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## ENCOURAGEMENT IN ASSEMBLY TESTIMONY

It has been wonderful to see years of labour starting to bear fruit over the past year. Read on to learn about the newly formed assembly continuing to grow. Seven believers were baptised and added to the fellowship recently.

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## NEW HOSTEL CONSTRUCTION UNDERWAY AT SAIDI

The success of the Bible Teaching Conference held in May highlighted the urgent need for on-site accommodation. Attendance had to be capped at 100 people—despite wider interest—due to the lack of suitable lodging nearby. Encouraged by the strong response and the clear need, we have now begun construction of the first of two dedicated 80-bed hostel facilities at Saidi.

This new development will provide simple, clean accommodation for visiting ministry teams, believers attending Bible teaching conferences, and other guests involved in the work. It will also reduce reliance on

expensive off-site lodging, making our programmes more accessible and sustainable.

Work on the site is already underway. The land has been cleared and levelled, foundation trenches are being dug, and the first stages of foundation construction are in progress. Teams are working steadily to ensure a strong base for the building.

The project will be completed in phases, as the Lord provides, beginning with one residential wing, followed by sanitation facilities, a second accommodation wing, and finally a communal space. We are grateful for the support that has brought us to this point and ask



"We are humbled and amazed at how God has blessed his work in Malawi. Thank you for your support over the past 22 years." Stephen & Gail Harper



for continued prayer as the work progresses.

We are thankful for a reliable, committed team of local builders and tradesmen, ably organized by Brother Goodson, who has shown great aptitude for learning new skills as well as supervising the team.

The hostels were designed by a Malawian architect, Jackson Chanje, who is a dear young brother in the Lord, and who is also supervising technical aspects of the project.

Top: Site clearance and levelling.  
Left: Goodson (r) and Jackson (2r) discuss laying out the site.





## Equipped for Every Good Work – Encouragement from May Bible Teaching Conference

In May, over 100 literature distributors from across Malawi gathered for a two-week Bible teaching conference at Saidi. The first week focused on Paul's first letter to Timothy, with teaching on leadership, godly conduct, family roles, and the danger of false teaching. The second week introduced foundational dispensational truths, including the seven dispensations, the distinction between Israel and the Church, and the difference between Law and Grace. One attendee reflected, "My expectations have been more than exceeded. I understand the big picture of the Bible—how everything fits together."

The impact was evident in both personal transformation and spiritual

clarity. "I used to ask the Holy Spirit to come, not realising He is already with us," wrote one brother, "Now I know I can worship God at any time, in any place." Another added, "Everything we learned here has opened our spiritual eyes so we can recognise the truth of the Word of God." With many expressing a renewed desire to teach others, we are thankful for the Lord's help and pray that the truth shared during these two weeks will bring lasting fruit in strong assemblies and godly families across Malawi.

A project to produce audio and video recordings of all the messages has just been completed. Pray that these will greatly multiply the value and effect of the messages preached.

### SAIDI ASSEMBLY GROWTH & ENCOURAGEMENT

It has been a season of real encouragement at the Saidi assembly, where steady spiritual growth is being seen both in individuals and in the fellowship as a whole. A number of baptisms have taken place recently—each one a visible reminder of God's grace at work and the faith of those taking their stand publicly. While visitor numbers remain high, the number of committed believers breaking bread has now grown to around 30. This is no small thing,



### Get Involved

There are various ways for you to get involved. Visit our website for details.

- **Pray** - we constantly need the intercession of God's people.

- **Pack** - help send Prison Hygiene packs or Classroom packs.
- **Give** - the work of SALT is made possible by the kindness of God's people.
- **Go** - why not consider taking part in an MGO team, or volunteering your practical skills?

## A Tract for Every Soul – Meeting the Growing Demand

The distribution of tracts and calendars this year has brought the cumulative total printed and distributed to over 20 million – by God's grace, enough to offer a Gospel message to every person in Malawi. A further consignment of 2-3 million items is expected to be sent shortly.

This milestone reflects the continuing and growing demand for clear, faithful Gospel literature. The majority of these materials are used by a committed network of

around 400 volunteer evangelists, who faithfully carry the message into towns, villages, markets, prisons, schools, and hospitals across the country. As one team member put it:

"The people who are using the tracts feel that their effectiveness is multiplied... they know the tracts are reaching places they can't."

To help meet this need, we have worked closely with Revival Movement / Every Home Crusade, who have supported us in publishing

an additional range of tracts. Their capacity and generosity have greatly extended our ability to respond to the call for literature. Looking ahead, we aim to introduce new titles each year, providing variety and renewed opportunity for engagement.

We are deeply thankful to all who make this possible – through prayer, financial support, and hands-on distribution. Every tract handed out is another opportunity for someone to encounter the Gospel.

## Nthawi ya Baibulo: A New Chapter Begins

After several years of painstaking translation, editing, and revision, the full Chichewa edition of Nthawi ya Baibulo has now been launched across Malawi. Based on the Bibletime curriculum, this children's Bible study programme walks young readers through key Bible stories with structured lessons and age-appropriate questions, designed to deepen their understanding of God's Word. With a format tailored to local language and culture, Nthawi ya Baibulo is a resource that equips children to explore Scripture for themselves—at home, in church, and in school.

Much of the credit for this achievement belongs to Anna, who coordinated the entire rollout. She worked closely with a team of local

translators and the overseas design team to ensure the lessons were clear, accurate, and engaging. In addition, she travelled widely to make teacher training accessible—holding sessions in locations convenient to participants who would otherwise struggle with transport costs. Her dedication, both behind the scenes and in the field, has been key to the successful launch of the programme.

So far, over 60,000 booklets have been distributed, and more than 1,000 teachers have been trained through 30 training sessions across the country. The impact is already being felt. Anna reflected, "It's encouraging just knowing that kids and teachers are getting clearer biblical teaching." In many of the training sessions, she noted, "I took

the time to go over the gospel, and it really touched me. It made me sad actually to see people writing down basic verses ... I'm just realising how totally biblically illiterate they are. Even though they go to church every week, they have nothing."

As these lessons take root, we pray that Nthawi ya Baibulo will help nurture a generation of children with strong biblical foundations. The road to this point has been long, but the signs of fruit are already visible. Through God's grace—and the faithful service of many, especially Anna—children across Malawi now have the opportunity to encounter the Bible in their own language, one lesson at a time.

given how recently the assembly was established, and reflects a careful and prayerful approach to recognizing genuine spiritual fruit.

There are also encouraging signs of growth in service. Several brothers have started taking a more active role in public participation, and some of the sisters joined Anna on her recent Nthawi ya Baibulo training tours—proving to be a real help and support on the road. Such involvement marks a welcome development in shared responsibility and maturity. As the assembly continues to grow, we pray for continued depth in the teaching, love in the fellowship, and boldness in Gospel witness.



## EMMAUS COURSES RELAUNCHED IN CHICHEWA

After a careful process of revision and redesign, the first titles in the Emmaus Correspondence Course series are now available in Chichewa. A total of 12,000 booklets have been ordered for printing locally in Malawi, marking the beginning of a significant relaunch of this important discipleship tool.

While some cost savings might have been achieved by printing in-house, the pressing need for timely distribution made local outsourcing the most practical choice. These courses will play a vital role in

supplementing the in-person Bible teaching offered at conferences and through local church efforts. As the demand for clear, structured Bible teaching grows, these self-paced study materials offer a valuable means of grounding believers in essential biblical truths.

Please pray as these courses are distributed among our network of literature evangelists and Nthawi ya Baibulo (NYB) teachers. We long to see these lessons not only read, but used by God to build lives firmly rooted in Scripture.





And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work. (2 Corinthians 9:8)

## PRAYER & THANKSGIVING

1. **Pray** for wisdom and necessary resources for the roll-out of Emmaus Correspondence Courses.
2. **Give thanks** continued numerical & spiritual growth in literature & the assembly at Saidi.
3. **Pray** the Lord will send or raise up labourers for the great harvest field in Malawi.
4. **Give Thanks** for profitable Bible teaching conferences.
5. **Pray** concerning construction of hostel accommodation to increase our teaching / conference capacity.

## TRUSTEE TRANSITION

We thank God for those who have faithfully served as trustees of Southern Africa Literature Trust, helping to shape the direction of the work.

Earlier this year, Jim McMaster stepped down from the board, having been a founding trustee since SALT's inception. With his wife Janet, Jim brought energy, wisdom, and spiritual vision to the board and to the ministry in Malawi. His contribution to the early prison work—still ongoing—is especially appreciated.

We warmly welcome Carl Radcliffe, who has recently joined the board with a strong interest in gospel outreach and practical service.

We continue to seek committed believers to join us as trustees or volunteers.



Malawi is in the grip of a severe economic crisis, with an acute shortage of foreign exchange, chronic fuel and commodity scarcities, and soaring living costs. Over 70% of the population lives below the international poverty line (US\$2.15/day), nearly one in three children do not complete primary education, and 42% of girls marry before 18. Youth unemployment and food insecurity are widespread. Most of those we serve—volunteers, assembly members, and ministry contacts—live in such conditions. This brings unique challenges. Please pray for wisdom and grace as we seek to support and encourage them in Christ-centred ways.

As part of our ongoing relief work, we support around 100 refugee orphans at Dzaleka Camp and 300

street children in Lilongwe with daily meals. These efforts do not replace the Gospel—but serve it—offering visible care while building foundations for spiritual growth. Dzaleka was also the pilot site for our Swahili Bibletime lessons, a work that continues to expand with trained local teachers.

We are thankful for lasting fruit. Several now in assembly fellowship who were first reached during relief visits to Lisao Camp after Cyclone Freddy. As food and supplies were shared, the Gospel was preached. Some later professed faith, have been baptized, and continue faithfully. These stories remind us that Gospel ministry often takes root in the soil of suffering—and that acts of compassion can bear eternal fruit.



Left: Brother Harold's older boys, Trust and Aubrey both do very well at school, thanks to Egly's (Harold's wife) hard work, coaching them at home. Trevor is just starting school. Egly also teaches them Bible verses and explains the Gospel.

Harold requests the saints pray for their salvation while still young.

Trust is 7, Aubrey 10, and Trevor is 4.



Latest Range of Chichewa Gospel Tracts



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