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*So I run with purpose in every step
I am not just shadowboxing.
I discipline my body like an athlete,
training it to do what it should.
Otherwise, I fear that after preaching
to others I myself might be disqualified*

1 Corinthians 9:26-27

FULLFILLING THE GREAT COMMISSION THROUGH SPORTS

*I used to view sports as something for young stars or idle people. However, through this training, I have learned that there is much potential to win souls through sports. **Rev. Martin Chirwa**-(Pastor)*

The New Life Christian Assembly church in Chinsapo hosted a sports evangelism training for 68 sports enthusiasts from February 22 to 25 this year. The training was conducted under our Athletes in Action (AIA) strategy.

Chris Chinyachi from Zimbabwe, the leader of Athletes In Action (AIA) in Africa, and Luiz from Brazil facilitated the training. Among the trainees were people from Blantyre, Zomba, Ntcheu, and Lilongwe. Some of them were pastors, sports club leaders, university students, and community members.

Why sports? Kick a ball among random strangers and someone will kick it back to you. Sport is a significant aspect of any culture. Sporting events are highly appreciated, drawing big audiences all over the world. Organizers, players, coaches, supporters, and spectators all get involved in sports, making it a tactical way to share the gospel. Therefore sports evangelism involves using sports events and activities to connect with people, build relationships, and ultimately share the message of Jesus Christ with them.

The sports evangelism training included lessons on how to incorporate sports and evangelism. Also included were creative games that could be played during sports evangelism, as well as where and how they can get support during sports evangelism.

On the last day, the trainees got to share the gospel with the community. At the UNICEF community ground, they played games with children and youth. In the process, the gospel was shared and 400 people came to Christ. The community members also received gifts like The FOUR bracelets, sanitary pads, soap, light matches, and balls.

At Life Ministry, we want to be sure that people from all spheres of life are reached with the gospel of Christ. We have developed strategies to reach students, marketplace leaders, pastors, young professionals, etc. It was an exciting moment for people involved in sports to be reached with the gospel.

PRAISE ITEMS

- Praise God for all the programs that are taking place in Zomba, Ntcheu, Blantyre and Lilongwe after the training.
- Praise God for Zomba Zero, Chungalume Barracks, St James, and City Pentecostal Church who have joined hands with our AIA Malawi team for training.

PRAYER ITEMS

- Pray for the upcoming training and follow-up planning to be successful. This applies to all logistics and health matters, as well as to all aspects of cooperation.



This training has changed my perspective of sports, now I see that sports can be used as a tool to reach people.

Peter Kachapila-(Boxing coach)

SUMMARY OF ATTENDANCE

CHURCHES REPRESENTED	18
PARTICIPANTS	68
DISTRICTS TARGETED	4
GOSPEL PRESENTATION -POSITIVE	400



Through this training, I have learned how to play games with kids, and I will be able to evangelize to the kids in the community.

Gertrude Masebo-(Student)



Luiz facilitating during the sports ministry training.



Chris poses with trainees on the final day of the training

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