

# 2023 COST 2nd QUORTER NEWS LETTER



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**THE WAR COUNSEL**



**After reading this newsletter you will come across the April, May and June 2023 COST and THE WAR COUNSEL journey of bringing disciples and leaders to the high kingdom of God. Your reading is a blessing!**

Many of our stories are designed to be in photos. We believe that photos and videos tell stories more and efficiently than words. Many people like viewing than reading. Happy you for getting our stories in many photos

## DISCIPLESHIP



Small group discipleship, one on one discipleship have increasingly transformed lives of disparate souls such as youth, people living with disabilities, orphans and widows not forgetting the elderlies. Such communities have now developed hope of their future life as they partner with their Lord Jesus Christ the Calvary husband and get strength from the Bible lessons they timely learn from COST mission.

The most grateful thing is that the system is bringing many youth to know Jesus and what Jesus is expect them to be and do.

The study of Humility has been attracting even Elderlies, Muslims and other leading communities to join this ministry in MonkeyBay and Nambuma in Dowa where Jolex is the leader.

We are so amazed to see youth and people coming from long distances for example 13 or more kilometers away just to learn more and be blessed with COST ministry's teachings. God's Kingdom is truly growing tremendously and is being uplifted up.

**Acts 2:47 (KJV); Praising God, and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the Church daily such as should be saved!**

## SMALL GROUPS' DISCIPLESHIP



Youth and other people learn much Better when they are in groups. Small groups help them share spiritual Knowledge & experiences and are very open on each other



Having very humbled elderlies joining discipleship is another mercy and glory of God we are timely experiencing in monkey-Bay. These women do not spare a week without Communicating with their Lord through Bible studies and prayers



Another interesting thing is that women are very quick to understand And believing in the word of God than men. The same applies to the developmental issues where women do better than men

## LARGE GROUP DISCIPLESHIP



In his ministry Jesus used a number of methods. Some of the methods that Jesus used were one on one, discipleship, small group's discipleship and large group's discipleship. Each one of the methods has and had an impact on its own.

COST does not ignore each of Jesus's ministry methods. One on one discipleship can mean two meet, and between the two one mentors the other. Jesus first met with Simon Peter, then Andrew his brother until he did with all the twelve. He sent all the twelve and commanded them to go the lost sheep of Israel. The interesting thing is that he spent more time with twelve. He mentored them fully until they got the Holy Spirit. *Matthews 10:1-42*; you will see the full structure, methodology of Jesus's discipleship with his 12 disciples.



# YOUTH EMPOWERMENT



VEGETABLE GARDEN FOR LESSON

Vegetable farming is a big deal with Brother Lesson At Nselema near Sauya  
**Agri-business**



SOY BEANS SEEDS



God has given us wisdom to share with our beloved ones. We know how Malawi is straggling with finances and food. Although we had cyclone Freddy devastated lots of farms, roads and houses, we encouraged our youth farmers by a Soy Beans pass on project. Out of 500Kgs of the seed we distributed to 25 famers, we managed to collect 800 kgs that we will distribute in the next growing season. Among the farmers the highest farmer got 15 bags, and the least got 8 bags of 50 kgas each. We have a feeling of an achievement

Because of poverty, many Malawians do not have an opportunity to save money. COST with the support from THE WAR COUNSEL Implemented entrepreneurship and savings trainings and formed and introduced a saving culture in 3 groups with a 30 membership at Nsumbi Group Village headman in Monkey-Bay. in this system, they pray, read the Bible, discuss the reading once they meet and proceed with their savings and loans for business capital boosting

With this method many are doing better.



Uniformity brought happiness to the members as they are able to express their identity in uniform. 15 members have already got theirs although we had just a space for a few in this letter. Your happiness! Is our happiness COST and THE WAR COUNSEL are ours. Members stressed





# Chickens pass-on



*A small thing into a big thing,*

Tsogolo labwino club is singing a sweet song after receiving 10 pairs of chicks that we passed on from 5 widows to 10 Youth. We distributed 5 pairs of chicks to 5 widows in 2022 of which we have 60 off springs. It is from those 60 off springs where youth have benefited 20 Chicks

*The pass on program was witnessed by several community leaders from different departments for example; Member of Parliament (MP), Group Village Headmen, Social Welfare Officer, Pastors among others.*

**It is our hope that the pass on projects can be sustainable helping our youth and communities creating good economic status hence sharing the same opportunities to others**

*It may sound not bad if we can refer this phenomenon to all other pass-on projects to be ones of the best.*

*With Soy beans pass-on we have seen a great transformation among our youth apart from the soy beans low price and the Cyclone.*

*Out of 500 kilograms of soy beans distributed to 25 farmers, despite going through Cyclone Freddy challenges in 2022, that only 15 farms were washed away, but still the remaining 10 farmers managed to produced not less than 8 bags of 50kgs each. The heist got 15 bags.*

## FOOD SECURITY – RESERVED FOR THE FUTURE DISASTER (HUNGER AT PICK IN MALAWI)



In the book of **Genesis chapter 41**, Joseph interpreted Pharaoh's dreams; "7 years of food and 7 years of hunger". This was as the warning to Pharaoh to save enough food for the coming 7 years. We had the same adoption. After encountering too much scarcity of corn – maize, The War Counsel supported us to purchase 88 bags of maize, weighing 50kgs each and that food is reserved for the future food crisis that we shall start spending it in January or February 2024. We believe, that time maize will be very expensive. We targeted to purchase up to 300 bags of maize but funds did not much but we really give glory for the support.

However the room is still there for well-wishers to help before the price continues to pick



# TESTEMONIES



Cecilia Mangani of Tikondane saving group has improved her farm produce business after learning entrepreneurship and saving culture with Medson at COST Ministries. Cecilia is a young woman with 2 children, and now is able to support school fees for her children, purchasing food and clothes for the family. She is now living a happy life with children and the husband.

She calls on other youth to join COST.

Standing in front of the house is Mallium Yassin of Tiyanjane Saving group, Now Very happy after finishing her house that she built with savings system she obtained from COST ministries. Men and women go for COST if you Wish to excel spiritually, mentally and economically



## ***THE POWER OF PRAYER***



Communicating with God by seeking his intervention in times of disease and trouble and all times has given us evidence that God does not fail. Zakeyu lived in a hospital at Salima for a couple of weeks because he had a big injury on right hand leg. Doctors fixed an iron inside the leg to bring it back for the reconnection of broken bones. Once I went to pray for him, he confessed within a day after, that Jesus has healed him. He was discharged the next day of the day I went to see him. This is LOVE THERAY. Glory to God of healing.

## IS THERE ANYTHING IN SOCCER WE MAY THINK OF FOR YOUTH?



Soccer plays a great role in prevention of sinful behavior, the use of dangerous drugs, alcohol, and premarital sex among the youth in Malawi. Soccer is also a means of body excise

COST youth play Soccer after Bible studies, they pray, go home resting and work in their gardens where they earn a living.

COST has made youth benefit from both spiritual and health living among the youth.

## PARTINERSHIP WITH COMMUNITY AND COMMUNITY LEADERS

Standing in this photo is a Member of Parliament for MonkeBay Constituency Hon. Ralph Jooma (MP) talking in recommendation of COST services on the development and religious activities for Monkey and Malawi. Such leaders have much influence to the communities for example when they tell the community to visit COST, we see many youth coming. Some of other leaders who support our ministry are: Pastors, Group Village Head Men (GVH), the Ward Councilors, and Government Officials.



Recently Government of Malawi through the Ministry of Gender, Community Development and Social welfare has recommended COST as a recognized Faith Based Organization, and that it is now wealthy to get registered with NGORA as a Faith based Organization that can work anywhere in Malawi. God has expanded our catchment area.

*All these due to COST obedience to the authorities! Read Hebrews 13:17 (ESV) – Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with groaning, for that would be of no advantage to you.*



## TRAVEL

Our Lord is glorified for amazing trip



Travelling for the ministry in Malawi for COST ministries is an itching problem. We plan to disciple within the short distances but ships of God come from very far distances of not less than 13 kilometers away seeking for our attention. Some members come from 30 to 60 kilometers.

Taking long time without seeing them, some disciples develop weaknesses. That is the reason why we sometimes lend a motor bike or a car at very expensive prices or we board on public transport for some distance then walk on foot for other 13 to 15 kilometers to meet them.



**Reaching out to difficult areas to reach. God is always on our tside for no harm did anything on our trips**



## LEADERSHIP

Brother Ed Schmit (The Board Chairman)  
The Bible Teacher at the WAR COUNSEL  
/Partner and Spiritual Mentor for Medson & COST



Cathie Robinson Schmit (Treasure)  
(Projects Financer) and helper

**Ed Schmit & Cathie Robinson Schmit**



**(Director) Medson Chitedze - (Girl Guider) Charity Chitedze**

**Patrick Singano**



Singano is stronger for the Discipleship  
leading youth in Bible studies. He has a passion  
to disseminate the gospel to all

**Daniel Misoya**



COST is full with heavenly qualified staff.  
Daniel helps the director in programs  
and managerial support

**Jolex Jamson**



**Creater of many youth in Dowa - Nambuma**

**God is good! All the time! All the time! God is Good!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**