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CEO'S NOTE

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There is no fulfilling, satisfying and exciting feeling like witnessing the impact of the vision that our organization established in 2008 when there was literally nothing on the ground but only faith was laid as a foundational stone.

Equipping equippers, for Timothy harvest Ministries has been the work done since its inception. Through workshops, seminars, couples and youth conferences; separate Men's, women's and youth training sessions just to mention a few, are some of the ongoing activities used as vehicles to deliver the goods that leaving marks of sustainable transformation in the lives of our beneficiaries.

This newsletter highlights a few impact stories which are the fruit of the labor of various stake holders. Among these player or contributors is White Stone Community Church and various individuals who love to remain on the back ground and yet doing great things throughout the past years. As already said, we talk of impact today because apart from financial and moral support, I wish to recognize those who on an individual basis decided to commit their time to speak to the Lord in prayer about the work of Timothy Harvest Ministries.

Through the interventions that THM and her partners have been rendering to the predestined beneficiaries, knowledge has been acquired, mindsets changed from negative to positive thinking, livelihoods put in the right channels and direction for prosperity. Families that were braking now back on track to harmonious living.

This paper may not be enough to hold all the testimonies spreading like a wild fire throughout the warm heart of Africa. May I invite each one reading these few pages to cerebrate God who through the atoning work of Jesus Christ on the cross of calvary is busy working in the lives of our direct and indirect beneficiaries bringing an inward out change. We praise the Lord for bringing us together for this course. We are happy to let all our partners at cooperate and individual levels know of how each one's contribution is turning around the history of our communities.

As you read, learn the spiritual impact that changed the mindset of some of the pastors, whose stories have been captured in this edition, we will be lost with words. The likes of Pastor Malizani, of Machinga district from the Southern region, Pastor Rabson Phiri of Nkhatabay district in the Northern region who with the knowledge gained from the conferences have been able with God's help constructed big church structures, all we can say is "glory be to God in the highest."

Talking about changing of leaders' mindset, we have witnessed change in economic as well as social status in many leaders who participated in our trainings a couple of times. Most of the households are food secure, and are able to generate income from business and farming enterprises which enable them to take care of their families. As such, congregants look up to them as role models and this makes it easier for these members to emulate what their leaders are doing.

Running Timothy Harvest Ministries as a Christian organization has not been a one man's show, but a collective effort running like a golden thread from physical strength, financial, prayer and technical support from our partner's abroad, sharing of skills, impartation of knowledge through training materials specifically from Midland Bible Church and the Biblical Education by Extension World organization. Apart from most of what has already been mentioned above, Whitestone went as far as sending teams to assist in Facilitation during the conferences. Such kind of gestures helped this organization to grow and remain alive. We acknowledge the fact that we can plant the seed but others are helping in watering while the LORD IS MAKING IT GROW.

Through the impact stories, you can perceive how far we have gone although such kind of responsibility doesn't just go without challenges. We have had a few but amidst them all we thank God for being faithful all this while and also participants for making us proud after taking heed of what was taught and putting knowledge to good use which is triggering expansion of work to the onlookers demanding similar interventions to their communities.

Before my last full stop in my remarks over this newsletter, may I remind the reader that though we are delighted of the testimonies for the work each one of us are doing through Timothy Harvest Ministries, yet there is still a lot waiting to be done as God in His integral mission for this world is un completed till the time of His appearance. Since He is still working and calling to partner with Him, what will your response be knowing that He still wants your services? He never gets tired with the breath of life, will we get tired because of what we have done? Jesus said, **"We must go on to the other villages around here. I have to preach to them also, because that is why I came"**. Mark 1:38

May the Lord grant the reader of this document the grace to perceive and overcome as we serve the Lord during these challenging times.

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=TIMOTHY HARVEST MINISTRIES=

VISION STATEMENT

Timothy Harvest Ministries exists to develop and equip the less privileged Church Leaders who will also equip others for the work of ministry

MISSION STATEMENT

Timothy Harvest Ministries' mission is to Reach with the message of truth, Train, and Send back for impartation.

THM VALUES

1. Prayer as the priority and essential tool to accomplish our mission

2. Christ Centeredness as we seek and raise the under privileged from the dust to the kings table through word and deed as mandated by the bible our basis for abundant life.

3. Integrity. Ethical behaviour is a good signal of integrity which helps one to do the right thing even behind doors. Wholesomeness, commitment, hardworking, dependability are all virtues that THM shall always strive to live for as we pursue our high calling.

4. Family as a basic instrument in the propagation and up building of unity and development in the community and society at large. Furthermore, the family is the basic institution through which the integral mission of God is expressed and or accomplished.

5. The Local evangelical Church as a primary agent through which the message of salvation is shared to the lost. The voluntaristic spirit coupled with its steady structures makes it a reliable partner for development.

6. Excellence. As our God is dynamic, we believe in improvement and /or change is Very vital in all our program initiatives and support services, following best Practices and standards in a manner that is sustainable to the community from Spiritual, social and economic perspectives.

7. Partnership by seeking, facilitating and promoting collaboration among all stake Holders including local governments, the universal Church mission agencies, other NGO's and the business community, we recognize partnership as essential in the Serving and restoration of the lost. We believe each expression of the world-wide Church has a unique and interdependent role in bringing abundant life to the world



HOME AWAY FROM HOME

WELCOME TO BETHEL TRAINING CENTER

Timothy Harvest Ministries whose sole purpose of existence is to develop leaders, reaches out, trains and commissions trained leaders to train others in their communities. Established in 2008 in Nkhosakota District, Timothy Harvest Ministries is located at Kasamba area about 4 kms from the District Council. The organization has been conducting various trainings at Bethel training and retreat center. So far about 14 couples' conferences, holistic in nature which encompasses all dimensions of human life have been conducted catering for about 100 couples each year drawn from all districts of Malawi.

The place was acquired in 2008 and it was known as unproductive area because the soil was salty. This has been a blessing in disguise because God has turned what was meant for destruction to be useful.

Since 2010, there have been a lot of infrastructure developments. Most of them were constructed with funding from White Stone community Church or individuals related to this community. The ablution block and the Restaurant were constructed using blocks made from the block machine also donated by the same Church. However there other buildings which were constructed as the organization's initiative like the workshop and the new dining hall which is under construction.

The premises still uses solar power and has running water that is pumped from the well into tanks and through the taps.

In 2011 there was a chicken pilot project was established then later 2012 irrigation scheme of about 2 acres of land where banana and all kinds of vegetables are cultivated.

Apart from being a retreat and conference center, the place is being worked on to be a tourist attraction center for income generating purposes. The hired florist is busy making a flower garden and clearing land for a new campsite, along kamphambe dam whose water runs throughout the year. However, the organization would have loved to build a Dormitory for accommodation but the only challenge is finances.



Conference hall

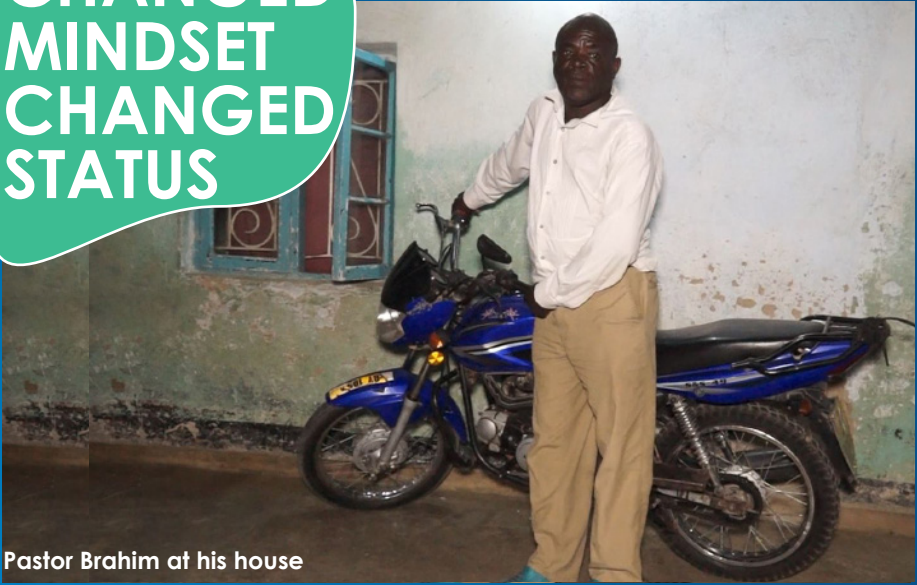


Chalet



New and larger dining hall under construction.

CHANGED MINDSET CHANGED STATUS



Pastor Ibrahim at his house

Ministering as a Pastor's wife, and running around as a business lady simultaneously was something Mrs. Ibrahim of Kingdom Christian Church of Bangwe in Blantyre found tedious. Instead she just resorted to continue the work of the ministry, besides she thought, church members will always provide for them. But things didn't work out as expected.

That was the only means of earning a living but when that flopped, In our marriage there was total chaos and it was on the verge of collapse but every time I thought of divorcing

my wife, I was afraid of what the congregation would say should that action be taken.

A year later after a couple was invited by a friend to attend a couple's conference in 2018, everything changed. Firstly we learnt that we cannot progress as a family if we can't work in solidarity, with emphasis of living the past behind, forgiving each other and moving forward per the teaching of the bible. Said Pastor Ibrahim.

Later he decided to leave everything behind got united with the wife and started looking at how their lives would change upon embracing the

principle. One of the things that they did when they got home was to start a small business. She said after being enlightened on how their economic status can be changed using the locally available resources, they thought that if they take an initiative to do something they could never depend on others for help.

"When they got the money, we bought Irish potatoes to sell. From the profit, we changed the business and started selling doughnuts," narrated Mrs. Ibrahim. From this business they were even making k12, 000.00 per day. Meanwhile, they had employed someone to help them sell at the market while part of the food was being sold at home. After a week, they could make about

74,000. They kept on saving the money and later decided to buy a motor bike which costed more than k300,000. This was used for transport business, from where they started getting about k 3,000.00 per day. Apart from that, they also have a building which someone is renting as a barber shop and they even dream of buying a car in future."When you have united purpose as a family, you move forward and have a brighter future, you know the devil uses the unity to destroy the future. At first we went about doing personal business not together as a husband and wife. That delayed progress concerning everything in our lives, but after we decided to work in harmony things changed for better."Said Mrs. Ibrahim.



SEED FOR SOWERS

The Kandulu family from Anglican Church in Nkhotakota, is one of the couples that attended Couples Conference in 2018, this is one busy business minded family that one would not expect to see closing down their business just to attend a conference. When I inquired the reason behind their participation they disclosed that there was so much about their lives that they needed to learn from a spiritual perspective.

"This is a one time opportunity of acquiring free knowledge besides marriage counseling conferences organized by our church. Timothy Harvest Ministries' conferences by far outweighs what we just learn from other leadership forums. We gained a lot from the knowledge from a spiritual perspective concerning several issues including positive parenting and all aspects of modern technology that our children are involved in that is affecting their upbringing and how we can tackle them. Said Mrs. Kandulu. On the

other hand, Mr Kandulu told us that he learnt a lot about his own life that brought him closer to God and helped him to be close to his wife. "I thank God that I changed, I never used to move around and was not socially close to my wife but now it's a story of the past" Besides all this, they also shared with us that they had learnt great insight about financial management and disclosed that they might be running other businesses already but there was still some information they needed to acquire or a secret behind financial discipline that would lead to sustainable business growth and transformation.

"The principle of keeping seed is a financial discipline which we learnt during the conference, we learnt to keep money as a seed to be kept and reinvested in business until we get a maximum profit before use. "We were told that we shouldn't use the money even during crisis and this helped the business to grow." Said Mrs. Kandulu.

Apart from running a grocery store, the family decided to venture into poultry farming. "We started with about 50, then 70, then

100 as of now we are able to rear more than about 300 chicken. We also learnt that we can use chicken droppings as manure and we and we have already started selling manure around the neighborhood."

From the profits realized from all these businesses, the family has managed to pay for their children's school fees and build a building which is being rented as a restaurant at the market. I also shared the knowledge of business management to a women's group at church and used an idle dilapidated building as readily available resource and renovated it as housing for the chickens. We made a contribution of a bag of rice from each member and we collected about 100 bags which were sold and enabled us to start rearing chicken.



TESTIMONY



Pastor Emmanuel Banda of Christian Revival Church

Since I started attending couples conferences from 2011, I am able to serve with an open mind rather than before. My understanding of how a ministry should run has been changed and so is my conduct of ministering to the people. Previously I used to think that when one is a pastor he can serve anyhow as long as he can preach on the pulpit that's all what matters. I also had a problem of neglecting my family I thought people who could be a priority in terms of relations concerning church matters were church leaders, but after now I go with my wife everywhere I go to minister. This has cemented our relationship and even my children are proud to have me as their father after rebuilding our relation.

He also learnt that it is important to receive proper training as a pastor, whilst prior to that I

used to think that as long as one is used by the Holy Spirit that is enough. Through pastoral training offered by THM, he got a diploma in Church Practical Ministries and he is now able to plant some 4 new churches which are branches under his church.

Thirdly, the pastor told us that he used to think that he cannot serve God without donors and money, but through training, he learnt that as a leader he can do tent making for livelihood, for instance, farming and other enterprises to alleviate poverty at his household. "Now we are serving knowing that the Lord is the greatest donor even through tent making. My wife is also doing some small businesses. He said that from the profits they made they have managed to buy the land, fridge and Television set."

SERVICE AMIDST CHALLENGES

Mrs,Thom
Hope of Christ Church
Chikwawa district



IN 2019-2020, when worldwide, humanity was greatly disturbed by Covid 19 pandemic the faith community was no exception. During this period most of the churches in the country were instructed to close down and mostly the patronage was low. However, there were some churches who defied the odds by doing what they stood for and believed. One of such leaders are pastor and Mrs,Thom of hope of Christ Church of Chikwawa district in the Southern region. Pastor Thom disclosed that they were motivated by a teaching which was presented during the training they attended at a couples' conference in 2017. "Serving amidst challenges" so it was only proper to do what was right without being shaken.



Through these trainings, we were encouraged and motivated to face any kind of challenges and pray to God for help.

"Everyone was affected by the pandemic and this was a time when people needed spiritual and economic upliftment and as leaders we needed to be vigilant in all dimensions of life. Through these trainings, we were encouraged and motivated to face any kind of challenges and pray to God for help. When we talk about problems, its not just about physical afflictions but lack of food as well as basic needs so these trainings also helped us

to work hard in business."

Mrs. Thom who had been selling Samoosa was not moved by the pandemic and it is this time that she benefitted a lot through this business. From the profit she made during this period she was able to buy food and other basic needs for the family . "I have also managed to buy refrigerator where we keep traditional soft drinks called Thobwa and water for sale as well as other modern kitchen utensils. I also bought some beddings and a bed to sleep on. All these items were purchased using the proceeds from the business." She added.

"We are being mindful that as we are here on planet earth we need good clothes, shelter and good food .As church leaders, we need to take care of ourselves so that if it is getting help from others, people should give out of their own willingness and not necessarily because of being stranded and therefore manipulate the Church to give us. This attitude at the end of the day it does not give glory to God. God is not poor but is a spirit and will not come down with the shoes and money for you. That is why God said he will bless the work of our hands. So let us not be lazy." Enlightened the pastor.



VISION MOVED US THUS FAR

Pastor Rabson Phiri - Dowa



New building

When Pastor Rabson Phiri, of hope community church in Nkhatabay district responded his call to ministry, it was in 2012 and services were conducted in his brother's house. Meanwhile until 2016 Church attendance was about 7-11 members each Sunday service. When they attended the conference it opened up their eyes as to how to scale up membership, how to understand the bible and also reach out and mentor others and above all to do God's work with a vision. They got enlightened on how focusing on a vision makes a difference in this spiritual journey.

"As leaders we felt it was an area we over looked. When we came home, we decided to find land where we can build the church. We asked my parents sell a piece of land to us. We didn't want to have it free of charge because it would eventually belonged to the church and we didn't want to ignite conflicts in future concerning ownership because it was family land. The land was sold to us at 25,000.00 So, we collected contributions from church members and built a temporary structure while having in mind that in future we will build a church." Pastor Rabson said after they



Old building

Pastor Rabson said after they moulded bricks and built a small church it collapsed because of a storm. Later they decided to start praying in the house and meanwhile the attendance was about 30 people. Then in 2018, they moulded bricks and burnt about 30,000.00. Then in 2019, they received a visitor from Korea who asked what he could do to support their vision. We asked for a borehole which would help them when building a church. He funded them with the amount that would carter for 3 boreholes one in Mlanga and another one in Sanga. Later, he offered to help them with materials

for constructing the building. He asked them to contribute sand so that he can contribute iron sheets and cement.

Our church is the most outstanding structure in the village and the talk of community. It has improved our visibility as a church and community leaders are involving us in big social activities because of this Structure.



IMPACT FROM OTHER LEADERSHIP TRAININGS

CHANGE ME

Apart from spiritual growth that helped to build healthy families and economic empowerment that has changed the lives of many, women have also been privileged to attend a separate training to help them understand their position and roles in marriage as instituted by God.

This course was adopted from a book called; Change me. The concept takes them through different topics which empower a woman to becoming a woman of faith in Jesus Christ which

helps them to create a good relationship with her husband and later helps to build healthy families. The trainings have been done in so many districts in the country and has had impact everywhere. The women who were taught were empowered to reach out to others as most of them were leaders already so it was not difficult to organize people to also benefit from the initiative. The book has been translated in Chichewa for easy understanding .

IMPACT OF CHANGE ME

Mrs. Yuda

I learnt a lot from the study but one thing that struck me is the insight that I got concerning the aspect of anger. In the past I never understood what the spirit of anger was all about, I later learnt that anger affects someone negatively. The one you are angry with is not aware and not affected. The bible discourages this attitude at all costs because there is no righteousness out of anger.

Mrs. Banda

The concept of time management changed my life. I learnt to even choose friends wisely. I have new friends that are Christians and kind of people who are like minded. Friends who have different kinds of skills which can uplift my social status. I spend much time planning and this has helped me to have specific times of prayer, special time for farming and visitation so that at the end of the day, I make an analysis of what I have accomplished and not and why? this is one of the disciplinary measures that has helped me to move forward.



Mrs Perete

One key factor that I learnt is that for women obedience is the key to success in marriage. Once a woman obeys her husband he will in turn start loving me. The mistake that was there was that I was always trying to get my husband to listen to me and when he instructs me I was hurt because I thought he is ruling over my life instead of taking my ideas consideration. When I started running my family God's way, everything changed.

SERVANTS LEADING SERVANTS

On the same subject of leadership, since 2020, Timothy harvest ministries has been training leaders to also train others on the theme of SERVANTS LEADING SERVANTS. This study focuses on following God's leadership principles to prepare leaders for leading here and leading in eternity. This was taken from the book designed to share key values, principles and tools that help leaders orient their lives to be a leaders like Jesus Christ. Here is the impact that some participants share.

Mrs. Kwinja from Kasungu

I have learnt and benefitted from these trainings especially from the first topic which emphasizes the use of authority in a right way for example, Jesus Christ exercised servant leadership. He didn't come to be served but to serve. So as leaders in the church we must serve and not wait to be served. But I also learnt that leaders we must avoid to show others that we are the only ones capable of doing right things all the times, in most cases developmental agendas fail because of wrong attitudes. We must make sure that we use the word we and not using letter.

James Phiri from kasungu

I have learnt that as a leader, we must take an initiative to start working and the the rest will follow suit. That is what we call leading by example. I have also learnt that to make a budget for my family and stick to it as part of the vision for the year. If we have budgeted for a particular project, we must stick to the project regardless of the challenges we can face on the way.

Police man from kasungu

This training has helped me as a policeman because despite the fact that we are government employees we are also leaders in our community and if we are not careful about our conduct it reflects badly on others. The subject that I have learnt about using authority in a right manner if you don't use it positively other people may be victims and in the long run we destroy our career.



VISIONARY LEADERSHIP



During one of the Couples Conference when Steve and Diana taught about the power of unity in marriage, may be some participants just regarded it as a topic for the day but its impact by far out weights what Pastor Osman Banda from Kingdom Gospel Church in Madisi, had imagined . Pastor Banda had been attending Conference in 2014 up to 2018. Meanwhile he was residing in Nkhotakota and later in 2018 he got transferred to Madisi. "The teachings were very profitable. As a family we have been able to work in unison with my wife with one spirit and one vision .We also learnt that as leaders we have to have something to do which can change our economic status.

When they moved to Madisi there was no church building so he mobilized members and through teachings they learnt a lot and made contributions towards building the church. The church was constructed and completed . As at now we have managed to buy chairs, music equipment and even installed electricity e.t.c. When they went to Madisi church membership was at 12 in 2018 but now it is at 150. So within 4 years the membership scaled up with more than 100%. As a church they have planted 4 more branches within Dowa District.

The Pastor and his wife has also instituted a group that does family counseling regarding upbringing of children using the concept they learnt at the couples conference which he said has helped a lot of our church members.

GODLY MEN

Pastor Yuba - Kasungu

“as men we need to take an initiative to do the work whenever necessary, so that everywhere we have been instituted as a leader we should bring impact.

One of our greatest responsibilities of a man involves good stewardship of resources and taking initiatives of development in his life and in his community. Just like women had their own separate study concerning womanhood men were also trained to take up their rightful role everywhere in the society through a study called Godly men. Pastor Yuda from kasungu District is one of the pastors from who has been running up and down training church members but even some people from the communities far and wide on different studies derived from spiritual training he attended at Bethel. But this only started when he learnt from the godly man course.

“As men we are already leaders, such that we don't need to rely on others to do the work for us, but as men we need to take an initiative to do the work whenever necessary, so that everywhere we have been instituted as a leader we should bring impact. Be it in families, as well. You can still assess one self and be able to borrow a leaf from others even from women whom many regard as weaker vessel.

So far the Pastor has reached out to more than 20 Churches training congregants through different leadership workshop from leadership concepts learnt from THM. Pastor Yuda is from a Muslim background was disowned for about so many years by his relatives for converting to Christianity. Today he is a reliable tool for Christ.

A GODLY MAN, RESPONSIBLE HUSBAND

WOCII Jonathan Salifi - Mvera



Jonathan Salifi
MDF Mvera



Jonathan Salifi and fellow members of his church.

Another person whose life got transformed from the course called Godly men is Jonathan Salifi a Warrant Officer Class 2 for Malawi Defence Force based in Mvera and also a member of Kingdom Gospel church. He recalls his life before sincerely knowing Christ as wasted years as he unfolds the story before attending spiritual training at Timothy harvest Ministries.

"I was very troublesome and very careless person. Every month upon receiving my salary I would go out to drink beer and would only return home after 3 to 4 days. Normally it was after all the money I had gets finished. Meanwhile we had 1 child only but he still lacked fatherly love and care. Later, when I got saved, I was not really a committed Christian. After attending the conference, he told us that it is where his life got transformed because of the deep biblical teachings we had. This opened up his eyes and changed his conduct of tackling real life issues from a biblical perspective. This has cemented his relationship with his wife.

"For so many years first we could not sit together as a family, instead we could normally argue over money issues. Now there is a big transformation in my family. We are able to sit down together and budget as a family for every month from January to December and make assessment of what has been accomplished. Another thing that has changed is the relationship with my children. We had a poor relationship. My children used to run away from me every time I come home. But now it's a different story."

COUPLES CONFERENCES

The purpose for THM existence is to develop church and community leaders. The organization whose mission is to reach out to people, train them and commission them to train others can simply known for equipping equippers. There are several kinds of trainings conducted but the most popular is couples' conferences. Couples conferences were established in 2008, patronized by pastors and church leaders with their spouses. Since man is in 3 dimensions, the trainings encompass all these dimesions of humanity soul, spirit and body so they are trained holistically. Every year, the organization trains about 100 couples, except during the period of Covid 19 pandemic, the patronage dropped to 50.

Each year we have a particular theme that comes after study and interacting with people that work with the churches. They highlight problems that help us to come up with areas that needs addressing. Since the organization deals with the less privileged society, they cover most of the things in terms of food but it only pays for a one way transport to the venue of the conference. The number of people is limited by our capacity. The reason why the organization decided to train leaders from marriage institution is that leadership is wide and family is the

basic institution where leadership is devout. It is from the family where leadership has to extend to different levels. However one of the challenges that the institution cited concerning trainings is that government workers shy away from attending because of the conditions that they have that the institution cannot meet like demanding sitting allowances. Only those people who are contented with what the institution provides are the ones who benefit.

"God has called THM to work with Him in His integral mission to mankind beginning with our Jerusalem called 'Malawi'. Based on the impact of development in communities economically after attending the Conferences, we want to invite many people or reach out to many people. We are ready at any time to go anywhere they have organized themselves to equip them provided we have resources." Said Dr. Chinyama.

Challenges

- We cannot hold conferences during winter because we use tents
- We are limited by financial resources

Future plans

- Infrastructure development, houses or chalets and dormitories



YOUTH CONFERENCE

Many people say that youths are future leaders but when even now we can see a lot of young people taking up different leadership position. If young people cannot make informed decisions regarding their future whilst they are still young, one cannot make a responsible father or husband. The bible tells that the only way a young can make his life pure is to keep the word of God. Timothy harvest Ministries as a Training institution believes that true and leadership with integrity in the life of young people lies in knowing Christ and taking him as a mentor in terms of leadership. Its leadership that comes with a vision.

During a youth conference organized by Timothy harvest Ministries. In 2019, one participant by the name of Medson Chitetete from Mangochi told us was one of the leadership training that enhanced his spiritual relationship that helped him grow and stand steadfast for Jesus. He

is one of people who benefitted a lot." After the conference he developed an initiative called COST (Compassionate Student Faith Based Organization), a youth based organization sole purpose is uplifting the kingdom, by teaching young people through bible study, evangelism, small groups discipleship among others. We have activities like prison visitation, visiting the elderly, ministry. The organization also empowers the youths with income generating activities like piggery, bee keeping and cultivating cash crops like soya beans. It has a membership of 234 youths.

However, this year's youth conference will draw 14 participants from the 12 districts of Central region making a total of 168, 24 of these will be their leaders. Prior to that, a group of youth coordinators from all these districts were invited for a preparatory meeting for 3 days towards the month end of June.

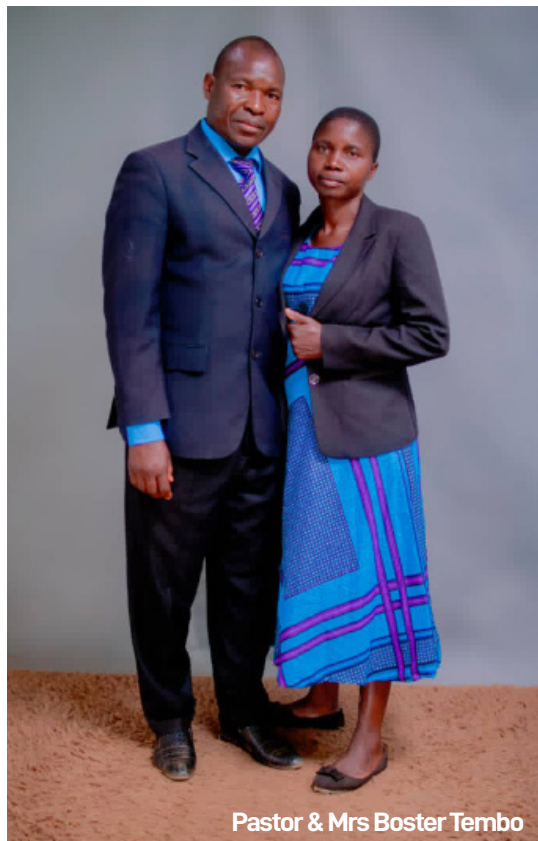
2019 YOUTH CONFERENCE IN PARTICIPANTS





THM BIOSAND WORKSHOPS IN PICTURES





Pastor & Mrs Boster Tembo

THE TRUTH THAT KEPT FIRE BURNING

RUMPHI

The family of Pastor Boster and Mrs. Tembo from Rumphii, started attending the Couples Conferences in 2010. They attended quite a number of them which according to them has benefitted them both spiritually and economically. "There was quite a lot that we didn't know concerning the right way to run the ministry. One thing that we learnt was that the growth of the ministry does not lie in the number of members but rather the quality of life that they live so it starts with us leaders.



Pastor Boster Tembo in his maize field

"Understanding the season and knowing what to do was what opened our eyes to start examining our lives and knowing what to do to grow in all areas of our lives. That's the truth that kept the fire burning as our spiritual life as we kept doing the work of God. We have a membership of about 145. We have mobilized our members to contribute towards constructing the church. As of now, it is on foundation stage." Tembo added.

The pastor also told us that life economically has changed because of farming. During rainy season they cultivate crops like maize and groundnuts after the season they also do winter cropping through irrigation for crops like green maize, sweet potatoes and beans. "We don't have much money but we are able to take up our responsibilities as parents without complaining about finances. We are able to send our children to school. 3 of them are at secondary school and 1 is at the university. The couple has also managed to build a house with installed



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Their house



INVADING MUSLIM COMMUNITY

MACHINGA



Pastor Malizani of Destiny International church is one of the pastors who decided to defy all odds through courage after attending the conference 2018 at Timothy harvest Ministries in Nkhotakota,.

"It was a topic called 'serving God in amidst challenges' that changed everything. Living in Machinga a muslim territory is a challenge on its own and converting Muslims to Christianity is no child's play, but with the help of the Lord, we took courage to conquer and take over the area in Jesus name. We had vowed to bring change regardless of the fact that there were so many challenges involved because we believed that when one is called God is always involved ." Said pastor Malizani.

After the conference, the pastor said that he shared with congregants most of the insights he got from the conference one of which included the need to buy a place for a church building. Then later contributions were made and they constructed the church. "One thing that made all this possible that we can never debate about is the faithfulness of God through answered prayer.

It easy for people to understand because as a pastor I had decided to lead by example by building my own house because it was costly renting from other people's houses.



pastor malizani outside church.

AN OPEN DOOR TO PROSPERITY

Pastor and Mrs Perete - Dowa



For Pastor and Mrs. Perete, Ministering at kingdom Gospel in Dowa has never been exciting regarding the challenges faced each passing day. They had just moved to Dowa from Chikwawa, the southern part of Malawi. Everything was new and one day, when I was in my office working, he got a call from a friend inviting him to the couples' conference. "It was his first time to hear about Timothy harvest ministries and I thought it was an opportunity to add knowledge on the ministry work besides what I had learnt from the bible school. I and wife did not hesitate to go and attend."

Pastor Perete told us that one topic that was taught and changed their mindset was a subject of 'keys'. "We were told that just as Jesus Christ got the keys for authority on everything when he was raised from the dead, As a Christians we also possess the keys for every locked door in our lives through Christ. The way this teaching was presented to us changed our perspective towards life. It was an eye opener to a new world not only interms of spiritual growth but also change in economic status."

During the conference, they also learnt how commercial farming positively affects economic status which in the long run brings about transformed life. "At first we were doing subsistence farming, the maximum

we could harvest from a piece land was about 30 bags of maize which was mainly for family consumption, but later we decided to become commercial farmers." Said Mrs. Perete.

Pastor Perete told us that when they cultivated their land the following growing season, they harvested about 120 bags of which 20 bags were for food and 100 bags for sale. After selling the produce, they bought iron sheets for our parent's house in the village. Apart from maize, they also grew groundnuts and during the first year they planted and harvested about 2 bags and later we kept some for seed and later harvested 100 pails which is equal to 33 bags . Then later they also bought a piece of land where they are planning to build a house for renting. "As pastors we realized that we need to do commercial farming so that we cannot depend on offerings and contributions from church members only because it affects the way we can minister."

The development has not only benefited us only, but also impacted on the lives of church members. They have being motivated and followed suite. The pastor doesn't even going to the far away markets to sell the produce but instead, it is the members who come right at the church to buy the food.

THM challenges, plans and prayer points.

1. Electrical power supply. Since 2014 when THM had her first conference, solar power has been the source energy. Maintenance cost is high and not able to run major projects like the mill which requires 3 Phase. At last, the power company has finished their survey, given us the mandate to contract private electrical company under their guidance for the full installation of power. The cost of the electrical installation is now at our disposal requiring funds to be done. The timing is in our hands but waiting for God who owns all the cattle on the mountains to provide. We need electricity to achieve our dreams according to our set plans.
2. Need more chalets to accommodate travelers and other Churches and companies who have always demanded the facilities we don't currently have though on plan. Bethel is a conducive place for conferences, meetings, camps etc. many are the times we have been approached but have not met most of their requirements. We need at least one bigger hostel/chalet to supporting the two original chalets.

PLANS.

THM is striving to achieve the goal of self-reliance. Working tooth and nail to achieve our dreams. Without doubt, the dream will be achieved though it will not be an overnight triumph. The good thing is that we are not the way we used to be a few years ago. Covid 19 has also helped us to think outside the box. We can see the dawn drawing closer through commitment, creativity, innovativeness, perseverance and trust in the Lord. One good thing is that God who is the creator never spared the blessing of creativity in us to bring what is not in existence be found with THM. We are not idle and will never be. Here are some of the things we are doing in our marathon to become sustainable in our activities;

- ❖ Switched to traditional poultry farming but on a large scale
- ❖ Grown over a thousand bananas whose first fruits will start to appear early next year
- ❖ Busy improving our irrigation scheme to be relevant to the current economic challenges for continuance all seasonal farming. Bought a 16-horsepower water pump with 8 sprinkler system from the proceeds of the chicken project
- ❖ Developing a camp site and large flower garden to attract visitors as we take advantage of the natural features at Bethel which not many places have
- ❖ Expect to put the block making machine on commercial production immediately we have the chance of having spare parts that often need replacement when production is in progress.
- ❖ The mill will be commercialized the moment we have power. The mill is already planted.

Our philosophy is that the numerous demands requiring Timothy Harvest Ministries attention like;

- ❖ School sponsorship for the vulnerable youth
- ❖ Reach out to many less fortunate Church leaders in the rural areas of Malawi in our endeavor to fulfill our calling (Pastoral Training, Couples and Youth conferences, Servants leading servants, Discipleship, Godly man, Changing me, Marriage counseling, and Children ministry.

We are passionate to work with the Lord of all in His integral mission to this world till the last breath.

