

INDIGENOUS TRAINING MINISTRIES, INC. REVC'S NEWS & VIEWS by RevC June 2016 TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!! Malawi Big Event & Peanut Church & "More"



THE BIG EVENT

First, let me share with you parts of two recent emails I received from Rev. Stephen Tambuli, our CTC director in Blantyre, the capital of Malawi, Africa. (I have corrected a few grammar mistakes and reworded some things for correctness.)

"It is my joy to report to you this wonderful testimony that resulted from an outreach by the students of the CTC Bible School in Blantyre. They have been faithful in their studies for over one and half years, nearly finishing their program this year. Two students, Innocent Mandowa and Willy Maluwa, were sent to Thekerani village in the Thyolo district, about 90 km from Blantyre.

While proclaiming the gospel of Jesus Christ, a man, Luka Thyolani, accepted Christ to be His Lord and Saviour. Luka was a leader of a major occult following that bases its practices on ancestral worship in which they offer many different sacrifices. Witchcraft is also among the practices notorious in this cult. This man leads over a hundred people in his local assembly and has branches in other districts where it has spread. When Luke heard the gospel for the first time, he admitted this was indeed the "Good News" that he has been searching for all his life and that he was tired of serving the devil.

Luka Thyolani then went to his assembly and told all his followers that he had accepted the gospel and is now born again. He told all his followers to turn to the Lord and be born again. **Seventy-one people have already given their lives to the Lord from this ancestral worship cult.** Therefore, he wants us to go and preach to his followers, possibly turning all his assemblies into living Christian churches. After hearing from God, Willy Maluwa, our CTC graduate, has committed himself to disciple these people and help with the running of a new CTC Bible school in their area."

I am sure there will be more exciting news to report on this event in the future! I will do my best to keep you updated! Presently, we have NO support for this new CTC program. Your support makes a difference around the world. Please continue to stand with us!

THE PEANUT CHURCH

The last week of February, I flew to Pennsylvania to speak in two churches on a Sunday. On Monday, I drove to meet another pastor for lunch before driving on to New Jersey. I was in New Jersey at the invitation of my pastor friend, Dr. Michael Harriott. He wanted me to meet with the missions committee Tuesday evening at Kemble Memorial UMC in Woodbury to discuss the possibility of their partnering with us. I had booked the two speaking opportunities in Pennsylvania to raise funds to help build a church in Mbwana, Malawi, for a group of believers who are all former Muslims living in a heavily Muslim area. I reported on this group in previous newsletters (Sept. 2015 and Jan. 2016).

These believers touched my heart as they had purchased a field and planted it in peanuts in order to save the money from



each yearly crop to someday build a permanent facility. Yet after my time with them, teaching all morning and answering questions, they never asked me for anything—something that is very unusual when people see that I am an American missionary. As I was walking off the property, I felt the presence of the Lord saying, "Let's build them a church!"

I contacted Stephen Tambuli and asked him to put together a cost estimate and get drawings of what they would build. He responded that it would take about \$3000 to build a building, using fired brick and a metal roof. He then sent me the drawing that is on the top of the back of this page. However, after looking at the drawing very carefully and changing the measurements from meters to feet and inches. I realized the building would be too small (49 feet x 22 feet) for what God wants to do among these people in this Muslim area of Mbwana. I wrote back to him and said, "Stephen, this building is too small. We need a facility to accommodate all the new believers that God is going to bring into this building. What would it cost to build a facility that is at least 60 feet by 30 feet?" It was not long before he replied, "RevC, you are right! And this will be the first ever Christian church in this area!" He said it would cost about \$5000, knowing that I would need to make at least one trip to see this facility and report back. I set my heart to raise \$6000 with the extra \$1000 to help cover travel cost.

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Our dearest friend and partner, Mary Carter, sowed the first contribution seed toward this project, something that I know was a sacrificial gift. Mary helps prepare the mailing for our newsletter each month, and has done so faithfully for several years, praying over each envelope as she prepares them. What a quiet, behind the scenes yet tremendously important blessing she is to this ministry and each of you!

On my trip north to raise more of our goal, I spoke with my longtime friend Pastor Abel Robles and his son, Pastor Jon Paul Robles. Pastor Jon Paul is the lead pastor at Oak Pointe Church, near New Castle, PA. I shared the preaching time with Pastor Jon Paul who preached a powerful Word. I was blessed to see this young man minister with an excellent command of the Word and the anointing of the Holy Spirit. Oak Pointe's services are streamed live; I would encourage you to check them out! The church responded very graciously and gave us \$1000 toward the Peanut Church Project and \$500 to help with my travel.

I then drove to Indiana, PA, to speak Sunday evening for Pastor Paul Price at Cornerstone Worship Center. The ministry went well, and the church gave us an honorarium of \$200 toward the Peanut Church. After the service, Pastor Price invited me to go with him to appear on a television program that he does with Pastor David Croyle from the Family Life Church International television station. Together, these two men do a onehour show featuring Bible teaching, call-in prayer requests, and whatever else God puts on their hearts. The show is also streamed live worldwide. During the second half of the show, Pastor Croyle interviewed me as I shared about the Peanut Church and had photos for them to put on the screen. God touched Pastor Croyle's heart, and he sought to help us by raising \$500 on-air. He pledged the first \$100 himself, then invited others to help raise the remaining \$400. Soon a man called in to say if we got the \$500, he would match it! Before we went off the air, they had raised over \$1200. PTL!! So, I returned home with another \$2400 to add to what I already had. Then, a longtime friend from Texas sent \$3000 to purchase the land needed for the church in Vietnam that I reported on in March. As I had already received \$1000 of the three that was needed for Vietnam, I asked if I could use \$1000 of his gift to help with the Peanut Church. He gladly said, "Yes"!

Next, while Vicky and I were enjoying our Valentine gift to her, a dinner cruise sponsored by Grace and Faith Church in Oldsmar, FL, someone overheard me telling about the Peanut Church and gave \$1000 to help with what was remaining. With a couple other smaller gifts, we now have \$5644 of the \$6000 goal. If you wish to help, I know we will eventually need even more to furnish the new building with chairs and other items they will need. The first \$3000 has been sent. PTL!!

THE "MORE"—God is Always Doing More! Pastor Moses Chituka, from Dedza, Malawi, some distance from our present locations, has contacted me and requested to begin using the CTC program in his Bible training center. He has since met with Stephen Tambuli and will become a part of CTCM (Christian Training Center Malawi). We are excited about this new addition to the CTC program! I love multiplication; now we need God to multiply our support so we can keep up with the growing needs!

WE EARNESTLY NEED YOUR HELP! As always, I so appreciate your faithful prayers and support. God is doing so much! I pray you are as excited as we are to see Him work in and through all of us who pray and support this ministry! Thank you thank you

Normally, I do my best to present projects that you can be a part of saying very little about our personal needs. When I have opportunity to travel and preach I raise project support, not personal support, relying on God to speak to you to enable us to do that. Over the last several months our personal support has declined while the ministry has grown. Last month the support that came in through those who give to our personal support through Missionary Ventures was the lowest it has been that I can remember. At the moment our project support is good, but we need your help personally. Please take time now to stand with us! We need you! TOGETHER WE'RE MAKING A DIFFERENCE!

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