it has affected each of our lives by separating us from God who can have no part with



sin. I shared how the blood of bulls and goats could only cover over man's sin, not take it away. I discussed how it was necessary for God, Himself, to make a way to redeem man from his sin, doing so by taking on human flesh through the virgin birth. I spoke about how Jesus was not like any other being who has ever lived: He was God and man in one being, who lived without committing sin. I explained that Jesus was therefore qualified to offer His life as payment for man's sin. His sacrificial death was God's demonstration of His great love for each of us; it made a way for those who put their faith in the sacrifice of Jesus for our sin to know His forgiveness, the indwelling of His Holy Spirit, and the promise of eternal life with Him in heaven.

That explanation of the gospel led to an opportunity for those who wanted to, to declare publically their faith in Christ. I explained the importance of a public confession of faith that the Bible says if we will publically declare our faith in Christ, He will declare us to be His before the Father in Heaven. Then, I invited those who wanted to do so to quietly stand to their feet so we could pray together. Pictured here are some of those who stood to declare their faith in Jesus.



Pastor Waluma told Stephen that **83** former Muslims stood and prayed with me to receive Christ. In his words, **"This was a miracle!"** A new church was birthed that day in the heart of a Muslim area, and seeds were sown in the hearts of over 300 who heard the gospel. Stephen reminded me that it was Friday, the Muslim holy day, and when it came time for them to be in the Mosque for prayer, **not one** person left.

I am again humbled that I should have had such an opportunity to see another harvest of souls. Thank you for your giving, as without your sacrifices, this would not have happened. Please continue to stand with us!
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