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TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!!
ULONGWE PASTORS—SHEIK MUSSA—CTC



Our journey to Ulongwe, Malawi, for the second of our pastoral group meetings started out on yet another beautiful morning with the mountains of Malawi in view as we

made our way into the bush. I was feeling very blessed because so far this week we had only experienced a very brief sprinkle. The weather report before I left had indicated that only the first two days in Malawi would be clear. There was an 80% likelihood of rain and storms for the rest of the week.

God was so gracious to us! Now with only two days of ministry left, our morn-



ing looked beautiful as people were filling the market areas along the roadway.

The journey was not as far into the bush as before, yet another plus. Travel on the dirt roads was wearing me out! When we arrived at the beautiful little Baptist church, I was struck by the number of bicycles that were arrayed on the side of the building. This meant that many had

come for the meeting. I knew there were others who had walked. Entering the church, there were at



least 100 men and women seated on opposite sides of the room. This is still the custom in most all meetings where I have ministered in Malawi. It also seems very customary for the women to remain silent unless asked



to speak. Some were nursing small children, which is also the custom. In fact, I have never seen a mother in Africa using a bottle to feed a child.

When I asked the pastors to stand, there were only about a dozen senior pastors, much to my surprise. Yet everyone was connected to church ministry in some way. I spent the first part of our time sharing my testimony of how God called me into ministry and what had taken place in my life of ministry and family to this day. They were especially moved by what God had done in my life after my divorce and how God had brought Vicky and Sarah into my life and blessed me, at age 70, with our son, Daniel Joseph. Stephen had encouraged me to share my testimo-

ny more than once. He felt it was something many needed to hear. I then spent our time teaching from our CTC class on pastoral theology and allowing participants to ask questions. The men dominated the questions for at least the first 30 minutes. Stephen and I gave our insight as to how they might want to handle their problems.



I then turned to the ladies as they had dutifully kept their silence and asked if they did not surely have some questions or comments. I have learned over the years that women always have something to say. They sometimes just need the opportunity. It was no less here. The women did not so much raise questions as much as comment that my testimony had touched their hearts and encouraged them greatly. Again, we ended with a group photo and several wanting information on getting involved in our CTC program.



When I was with Pastor Paul Waluma in Balaka, I received a special blessing when I asked if he had any news on Sheik Mussa, the Muslim imam who had been so moved by

my message of salvation in 2017. I have been praying for him as God reminded me; I know others have been praying as well.

PTL! Three months ago, Sheik Mussa came to faith in Christ and walked away from Islam. He has been preaching



Jesus Christ to his Muslim friends. Though he has been rejected by his larger family, his wife and eight children are standing with him. We made a special point to meet with him, encouraging him to come to the new CTC program in Paul's church. After Stephen presented him with a Bible, I gave him a small offering to help him and his family. Paul is pictured here on the left and Mussa on the right in the yellow shirt.

One thing that has struck me on this trip is that many, many pastors do not even have a Bible! No wonder there are so many problems and false teachings. We can put a Bible, like the one Mussa is now holding, in the hands of a village pastor for as little as **\$12**. If you would like to help with this, send it to me and mark it "Bibles." **\$120 buys a box of 10 Bibles.**

My last stop on this trip was in Jali village to teach some of the pastors and CTC students that Pastor Francis, one of our first CTC graduates, has been training. If you remember, I reported about his work in the past. This was his church and some of the CTC students at that time. The church was a mud brick building with a thatch roof that sits on land his family owns.



On the 7th of March as I was making my way to Africa, this building was leveled by the rainstorm that came through this area. Pastor Francis and Stephen are holding the banner that is pictured below. They are standing on the

thatch from the roof with what is left of the building behind them. Francis is more than willing to provide the land if we can help him build a new church like the others we have done. The amount of **\$10,000** will build this church, a fired-brick building with a sheet metal roof. This would be a great blessing for the work of God in this area and our CTC program. If you would like to be a part of something great for God, then here is your opportunity. Just let me know. (See CTC students this would also serve)



Stephen and I spent part of the day with this group in a nearby town center as I was teaching from the CTC material on the book of Acts. These students were busy taking notes but asked few questions, somewhat to my surprise. Afterward we



gathered for a group photo. **All of this is part of Pastor Francis' ministry—a CTC Graduate!**

You are in my prayers, asking God to release blessing on you and your family. Please continue to stand with us and the projects. We earnestly need your help! Myanmar CTC **\$20K**; Spanish online **\$10K**; CTC online in Chidziwitso **\$10K**; Furnishings for 5 CTC locations & **148** students in Malawi & Mozambique **\$3835**; Church for Francis **\$10K**, Bibles box of 10 **\$120**. **TOGETHER WE'RE MAKING A DIFFERENCE!!**

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