

## INDIGENOUS TRAINING MINISTRIES, INC. REVC'S NEWS & VIEWS

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TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!!

Malawi—Part 2



A few days before leaving for Malawi, I checked the weather report as usual. Stephen Tambuli, our CTC director in Blantyre, had indicated several months ago that March should be a good time to visit Malawi as they would be ending the rainy season. However, when I checked the forecast for the days I was to visit groups in the bush, it indicated that there was a 90-100% chance of ongoing rain and thunderstorms all three days. The only clear day was the day we were scheduled to travel from Blantyre to Dedza where I was to speak in a new CTC location. I immediately contacted some prayer warriors, asking them to join me in praying that God would give us favor with the weather so that as many as possible could make their way by foot to the meeting places.

Our first meeting place was the "Peanut Church" that I reported on last month. The weather was partly cloudy and sunny until we left the meeting. On our way back to Blantyre, it poured and rained all that night. On Monday, we journeyed to the Mpalasa Mission Church. The weather was much the same with rain once again on our way back. On Tuesday, as we left Blantyre, the rain clouds were building and gray in color. It appeared that it could rain at any time. The clouds began to part, however, by the time we got to where we were to turn off the main road onto the dirt road that led to our meeting place. When we arrived there, it was sunny again. All the meetings went as we had hoped. Thank you for praying! God is good!!

The following is a report about **Mpalasa**, a **predominately Muslim area** where we had not been before: From the time we pulled off the main road, it took

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thatched roof homes scattered along the way. The road then quickly became a footpath. By the time we got to where

over one hour to reach our destination. The pothole filled dirt road soon became less than a single lane wide, with small,



the path in the photo ends, we were making our way where there



was no visible trail. We truly were in the bush! At one point,

we came to a place where I didn't think our vehicle could fit between some of the small trees that lined the way. We pressed





forward and eventually entered a clearing where a beautiful little church stood. A group of ladies were there, singing to welcome us.

Because this was the first time that Stephen and I had

been in this area, neither of us knew what to expect. I was very surprised at the number of people who had come from far away to hear the American missionary

speak. I was blessed to see this beautiful little church that had been built by the congregation of the Sunkyo Hanoon Church in South Korea. Pastor Kadakowa and his wife, pictured here, are the pastors of Mpalasa Mission Church. We made our way around the outside of the building to an entrance on the far wall.



There was no room to enter from the front because people had filled the building as well as the front entrance. Once inside, the congregation was divided into two



groups. The women sat on the floor with their children while the men were seated to my left on benches.

The service began with

a time of worship and praise, led by a group of ladies who joined the congregation in singing while moving to the mu-





sic. As these ladies were directly in front of me, I noticed two of the women had small children strapped to their backs. The time of worship was wonderful! Eventu-

ally everyone stood and entered worship as they moved

to the music. The dancing did not detract from the worship, but rather complimented it to the point that even I could not keep myself



from entering in and moving to the music! Everyone in the congregation was surprised and pleased to see that I had joined them in their dance. I later realized God used this to open their hearts to earnestly hear what I had come so far to share.

Being an evangelist, especially among Muslims, was never something that I saw myself doing. I was encouraged to find Christians in this area; yet, there were far more non-Christians present in this meeting. God gave me a bold message that made no room for compromise

concerning Islam. Knowing that Muslims have a high regard for the ministry of Jesus, I focused on Jesus being the only One who sacrificed for us and rose from

the dead while the bodies of Buddha, Confucius, and Mohammad are still in their graves. After about 40 minutes of sharing, I gave an opportunity for



people to stand and receive Jesus as their Lord and Savior. We were blessed to see the room filled with people of all ages standing and publicly confessing Christ. Stephen later shared with me that there were **more than 70 people** who stood and prayed to receive Christ. **PTL!!!** 

Please pray with me as to the future of a possible CTC program in this area.



On our way



back, we stopped at the nearest market where Stephen shopped for some fresh vegetables. While

there, I captured

a photo of a very elderly lady making her way from the local water pump with a five-gallon bucket of water on her head.

Please continue to stand with us! We earnestly need your faithful prayers and support. I just received word that a church in Tampa, a major donor, was



discontinuing their support as they were moving away from foreign missions to do more local ministry. That was a \$4000 blow at a time when we are doing more than ever. We know God is our source, but He provides through His people; please stand with us! We need you! Know you are always in our prayers, as we stand with you asking God's blessing! TOGETHER WE'RE MAKING A DIFFERENCE!

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