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Isaiah 54:2-3



PURPOSE

To help fulfill the Great Commission in Malawi and beyond.



MISSION

Win, Build, and Send Christ-Centered multiplying disciples.



VISION

Spiritual movements in every district in Malawi so that everyone knows someone who truly follows Jesus Christ.



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“Enlarge the place of your tent, stretch your tent curtains wide, do not hold back; lengthen your cords, strengthen your stakes. For you will spread out to the right and to the left; your descendants will dispossess nations and settle in their desolate cities.

Isaiah 54:2-3



Dear Friends, Supporters, and Partners, a year ago, we were celebrating God’s goodness after three years of challenges and restrictions imposed to curb the Global Pandemic. Last year we shared about “Growing Deep to Reach Wide”. [Isaiah 54:2-3; Jeremiah 17:5]

The theme for this year’s event is “Strengthen, stretch, to spread out” [Isaiah 54:2-3]. The challenge to take such bold steps is given to a barren woman. She is told to prepare herself for a great family that will surpass a woman who has had children before. She must step out in faith. LIFE Ministry staff, friends, supporters and partners, we cannot “Strengthen, stretch, and spread out” unless we take steps of faith in the areas as shared below.

Strengthening ourselves calls for three things. We must wait upon the Lord, to know him more and renew our strength [Isaiah 40:31; Daniel 11:32]. We need to arm ourselves with weapons that the Lord supplies [Ephesians 6:10-18; 2 Corinthians 10:3-6]. It is imperative to do all this by grounding ourselves in God’s word [Colossians 2:6,7].

Stretching is widening or enlarging. Most times we are in our comfort zones and fear to disturb the status quo. When an item is stretched it can break if the tension is weak. That is why we must first strengthen ourselves lest we break. Jabez prayed to the Lord to enlarge his territory [1 Chronicles 4:9,10]. Most of us desire great things but are not ready to pay the cost.

Spreading out calls for us to cast our nets wide. We are called to be Fishers of men. Most people want to stay in the comfort zone even when their toil is without rewards [Luke 5:1-7]. It takes humility to accept God’s instructions from his word when it relates to areas of our life, influence, finances, and expertise (profession, traditions). We must be ready to accept that ‘whatever the Lord says, we will do’ [John 2:3,5; Luke 5:5].

Let us continue to work hand in hand to see the work of the ministry grow. Until everyone knows someone who truly follows Christ!

Gomezgeka Mkandawire

FROM THE NATIONAL TEAM LEADER



Dear Ministry partner,
This year the Lord led us to the theme “Strengthen, stretch, to spread out” based on Isaiah 54:2-3. Through your partnership, we have seen God do exciting things, in line with this direction.

We sought to strengthen the movement by deepening our discipleship ministries among students, leaders, sportspeople and resourcing the church in evangelism, discipleship and church planting. It’s been exciting to see the disciples involved in the movement growing in their walk with God, and beginning to multiply, as they make their own disciples. It’s been a joy to experience church multiplication too. Our staff team was strengthened as we received 6 new interns and one missionary staff completed new staff training. Our operations team was strengthened too. By God’s grace, we have stronger ministry and operational capacity to fulfill our mission more effectively.

We stretched as we took the step of faith to reopen our work in Mzuzu after the office was closed 10 years ago! We were warmly received by church leaders in Mzuzu. 70 pastors attended our first partnership conference held in May, and signed up 394 members of their congregations for evangelism and discipleship training. Our staff team that relocated to Mzuzu in April therefore hit the ground running! Mzuzu university (Mzuni) opened its doors for us and we conducted our first “Study with success” seminar in May. 50 students and one administrator participated.

Students, pastors, three international missionaries and church members from Mzuzu and other parts of the country joined our staff team for Mzuzu mission on 8-18th September. Over the 10-day period, we shared the Gospel with 7,601 people at Mzuni and Mzuzu city - in partnership with local churches. 1,199 people received with Christ and some began going through discipleship sessions immediately. The Ignite Mzuzu event at Sunbird Mzuzu hotel brought together key Christian marketplace leaders who were excited to hear about the opportunity to invest their L.I.F.E (Leadership, Influence, Finances and Expertise) through Life Ministry. A beautiful ceremony was held to officially open the Life Ministry Mzuzu office at St Andrews CCAP church, right in the heart of Mzuzu city. An evangelistic soccer match at the Chiwabi grounds brought the mission to a fitting climax as residents of Mzuzu had fun as they got to learn about the newly launched work.

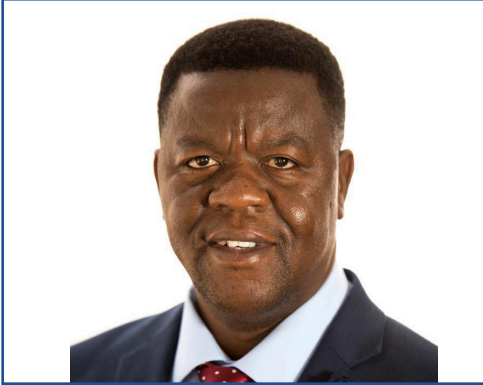
This year we engaged in more community development work than ever before, as we responded to Cyclone Freddy, and launched a new project in Katema, Mangochi. We also begun raising funds for the \$1,700,000 “Malawi Great Commission Resource Centre” at our national office. This project will help to expand ministry facilities as well as contribute towards long-term local sustainability of the ministry. We are trusting God to break ground in June 2024, to begin phase one of the project (which will cost \$600,000), and complete this phase by December 2024. Please pray that God will bring this dream to pass.

The strengthening and stretching will eventually contribute our vision of spreading out! We are trusting God to have ministry presence in all the 28 districts of Malawi by 2030, so that as we work hand in hand with the body of Christ, we can ensure that everyone in Malawi has a chance to hear the Gospel and be discipled.

We celebrate you, our ministry partner, for your vital role in the ministry journey of the last 12 months. Your prayers, financial investments, encouragement and direct ministry involvement are the fuel that has brought the movement this far. May the Lord richly bless you.

Robert Balusi
National Team Leader

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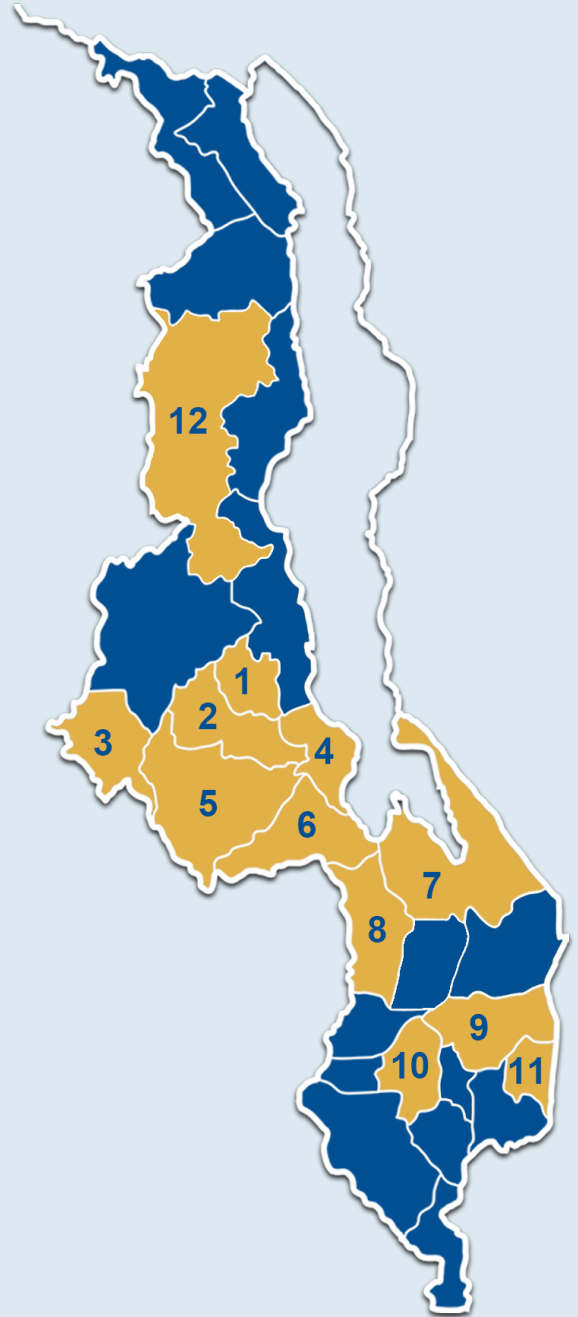
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Our presence in Malawi

- 1- Ntchisi
- 2- Dowa
- 3- Mchinji
- 4- Salima
- 5- Lilongwe
- 6- Dedza
- 7- Mangochi
- 8- Ntcheu
- 9- Zomba
- 10- Blantyre
- 11- Phalombe
- 12- Mzimba

KEY:

 Districts LIFE MINISTRY MALAWI is operating.



LIFE MINISTRY MALAWI STRATEGIC PLAN (2023-2030)

“NATIONAL IMPACT, GLOBAL CONTRIBUTION.”

The strategic themes and goals within the strategic plan are:

MOVEMENT BUILDING TO REACH MALAWI

Goal: To equip 40,000 movement leaders to spearhead evangelism and discipleship in the 28 districts of Malawi.

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

Goal: To build a team of 94 staff, 203 interns and 1,200 associate trainers to provide leadership for movement building activities.

LOCAL SUSTAINABILITY

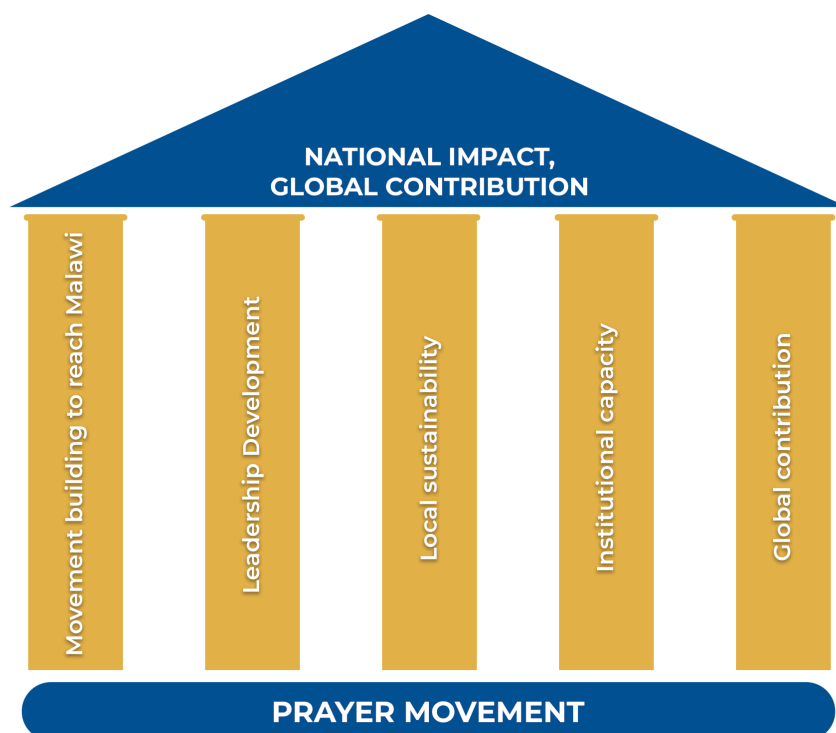
Goal: To become financially, locally self – sustainable in terms of ministry programs and operations through building a team of 300 L.I.F.E partners and income generating projects such as the Great Commission Resource Center (GCRC).

INSTITUTIONAL CAPACITY

Goal: To establish four regional centers in Lilongwe, Mzuzu, Blantyre and Zomba and build organizational capacity to support movement building across the nation

GLOBAL CONTRIBUTION

Goal: To bless other nations with manpower, finances, materials and best practices.



LIFE MINISTRY MALAWI 7 YEARS STRATEGIC PLAN



FRANKLYN KHOZA

Serving Christ in the Financial services sector

1. Please tell us about yourself, your family and when you began your walk with Christ.

I am 47 years old, first born of my mother's three boys. I am married to Angella and God has blessed us with two girls, aged 12 and 17, and a boy of seven years of age.

I was raised in the Christian faith but it was after going through a personal discipleship program at my church over a decade ago that my faith transformed from just knowing about God to a personal relationship with God.

2. Share with us your academic journey and any other highlights from the formative years.

I started my academic journey at Lingadzi primary school in the early 1980s. This is the school that was at what used to be known as "Area 18 roundabout". I had short stints at Chichiri and Police Headquarters Primary schools in Blantyre and Area 30, respectively. After Standard seven, my mother entered Malawi's diplomatic corps and we moved to Kenya and later to Germany, where I completed my high school. I graduated high school with A-Levels in 1994. I graduated with a Business Administration and Management degree from Daystar University in Kenya in 1999. This was an important period of my life (although I did not know it then) because Daystar is a Christian university where studies are infused with biblical teachings and we were taught to be servant leaders. The university emphasized on the principle of servant leadership in its teachings and practices.

I enrolled for an MBA in 1999, at Strayer University in the United States. However, I did not complete it because I have always desired to study economics since I was 16 years. In October 2002, I moved to the United Kingdom and enrolled at the University of Reading University where I obtained a Master's degree in Economic

Development and International Trade in July 2003.

The year 2018 found me in the United States again, this time at George Washington School of Business. I acquired a post-graduate certificate in Capital Markets, sponsored by the International Finance Corporation, Milken Institute and Reserve Bank.

I became a Certified Expert in Climate Adaptation Finance, in October 2023, after successfully completing a course with the Frankfurt School of Finance and Management.

3. Share with us your career journey and the leadership roles you have played.

I have grown from a junior central banker to a financial sector specialist with over 19 years of practical experience in monetary economics and financial development. My latest area of focus is on mainstreaming climate change issues in Malawi's financial sector, so that the sector is able to manage climate risks and help the economy to become resilient to shocks caused by climate change. My academic background in business, economics and finance equipped me for a career in the financial sector of Malawi.

4. Share with us about your work at the reserve bank. How did you join? What's your area of focus? What challenges do you face and how do you overcome them? What has been your experience as a Christian in this sector?

I returned to Malawi in May 2004 after having lived abroad for about 16 years. I remember then, I was only interested in working either for the Reserve Bank or Ministry of Finance. I wrote letters and sent my CV to both, innocently perhaps. By the grace of God, I was called for interviews at Reserve Bank and offered a job. I started working in August of that year to this day.



As I mentioned earlier, my academic background, especially at Daystar University, prepared me for a career of service. My faith has shaped my worldview which has shaped how I manage my work and career in the fast-paced world of financial markets. I cherish my work at the Bank because it has given me an opportunity to serve my country. Knowing that I am making a humble contribution in the development of my country is a source of pride and motivation for me.

5. Share with us about your involvement with LeaderImpact. What impact has that involvement had on your personal and professional life?

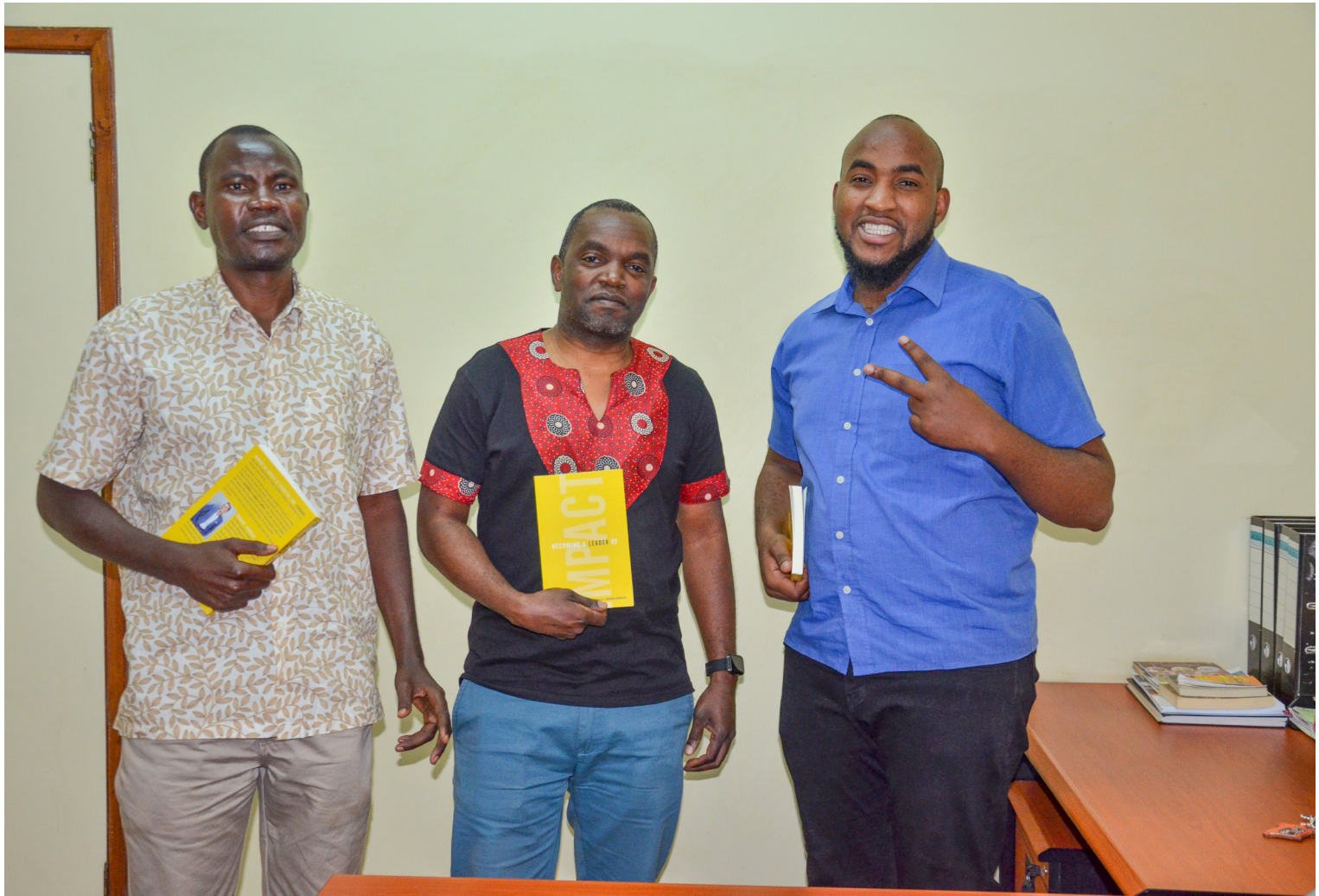
My good friend, Pyoka Tembol, introduced me to Leader Impact. I joined a local group of leaders through whom I learnt about growing professionally, personally and spiritually for increasing impact. I was

particularly drawn to Leader Impact's focus on my family, workplace, community and nation. Instead of focusing on my own plans, I have learnt to seek what my role is in God's plan for my community and nation. This has helped me to be more people-centered.

6. Share with us your experience as a partner with Life Ministry Malawi. What motivates you to invest resources in the fulfillment of the Great commission?

I have been involved as a financial partner since 2021. I'm blessed to be able to contribute to the fulfillment of the Great Commission even if my job doesn't allow me to go out physically as much as I would like.

As the bible teaches, God has given each one of us gifts to use for the advancement of His kingdom. My family and I are grateful that through Life Ministry Malawi, we are



able to participate in the spreading of the saving gospel of Christ Jesus.

7. Share with us your vision for Malawi and the role you believe Christian leaders should play.

I believe Malawi has special place in God's heart and that a day is coming when this nation will reach its full potential, and God will be glorified. Meanwhile, there is a lot of work to be done to uplift the socio-economic status of the people of Malawi. This cannot happen without the active participation of Christians in all aspects of Malawi's economic and human development. Where ever a Christian is placed, he or she must intentionally use the gifts given to them by God to make an impact.





MZUZU AWALE

Driving past the stunning landscape and lush greenery our team of 35 missionaries inched closer to Mzuzu, the host city for the Mzuzu Awale Mission. Life Ministry staff, students, volunteers, partners, pastors and missionaries from Zambia and Lesotho were in for a great and thrilling adventure. They were expectantly trusting God to bring in a great harvest of souls as they went forth in obedience to the Great Commission (Matt 28:16-20).

MZUZU AWALE means 'Let there be Light in Mzuzu'. The highly publicized mission began from September 8 to 18, 2023. For about 10 days the team ministered to various students at Mzuzu University, and the people in the surrounding communities. Churches around Mzuzu city did not leave us to do the work alone. Pastors, church members and LMM staff and volunteers were available to support the missionaries who came to their city. All together, there were about 70 missionaries.

To evangelize in the community and the surrounding areas, the team was distributed into three centers; Luwinga, Lunyangwa and Mchengautuba. Those at Luwinga had some members assigned to evangelize and make disciples at the Mzuzu University campus.

Every morning for the ten days, the missionaries woke up, prayed together and then went out to preach. They preached the gospel through open-air preaching, door-to-door evangelism, sports evangelism and Jesus Film shows. The campus ministry team engaged students in one-on-one evangelism, and follow-ups. They also had an opportunity to conduct a Multiplying Disciple Training (MDT) to the Mzuzu University Students who after the training joined the team to reach their fellow students with the gospel.

An IGNITE Malawi event was also held in conjunction with the board chairman who is a resident of Mzuzu city.



The tenth day of the mission was a celebration and official relaunch of the office in Mzuzu. A football match was held at Chibavi ground between Home sweepers and Bicco Optical's football teams as part of the celebration. Pastor Tebulo, the missionaries who came from Phalombe was excited to see how our ministry materials such as The Four Spiritual Laws booklet were used during the mission. He promised to implement using the booklet back in Phalombe during evangelism in his church. Letticia Sofeng from Lesotho observed, "Back in Lesotho, we do not do open air evangelism, but we have seen how it is done here." We believe that she will be able to use the same experience back home.

Praise God for such a wonderful mission, everyone who contributed toward the mission, and those who were praying for the mission.





GREAT START AT MZUNI

My name is Clever Timothy Kaira, a second year student at Mzuzu University, pursuing a bachelor's degree in Education Science. I received Christ as Lord and saviour in the year 2018.

On May 20, 2023, a poster advertising the study with success seminar was circulating on social media. I got very interested, seeing how my fellow students had repeated or been withdrawn from campus because of failing in exams. I signed up for the seminar. I really desired to see improvement in my studies and learn how to keep myself sharp. The SWS sessions equipped me with reading techniques and exam preparation tips. I learnt the four habits areas necessary for a person to be more effective and stay holistically fit. Physically, the daily performance curve and sleep needs are crucial. Then mentally, socially and

spiritually. Being fit in all aspects of life is important to keep one sharp.

I was surprised at the connection between Study with success and spiritual matters. The gospel was presented and small groups formed. Although I had already received Christ in 2018, I joined a bible study group and started connecting with a lot of people and growing spiritually. The group was led by Christine Mvula, a Life Ministry volunteer. I also attended the multiplying disciple training (MDT) and some New Life Training Course sessions. I learnt more about Life Ministry, its purpose, vision, mission and how every Christian can be part of helping the Great Commission of our Lord Jesus Christ.

I was challenged to hear that every Christian has the responsibility of sharing gospel

everywhere, including myself. I have never learnt this since I received Christ. I learnt this by doing the Mzuni Life Camp which happened from 29th September – 1st October, 2023.

Thank you Life ministry Malawi partners for helping me to understand my responsibility as a child of God. Now I am a true MD (Multiplying Disciple) because just after camp I started to implement what I planned. I started sharing Four Spiritual Laws with my fellow students at Mzuni. Now I'm conducting follow up sessions with four. I am practising Pray Care Share

strategy with my disciples. To my fellow Christians it is possible for us to share the gospel any time, any place as long as you prepare yourself to journey together with your fellow Christ-centred students. Let us build movements on campus and beyond.

Praise God for the newly launched student movement at Mzuni, that's impacting students like Clever and equipping them to become multiplying disciples. Pray for much fruitfulness as our student led movement team labours among students in 10 universities across the country





MULTIPLICATION STORY THROUGH YAO SCHOOL OF STORIES





“So far almost 45 people from my community have come to Christ since I started sharing these stories with them!” “Tamandan reported with much enthusiasm and fervour. Tamandani was one of the participants in the Yao Story runners project. These new believers are then directed to join a local church. One of the churches discipling these people is Zambezi Evangelical Church, where Tamandani fellowships.

The Yao School of Stories project was introduced in Mangochi in February this year. Mangochi district, often presents a unique set of challenges to those working to fulfil the great commission. Besides being the Muslim-stronghold in Malawi, language has also proven to be a tough barrier. While Chichewa is the most common language in the majority of the country, the Yao language dominates the tongues of those in the lakeshore district. The scarcity of Yao bibles coupled with high illiteracy rates in the country compelled us to adopt the African age old tradition of oratory storytelling- This helps to make the message of hope and salvation, as depicted in the stories of the bible, more accessible to the people who speak Yao.

Our Life Ministry counterparts from Tanzania who had carried out a similar project in their country helped us organise a series of workshops. Leaders from our partner churches and ministries were given skills to develop, translate, memorize and tell bible stories in Yao. Practical exercises were central to our approach. After working together to develop and translate certain stories in the bible participants were encouraged to narrate these stories to those in their community, just like our grandparents used to tell us African fables under the moonlight. They were encouraged to incorporate this into their evangelism efforts and assess the people’s response. The results to say the least, were astonishing. The concept was simple, and the results have been beyond expectations.

What is very exciting about this project is its potential to multiply our fruit exponentially, especially among the young Muslims. This group has shown great eagerness to hear the stories and share them with their friends and family members. Their fledgling minds have a wondrous capacity to memorise with minimal effort. We can’t wait to hear remarkable testimonies of people coming to know the Lord Jesus all because of a story that fell from the lips of a child.





Developing the next generation of marketplace leaders

My name is Gills Msiska. I am married to Mary and God has blessed us with two children. I work for The Law Commission of Malawi.

On a balmy Friday night in March 2005, during my first week at The University of Malawi, my friend and I attended a Jesus Film show. Although I had received Christ about 6 months prior, I didn't know what to do with my christian life. After watching the film I filled out a response card indicating that I wanted to learn more about Christ. Gerald Nkowan, a staff member of Life Ministry, began taking me through bible study lessons. I learnt about God's love and forgiveness, assurance of salvation, experiencing the Holy Spirit and much more. These discipleship sessions opened my spiritual eyes and helped me grow in my faith. My life was never the same again. I also got to travel a lot for discipleship and

mission conferences. This is the power of mentorship.

I was introduced to Leader Impact in 2019. Leader Impact exists to help professionals continue living a life of impact even after leaving college. I joined a Leader Impact group of five men who challenged me to excel in my professional, personal as well as spiritual life. I learnt about Leader Impact Next, a forum where fresh graduates and young professionals meet, fellowship and encourage one another in their professional, spiritual and personal lives. When I attended one of the meetings, I saw a great need for mentorship and coaching and it sparked my passion for this ministry. My wife Mary also accepted the call for us to mentor young professionals through leader impact.

In October the Leader impact organized a

career workshop in Lilongwe. We brought together about 35 young professionals and college finalists. The mentors were career experts from HR, finance, education sector, entrepreneurs, public service and other professions. Mary and I shared our career journeys. It has really been a fulfilling experience meeting the needs of the young professionals. They were challenged, motivated, encouraged and inspired on how to succeed in their personal, professional, and spiritual lives.

What I want to see in this country and at the Leader Impact Next Ministry is lots of young

graduates and young professionals who are being mentored. In order to help graduates find jobs or become entrepreneurs after graduation, more career workshops should be conducted to equip them with skills. The youth could use some mentors who open networks for them to grow in their careers. God has placed Christians in various professions or businesses as their mission field. They should live a life of impact through their speech and conduct. Every professional should identify their purpose and ensure that whilst serving through that job they also leave a legacy not for self but for God.





SPORTS MINISTRY

Sports as a tool for prison ministry

Leah Banda, our staff who leads our Athletes In Action ministry passed near the Chichiri prison in Blantyre. She noticed the inmates on the other side of the fence and it tugged at her heart. By faith, she approached the prison authorities and shared with them her vision to use sports as a ministry tool.

By God's grace her team was granted permission. What began with twice a week visits to Chichiri prison has grown to thrice a week. Our AIA team of staff and volunteers have a vision to reach the total person at the prison. This includes the wardens as well as the inmates. The sporting activities include netball and aerobics. After each sports session, the team spends some time in prayer then bible study and evaluation. In this season, the biblical discussion is focussing on the book of Romans. Rom 12:18 was an exciting study as the team discussed how to live at peace with God,



self, roommates, teammates and the community at large. How should someone respond to pressure from the umpire, teammates and opponents.

The wardens have noted a marked reduction in disciplinary issues. There has been a marked growth in teamwork among the prisoners and wardens. There is love as people cook together and care for one another.



Fishing men through sports ministry in Blantyre

“We’ve seen God moving mightily through sports ministry, and we’ve found out that sports is one of most effective ways for reaching the masses in modern times. We’re fishing men through the sports ministry” Aubrey Kulugomba asserts with certitude in his voice.

Every Saturday the youth wake up at as early as 5am to make it to the training ground by 6am. After each session they conduct bible studies. That speaks volumes about their level of commitment and discipline. Aubrey Kulugomba, a Deacon and overseer of sports ministry at Blantyre Baptist church, observes how the sports ministry is stirring change in young people’s lives. Sports was initiated at Blantyre Baptist Church in 2018 and launched as a ministry with the help of Athletes in Action in 2020. Since then, aerobics and netball have been added to

football under the sports portfolio.

While in the other departments, there are always issues with attendance, time keeping, and others even complain that 6:am is too early, there are no such issues in the sports ministry. Through the customary after sports bible studies young people who were previously not interested in the word of God, are developing a zeal to read the Bible and give their lives to Christ. “We have one member who was a Muslim and was converted to Christianity through sports ministry”, he says.

Denominational barriers among CCAP, Baptist, Pentecostal etc are broken under the sports ministry. Mr. Kulugomba is now pondering on becoming a full time minister of the gospel as he is deriving much joy and peace in Christ when ministering through sports.

Despite having a limited budget, God has been gracious, to provide financiers. Some people donate five to ten soccer balls to the football team. and that has kept us going.

Sports draw people of all backgrounds in Lilongwe

Rev. Martin Chirwa of the Pentecostal Church of Malawi went through an eye-opening sports ministry training with AIA in February. After the training his church was also trained in sports ministry and it has rejuvenated their outreach. They have seen great impact as the sports have been able to draw people from various backgrounds. For example when elderly people play the game of Bao and after the game the word of God is shared. Many people have received the word of God and come to Christ. Participants get a chance to play then a chance to hear the gospel.

RELIEF AND HOPE FOR CYCLONE FREDDY VICTIMS

“In Partnership with UNTO.”



“God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea.
Psalms 46:1-2”



Tropical cyclone Freddy brought strong winds, mudslides, and landslides to 13 districts of Southern Malawi in March 2023. This resulted in a death toll of over 1,000 people, displacement of over 650,000 people, and destruction of property. 747 camps were set up to provide temporary shelter for those affected. Life Ministry has had ongoing work in Mangochi district, which has the largest Muslim population. These humanitarian projects have mostly focused on the provision of safe drinking water and agriculture training.

Cyclone Freddy relief efforts in phase one focused on this district, where 11 camps were set up to accommodate people displaced by the cyclone.

Phalombe and Chiradzulu are other districts where we were able to extend our support to the people who were affected by Cyclone Freddy. In Phalombe, we helped pastors with Iron sheets so that they roof their churches. In Chiradzulu, we distributed relief items to 100 families. The people were excited and they felt the love of God.

This project has been made possible by the financial support from our partners. Our ministry together is providing physical relief, rebuilding lives as well as hope through the gospel of Jesus Christ, to the Cyclone Freddy victims. Thank you for enabling us to both proclaim and demonstrate Christ's love in Malawi through your partnership.



WATCH THE DISTRIBUTION OF RELIEF ITEMS IN CHIRADZULU

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A NEW BEGINNING FOR KATEMA VILLAGE.



Katema is a small village nestled within the largely unreached district of Mangochi. Spiritual as well as socio-economic hardships have marred everyday life in the community. These compelled us to initiate a community-wide project which aimed to address both the spiritual as well as the socio-economic issues in the area. Thus in November 2022 “Katema Community Transformation Project ” was born.

Through our dynamic partnership with the Dobson family and Ralph, our partners from Ireland and Mauritius respectively, we agreed to work hand-in-hand with local church leaders towards improving

the quality of life of those in the area. We have also partnered with Tear Fund- an organization that has experience in equipping communities with knowledge and skills in attaining economic freedom. They are willing to come to Katema and open the eyes of the villagers on the economic opportunities that surround them.

To provide access to safe drinking water in close proximity to the people, we drilled a borehole within the village. We then went on to distribute 40 goats to 32 families. It is our hope that these will breed and increase in number and become a source not only of economic gain but also food sustenance.

The community was further taught how they can utilize the goat manure as organic fertilizer in their maize and vegetable gardens.

While pursuing these humanitarian efforts we did not neglect our spiritual duties. The two were intentionally integrated because the one aids the reception of the other. When the love of God is communicated through one's benevolent deeds, people are more apt to receive the message of the gospel- even if they hold contrary spiritual beliefs. This is what we saw in Mangochi district. By integrating our humanitarian projects with fervent evangelism, the gospel was readily received by people in a predominantly muslim community.

We have collaborated with four local churches- Assemblies of God church, Zambezi Evangelical Church, Anglican church and Baptist Church. We have equipped 50 of its leaders with evangelism

techniques and the use of ministry tools like "the four spiritual laws". in turn these church leaders have transmitted what they learnt to their congregations and together they have taken time to spread the gospel with such zeal and effect- so much so that the inpouring of converts necessitated us to aid one of our partner churches, Zambezi Evangelical Church, in planting a new church. All this we did while our humanitarian efforts continue.

At the writing of this article steps have already been taken to drill another borehole and distribute more goats to more families. Our work in Katema shall not cease until we see a real transformation both spiritually and economically, to the glory of God alone.



The Malawi Great Commission Resource Centre (GCRC)

“Catalyzing the fulfillment of the Great commission in Malawi and beyond”



Since 1979, Life Ministry Malawi (LMM) has stayed true to her calling of “Helping to fulfill the Great Commission in Malawi and beyond,” in partnership with the body of Christ. Over the years, God has greatly used Life ministry in evangelism and discipleship among students, professionals, executives, the digital community, as well as resourcing the church in evangelism, discipleship and church planting.

The current national office is in Area 3, a prime location in Lilongwe city. This property – a 3-bedroom house, situated on a one-and-a half acre piece of land - was purchased by the leaders of the ministry in the 1990s. It has been a big blessing in that the ministry doesn’t have to rent office space. There has been a strong desire over

the years to build a national office that has bigger ministry training facilities, as well as commercial units that provide income. This will contribute to the ministry’s future sustainability.

The construction project is fondly referred to as the “Great commission resource center” (GCRC) or “The Legacy project”, because of the desire to expand ministry facilities that will impact current and future generations for Christ.

The project is one of the capstone projects within LMM’s 7-year strategic plan (2023 – 2030) whose theme is “national impact, global contribution”. The project will impact both ministry expansion and ministry sustainability.

The Life Ministry Malawi national headquarters from where ministry throughout the country will be coordinated. Ministry training center comprising a multipurpose conference hall and other rooms for prayer, equipping ministry leaders and other ministry activities.

A media center where print and audio - visual content will be created to reach people throughout the country via mainstream and social media

A guest house that will host ministry guests as well as run commercially for income generation

Commercial blocks with a flexible design (50% of the project) that will be rented out for use as office space or residential units – to generate income for the ministry

Project cost:

The estimated project cost is \$1,665,864 (MK2,831,968,800)

The estimated cost for phase 1 (the first two units) is \$555,288 (MK943,989,600.00)

Expected outcomes:

The GCRC will provide additional facilities that will enable Life ministry to be more effective at equipping leaders for ministry among students, churches, marketplace leaders, sportspeople and the digital community. This will contribute towards the goal of the gospel for every Malawian, a church for every community of 1,000 people and a movement of multiplying disciples for every district in Malawi. Income from the rented facilities will provide resources for ministry operations, grow ministry programs, facilitate the expansion to national scope and eventually facilitate impact beyond our borders as we contribute manpower, finances, materials and best practices to bless other nations.

We invite you to prayerfully consider partnering with us to reach Malawi and beyond for Christ by praying, giving and mobilizing like-minded friends in your network towards this noble cause.



Our ministry offices now

For further details, contact Mr Pyoka Tembo, the chair of the board fund development subcommittee (0999552444; pyoka.tembo@kings.mw/pyokatembo@gmail.com) or Robert Balusi – the National Team Leader (0995668998; robert.balusi@lmmalawi.org)

Giving your Leadership, Influence, Finances & Expertise towards the fulfilment of the Great Commission



One of Life Ministry Malawi’s long-term goals is to achieve local financial sustainability to support all of our operations and ministry projects by 2030. Through the IGNITE movement, we believe that achieving this goal is possible through partnerships with marketplace leaders. These partnerships will provide Life Ministry Malawi with the resources and expertise needed to expand our ministry and reach more people with the Gospel.

Championed by members of the Life Ministry board of directors, this year, we have organized four IGNITE vision casting events. The first ever national IGNITE event

was held at The Club Makokola in Mangochi. This paved the way for the other events which have taken place in Mzuzu, Blantyre, and Lilongwe.

At IGNITE marketplace leaders are challenged to participate in helping to fulfill the Great Commission through their Leadership, Influence, Finances, and Expertise (L.I.F.E.).

Leadership: After the IGNITE conference, one leader has led three outreach missions projects using the Jesus film to Dowa, Ntchisi and Mulanje districts. Many people have heard the Gospel, several have come

to Christ, and the partnering churches in those districts have been strengthened. Other leaders have committed to be involved with LeaderImpact – the strategy that seeks to impact fellow leaders for Christ. Others will be involved with our ministries to students, sportspeople and church multiplication – all in line with their passion.

Influence: Ignite participants are using their influence to grow the Ignite movement across the nation. After the national event, regional follow up events have been held in Mzuzu, Blantyre and Lilongwe.

Finances: Several leaders made financial commitments to support staff members, ministry programs, operations and projects.

Expertise: One leader offered to provide legal services to the ministry at no charge. This is an answer to a long-standing prayer request. Ignite participants also offered their skills in various areas such as accounting, health services, teaching, consulting etc for kingdom building.

IGNITE Malawi will gather again next year to encourage more marketplace leaders to invest their L.I.F.E towards the fulfillment of the Great Commission. We are excited about these partnerships and the potential they have to help expand our mission.





STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS

“Everyone can reach someone, together we can reach the world!” This is the slogan for the Global outreach (GO) movement. Life Ministry Malawi is part of the GO Movement. This is a network and collaboration of ministries with the shared passion for the fulfillment of the Great Commission. Globally, the vision and strategy for the Go Movement is to see every believer sharing the Gospel until everyone on earth has had the opportunity to decide for Christ.

Strategic partnerships play a crucial role in fulfilling our strategic goal of making the Gospel accessible to everybody in Malawi. Evangelical association of Malawi, African Enterprise, Big Hands Foundation, Child Evangelism Fellowship Malawi, Youth For Christ, New Life For All, Every Home for Christ, Sunday School Teachers Association of Malawi and Channel For All Nations TV and many local churches are some of the ministries involved in GO movement 2023. We feel privileged to collaborate with like-minded ministries and networks. It is through the synergy of all our efforts, that the fulfillment of the Great commission in Malawi and beyond will be catalyzed and accelerated.



In 2023, Life Ministry was privileged to lead the training segment of the Go movement Malawi. Our team facilitated a training of trainers for about 35 leaders from various ministries, in March and April. The leaders in turn trained more than 1,000 pastors in Lilongwe, Ntchisi, Dowa, and Mzuzu in preparation for the Global outreach

month (GO month). The pastors in turn mobilized and trained members of their congregations.

Throughout the month of May, which is the official Global Outreach month. 282,000 believers were mobilized for the outreach campaign. In partnership with local churches, crusades, one on one evangelism, Jesus Film shows, street Evangelism, gospel tract distribution, prison and hospital visits and social media campaigns and other evangelism strategies were carried out. 15,500 people received Christ, 91 were baptized and 2 churches were planted to God's glory.

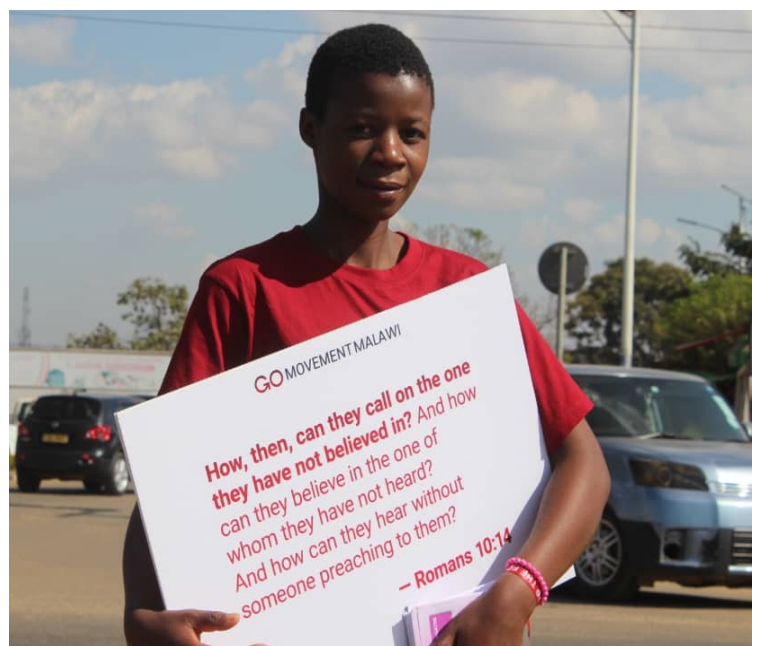
We pray that this and similar efforts will be strengthened in the coming years. The great potential of partnerships should be pursued and harnessed toward the fulfillment of the Great commission in Malawi and beyond. To God be the glory!



GO MOVEMENT MALAWI

GO MOVEMENT'S GOAL IS TO SEE EVERY BELIEVER WITNESSING FOR CHRIST AS A LIFESTYLE. IF THE LEADERS, PASTORS, MISSIONS DIRECTORS ARE ENFLAMED, REVIVED, EMPOWERED AND ON FIRE FOR EVANGELISM, HALF THE WORK IS DONE. AS A LEADER, WE BOTH CHALLENGE AND ENCOURAGE YOU TO STRATEGICALLY RAISE AND EQUIP 30, 50, 100 SOUL WINNERS UNDER YOU. GO MOVEMENT CAN SUPPORT IN EQUIPPING THEM.

THAT WILL CHANGE THE LANDSCAPE OF YOUR CONGREGATION, YOUR DENOMINATION, YOUR CHURCH & THE BODY OF CHRIST IN MALAWI.





Growth in Evangelism in the community

My internship has taken me to different places spreading the gospel through Jesus Film shows, door to door and open air evangelism. I took the gospel to are Kasiya, Nathenje, M'dzaleka and Kabudula within Lilongwe. I also went to Rumphu, Mzimba, Salima, Mzuzu, and Kamphata in Dedza. A lot of people surrendered their lives to Jesus Christ and I managed to form 3 Bible Study groups within Lilongwe. Praise God! I am looking forward to continue serving as a full time staff because God called me to serve Him full time

Carlos Chipondaminga



Souls are in the ICU without Christ.

During my internship I went through ministry skills training. This helped make me ready and equipped to serve. After relocating to Mzuzu city, Mzuzu university became my primary ministry focus. Souls are in the ICU without Christ. What a joy to point men and women to Christ! I've been able to share my faith in Christ and hope for eternal life and lead 30 students to Christ. 20 are being followed up as we journey together. I've reached 10 people in my neighbourhood, of which I'm following up on 2 people. My desire is to continue serving with Life Ministry Malawi as God will direct me.

Tim Paul Matandika



Growth in personal leadership

Before joining the internship, I had been involved with Life Ministry's campus ministry as a student at Natural Resources College. I got assigned to Emmanuel University and Malawi Assemblies of God University. I'm leading one discipleship group at EU...we are finishing follow up 6.

I learnt that the secret of being a leader is to lead myself first. If I can lead myself then I can lead others. I have changed in how I manage my time, finances and ministry. I desire to continue serving in the Leader Impact Next platform as a young professional.

Shameem Chidothi



100% support

Before I joined the Life Ministry, one of my greatest fears was support raising. It sounded impossible. But within these past 6 months, God amazed me with full support. I have learned to trust God for each of my needs, to reach out to partners and to build relationships with them. I desire to acquire more ministry skills and continue sharing the gospel with the students. I am praying for God's guidance as I am considering long term ministry.

Chrissy Chimbiri



I enjoyed ministering on campus

LMM is a good platform to serve God and reach many with the gospel. I have learned how to raise support, approach people, and maintain contact with disciples. The Small groups I formed and led were an answer to prayer. Now I have 7 girls from Health Sciences, 6 from KCN, and 9 students from LAMAU under my discipleship. My visits and interaction with students from Bunda main campus, NRC, and MZUNI were some of my highlights. I would like to stay on with LMM and mentor my disciples until they can also reach others. I also desire to continue reaching other people.

Eunice Kagona



Growing out of my comfort zones

My greatest fear was how I was going to raise funds to meet my personal and ministry needs. Having to relocate from Lilongwe, where I had lived my entire life, to Zomba was another fear. I asked God to expand my opportunities and impact so that I may touch more lives for His glory and do more for Him. Now I love Zomba.

I have grown in my spiritual disciplines and my relationship with God. I have also built connections with different people. My public speaking skills have been polished. On the Mzuzu Awale mission, I was tasked with logistical work. My gifts really shone. I desire to serve God in the Malawi Defence Force department and also serve as an associate staff with the Life Ministry.

Madalitso Mvula



VOLUNTEERS



Watching Daryl Makhambera sprinting across the large football field to catch the action on camera fills one's heart with joy. He is one of our faithful volunteers whose contribution to the great commission is invaluable. His enthusiasm and dedication are truly inspiring. He has been instrumental in helping to spread the gospel to many people through his work in the communications department. We are blessed to have him as part of our team. "What motivates me is the realization that the Lord's work is bigger than me. I look at volunteering with Life Ministry as a way of fulfilling my own obedience to the evangelism command as a Christian. Using my photography, design and video editing skills, I'm growing God's kingdom in my very own way.

Amidst the great need for labourers in the Lord's vineyard, God has blessed LMM with a wonderful team of volunteers. The true impact of their contribution will only be known in heaven. They are not driven by personal gain or fame, but by an unwavering commitment to serve their savior Jesus Christ. Even though our volunteers are not full-time staff with LMM they have a heart to see the lost come to Christ. Harry Chikwapula is one of our longest serving volunteers, based in Zomba. He says, "One of the things that motivates me to serve with total commitment as a volunteer is my desire to see the lost being saved. Through Life Ministry, I have seen a lot of people in different communities experience the saving power of our Lord Jesus through the preaching of the gospel. Seeing the lost coming to their Master, really makes me want to always be available and serve".

Pastor Ridi is an Assemblies of God minister in Lilongwe, "Because I have ample time during the week apart from ministering at church I am able to minister with Life Ministry as a volunteer". Our volunteers help us achieve our mission by being at the frontline of evangelism and discipleship. They have been able to share the gospel and win many to Christ on campus, with professionals, athletes and in the community. We have also benefited from skilled hands and dedicated service in the operations team. Many business people are at the forefront of our fund mobilisation efforts. They have a calling to serve God.

Many LMM volunteers invest their time, finances and expertise for a specific period of time. The service rendered includes working in the office, ministry on the field or during a ministry event or short term mission. According to Chipiliro Aaron,

being a volunteer is a calling from God, “From the time I understood the word of God. I made a decision to stand and teach, and preach the gospel. As volunteers, we have free time to pursue our jobs and businesses in order to support our families; then we can do the mission work without any pressure. We have rights and freedom to go for mission work or not depending on our time and chances.”

A volunteer is assigned according to the national ministry needs and the skills or competencies the individual possesses. Dalitso is one of our volunteers in the student ministry based in Lilongwe. He says, “I’m learning a lot on how to do ministry better. Before I came here I was involved in many different ministries but Life Ministry is very unique and special in its conduct and approach, the tools and ministry materials are great. Seeing young people involved in

different ministry strategies motivates me to continue with LMM”.

Volunteering in evangelism and discipleship isn’t without its challenges. Rejection, hesitation, and the personal struggles of those they minister to can weigh heavily on the shoulders of our volunteers. But their unwavering commitment to the Lord keeps them going. Some of the challenges faced by evangelists include lack of resources, lack of understanding, and lack of support from the wider community. Despite the challenges, they remain determined to stay true to their mission and to spread the gospel. They are motivated by their faith and their commitment to the Lord. They remain steadfast and never give up. They are an inspiration to us all. God bless our volunteers.



TEAMS



JOIN OUR INTERNSHIP PROGRAM



Have you desired to grow as a disciple of Christ and serve God with your life?

Then Life Ministry Malawi internship program is for you.

This internship will help you

- Gain exposure to experiential learning environments
- Grow in your knowledge of God
- Discover your calling, gifts, abilities and passions as you work in dynamic teams
- Have opportunities to help others know God and grow spiritually
- Acquire skills as you interact with people from different cultures
- Grown in your faith and support-raising skills

This 6 month to one-year field exposure experience is suitable for anyone looking to explore their life purpose regardless of their age. Whether you are considering joining full time ministry or are taking time to serve God, this program is tailor-made for people who desire to fulfill the Great Commission by giving their L.I.F.E (Leadership, Influence, Finances & Expertise)

For application, you can send a letter of interest to grace.balusi@lmmalawi.org and copy to communications@lmmalawi.org

PARTNERSHIP OPPORTUNITY!

JOIN US TO MAKE DISCIPLES THROUGHOUT MALAWI WITH YOUR L.I.F.E.

Invest your Leadership, Influence, Finances and Expertise (L.I.F.E) today to help build spiritual movements in all the districts of Malawi. You can partner with one of our staff members, one of our ministry strategies, one of our regional offices or some of our corporate programs or projects.

Can we count on your partnership? Would you consider mobilizing others in your network?

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We offer leadership opportunities-not the position of leadership but the stewardship of leadership opportunities (Esther 4:12-14) by giving your leadership skills and participating in the various field ministry strategies and/ or capacity building.

LEADERSHIP

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Are you in a position of influence in business, government and the community? This can be an opportunity to use your influence for the Glory of God. Influence through authentic relational networks (John 18:15-16) are God-enabled capital for opening doors and accelerating the fulfillment of the Great Commission.

INFLUENCE

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Life Ministry Malawi is a non-profit faith Christian organization. We trust God to provide finances for our staff, ministry teams and corporately through the partnership with individuals, churches and organizations. Financial giving is an act of worship. It cannot be delegated. We both give mobilize others to give. Financial giving reveals or true-life priorities (1 Chronicles 29:3-9, Mathew 6:19-21)


FINANCES

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Expertise Skills that can be utilized for stewardship of the Great Commission initiatives (Exodus 31:1-11). By volunteering your professional skills and expertise in various ways e.g. I.T, legal, H.R etc. to the ministry, you will be honoring God with your God-given abilities.

EXPERTISE

You can be involved through your L.I.F.E



THE JESUS FILM

Since 1979 when it was created, the Jesus Film has been instrumental in bringing countless individuals to Christ across the globe. The potency of the film is multiplied a hundred fold when it is translated into local languages. When people hear Jesus speak in their own language they are forever changed.

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Kinyakyusa | Zulu

Do you feel that this is a resource you need for your church, ministry or personal evangelism? Please contact us. We would like to work with you.

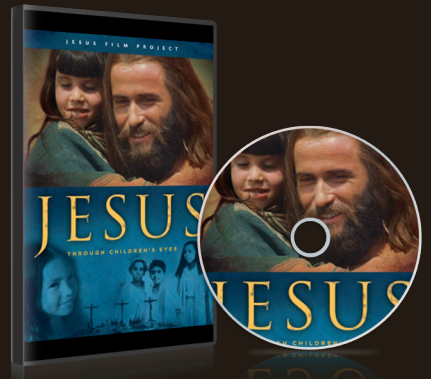
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WALKING WITH JESUS
(Available in English and Chichewa)



MAGDALENA
(Available in English and Chichewa)



JESUS FILM FOR CHILDREN
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