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TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!!

Pastor Moses—Dedza Church



This past visit to Malawi and Mozambique was my first trip since just before Daniel was born! I have been busy at home helping Vicky with the baby and the care of my 94-year-old mother. I had also made a promise to myself not to travel until I had completed the replacement of the Warren Wiersbe commentary material that we could not get permission to use. If you read last month's newsletter, you already know that was finally completed! The ONLINE version of CTC is now in operation and available to anyone worldwide that speaks English and would like to receive Bible schooling to equip them for service in God's Kingdom. If you are interested, please contact me by phone 727-494-7412 or email: [revdc@4securemail.com](mailto:revdc@4securemail.com)

Last year we quite miraculously saw God supply over \$90,000 to help build and renovate what ended up being ten churches in Malawi, Mozambique, and the Philippine island of Mindanao. When I scheduled this trip, it was our intention to visit the three new churches in Malawi and the one still under construction in Mozambique. I had been in Malawi two previous trips during the month of March which is at the end of the rainy season. However, this year the rains have been so heavy that going to Pastor Willy's church over several mountain ranges was impossible as the road was washed out in several places and was virtually impassable even for our 4x4 truck!

That being the case, Stephen Tambuli had scheduled me to be with Pastor Moses Chikuta on Sunday, March 10th. I left home on Thursday, working on things for the trip right up to the last moment before I had to leave for the airport. Twenty hours later I landed in Johannesburg, South Africa, where I stayed the night. The next morning, I flew to Malawi where I spent the afternoon at the DMS Hotel, a new place for me to stay. This was a home that had been converted into a four-room hotel.



Each small room had a private bath, air-conditioning, Wi-Fi and breakfast included in the cost! The owners had added a swimming pool although the water tem-



perature had to be about 50 degrees! The hotel was situated on the side of a hill with a beautiful view from the walkway of one of the distant mountains. I spent my afternoon finishing preparation for the sermon that I would share on Sunday in Dedza.

It was a three-hour drive to Dedza on a two-lane road literally lined with people walking along the edge of the highway. While some folks walked on a dirt path, others walked on the edge of the asphalt, just a breath in the wrong direction away from eternity and seemingly oblivious to the danger! Women balanced large buckets of water on their heads, not even using their hands. Men pushed bicycles loaded with large bags of charcoal up the many inclines through the hilly terrain. They were headed to the city to sell their wares. Children of all ages walked and played along the road's edge as all sorts of motor vehicles roared by at 60+ mph. Needless to say, though Stephen is used to this and knows what to watch out for, each trip for me is a white-knuckle experience! By the time we get to wherever we're going, I'm worn out physically and am very keenly aware that we still have the return trip after we finish ministering. It makes you pray and trust that those angels you have asked to protect and keep you and those along the roadside are doing their best!

Once we reached Dedza, we turned off the highway for about a hundred yards then onto a dirt road that had many washed-out areas. Stephen had to be very careful as we had come in his family car, the same \$200 car that looked like new and was still going strong. About a quarter mile down the road, we turned onto another, narrower dirt road which was headed downhill to an even narrower road that led to the church. The first thing I saw as we parked in front of the church were the children sitting in the



grass as their Sunday School teacher shared the morning lesson. After I took the photo, I followed Stephen inside where Pastor Moses was just finishing the adult Sunday School class. This building is the largest of the three new buildings. In fact, Pastor Moses kept the previous building intact and built this one around it until they needed to take it down to finish the roof.



When Sunday School was finished, they had a time of scripture reading as everyone stood. Next, a group of ladies

came forward to begin their time of praise and worship. There were eight ladies in this group and the one baby, though I didn't see the baby sing. He



seemed more interested in the white guy with the short hair who was standing in the front row. The music was very similar to what I have experienced many times in South America. The sound system consisted of two huge speakers that had long since passed their prime and yet were expected to produce understandable sound a mile down the road. Evidently, there was no level of sound below the steady, fire engine red indicator lights on the mixer. The speakers gave their all while the three people with microphones screamed into the mics to help them produce the sound of voices. The keyboardist/soundman ensured that it would be impossible for anything to be heard above the **noise** issuing from the keyboard. What was so amazing about this experience was that, other than me, everyone else seemed to enjoy the ear-piercing sound as they entered into praise and worship, at times dancing before the Lord and at other times bowing on hands and knees on the red dirt floor with heads bowed, yet still worship-

ping the King of Kings! Though it was not my "cup of tea," it did not fail to honor God and bring them to a place of worship before the Lord.

When the time of worship was over, I rose to speak as Stephen translated. I asked Pastor Moses to turn off the sound system which was making so much background noise it was distracting. With it finally put to rest, I shared five things that we can know for sure. Knowing Pastor Moses' is one of our CTC Directors and is overseeing three CTC locations, one would look at the congregation and expect to see a room full of believers in Jesus Christ.

Yet I have learned over the years to never take someone's salvation for granted. The fourth point was on the assurance of sal-



vation. As I gave an alter call, **over 30** people stood and prayed to receive Christ. He is simply an amazing God! PTL!!!! **A special thanks to my brother Bill and his wife, Norma who were responsible for this building.**

On our way back, Stephen said to me, "One would have thought the whole room was full of saved people. One thing I have noticed about you evangelists, you preach as though the room is full of unsaved people who have never heard the gospel!" I believe that old adage is right, **"Being in the garage does not necessarily make you a car!"** It was a great start to the week! Thank you, Jesus!

Stephen spoke to me about translating the CTC curriculum into Chewa which is the language spoken in Malawi and common to most everyone in Mozambique. In done in Chewa we could also make it available online.

**Needs: \$10K** Malawi "Chewa" translation; **\$22K** Myanmar CTC; **\$10K** Spanish CTC online; India CTC **\$11K**. Thanks to those of you who have been giving to help with these needs. We can't move forward without the finances to do so. Please mark your project gifts for the project you wish to help support. Know you are in my prayers and we so appreciate your help! **Blessings!! TOGETHER WE'RE MAKING A DIFFERENCE!**

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