

# 2023 COST 1st QUARTER NEWS LETTER



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**THE WAR COUNSEL**



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

## DISCIPLESHIP

### One on one discipleship has been



A key to a success Bible studies  
And a total life transformation of  
Our youth and the community from  
The darkness of the evil to start a journey



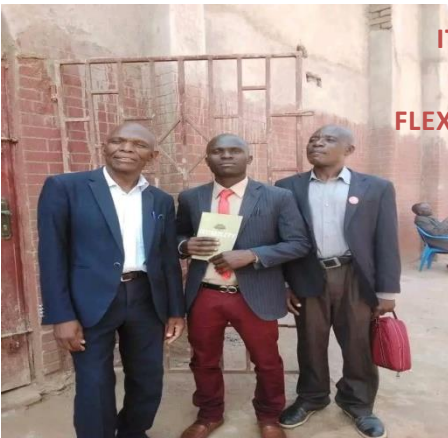
Of walking with Jesus Christ!



This system has brought more who God called to worship him and minister for him because it builds up a closer relationship with the mentor. We believe that about 45% of our followers benefited much from it.

## SMALL GROUPS' DISCIPLESHIP

IT IS VERY CLEAR TO KNOW THAT YOUTH WORK MUCH BETTER IN GROUPS. THEY BECOME FLEXIBLE TO CONTRIBUTE, SHARE SPIRITUAL EXPERIENCES, KNOWLEDGE AND TESTEMONIES



THE DISCIPLESHIP METHODOLOGY HAS BEEN VERY EFFECTIVE. FROM 389 FOLLOWERS IN DECEMBER 2022, THE FINGER HAS BEEN GROWING FASTER AND FASTER REACHING 612 BY MARCH 2023. THAT IS DUE TO ACTIVITIES AND THE METHODS WE PUT IN PLACE WHICH FAVORS YOUTH. LOOKING FORWARD FOR THE LARGE GROUP/YOUTH CONFERENCE IN FEW MONTHS TO COME.

## YOUTH EMPOWERMENT

The question might be; why empowering youth in various dimensions? Read below to see some of the approaches Jesus used in his ministry. Malawi is one of the poorest countries in the World. COST realizes the damage our youth go through in terms of health, nutrition, social life, education challenges, and economic crisis among others. In his ministry Jesus was always in shoes of his disciples and all that surrounded him. In [Matthew 14:13-21](#) we see Jesus feeding thousands of men. Was his mission to come on earth and feed them with physical food? Totally NO! We see Jesus also healing the sick. Did he come to heal? No. However he fed, he healed those who followed him. The disciples wanted to send the multitude to go and search food for themselves. Jesus rebuked. He asked the disciples to seek food for the people who came to listen from Jesus. He blessed only three loaves of bread and three fish. The miracle occurred that the food was enough for 5,000 people and there were remnants.

Jesus came to save his people! That's all; [Matthew 1:21](#) – And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins. Thus the main purpose of Jesus's mission however wanted to bring close all the mankind to him, building a better relationship with people through feeding, healing miracles among others.

That is one of the reasons COST ministries find ways and is still searching and means of supporting its disciples and non-disciples in order for them to come all closer and to buy their interest in the ministry. This is also a preaching of love that is also in Jesus Christ.



### Entrepreneurship trainings, saving groups and loans.

*These youth, young women inclusive are well trained on how they can open small scale businesses and develop a saving culture using the little they earn after trading. Medson takes a great role in preparing and equipping those who were desperate to start a journey of hope making them be reliable and have self-dependability economically.*

*After a two weeks training groups graduate to be meeting in their respective locations and COST takes a role of supervising them. Tikonde, Zinalikuti and Tithandizane youth groups are enjoying the free benefits of entrepreneurship trainings done.*

*Some of such groups' trade in fish, Agriculture produces among others.*



## Legume seed (Soybeans) pass on project 2022-2023 growing season



25 youth received and planted Soybeans

Donated by COST ministries through the support

From THE WAR COUNSEL though Cyclone

Washed away 15 fields. More in the Disaster page

The 10 farms shall be harvested by May 2023.



## Local Chickens pass on project

Local chickens play a major role for the rural poor people and marginalized section of the people with respect to their subsidiary income and also provide them with nutritious chicken eggs, and meat for their own consumption.

Feeding of local chickens is easy than hybrid ones. Most of them are reared using a free range system. Chicken droppings can be used as manure for the farmyard.

Both local chicken breed eggs and meat have a high market across the country. Those are some of the reasons COST in line with THE WAR COUNSEL donate local chicken breeds to our disciples for the benefit of their daily living.



Only ten chickens, five females and five males were distributed to 5 widows in Sauya. We have 30 Offsprings making a total of 40 March 2023. We arranged a pass on program by the end of April 2023 to other 5 members



## THE JOURNEY WAS TOUGH -PRAY FOR MALAWI – CYCLONE FREDDY DISASTER



Pray for Malawi should be a question to any believer Worldwide. We all pray individually however Jesus advised us to pray for each other. Cyclone Fredy seems to be a bad name for all Malawians and Africans in particular. Houses, roads, bridges, farms, more than 400 lives gone, thousands of Malawians are homeless and lots of property missing. Being the poor country already, experiencing huge hunger blow and Fredy develops more poverty without mercy at all. This is exactly a double blow on lives of the poor community. We do not expect the end of hunger in Malawi until something better happens. Please pray for Malawi.

## EVANGELISM

Jesus sent us to go and preach the gospel to all. He didn't choose a certain group to preach to but to all nations. In the month of March 2023, we had to go and do what God called us for!  
Matthew 28:18



## SEND A THIEF TO CATCH A THIEF



When Apostle Paul was in Rome, he did like a Roman. He did that to buy the attention of many and build up a good relationship with the new audience. Here we borrow the same protocol.

Playing soccer with youth, helping fishermen fishing among others, it's an honor to them and this helps you to disciple much better. Jesus also taught we should be like children for us to benefit the kingdom of God. It's our desire to follow examples of Jesus.

## THE CHARIBLE SERVICES



This photo indicates some of the charity work our youth do. They are encouraged to help those in need. Praying for the elderly people, drawing water for them, sweeping, sharing what they have are the activities that are carried out depending on the needs and the availability of resources and man power.

**This is the fulfillment of James 1:27; pure religion and undefiled worship before God and the father is this, to visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the World.**

## CHALLENGES

The ministry, our youth, the church community and our local leaders including the nation have under gone through terrible times. The increasing economic crisis, hunger, the Cyclone Freddy, the previous Convid 19, Cholera among others have distorted good plans that were made.

Lack of enough resources for the COST ministry such as Bibles, travel machines, land for developmental activities, frailer of some projects due to lack of enough funding have made the



work of the past 3 months difficult despite registering a very big number of new youth (Disciples).

Self-sustainability for the organization is required to overcome such challenges. Ideally, farming on our own, opening a kindergarten can bring better results so that we should not always wait for the donors all the time.

After counting the difficult times we have undergone and the future predictions that are at hand, 2023 to 2024 is another challenging period for food. Not many will harvest enough food yet the prices of corn was very high more than 3 time the prices of 2022. If we keep the warning of Joseph by purchasing food for the future, we can easily generate funds and save lives. Read [Genesis 40:1-23](#).

We are but sure God knows how faithful we are before him, and hopefully he shall never forsake us because he knows whom we are, what we do and what we want to do for the uplifting of his kingdom.

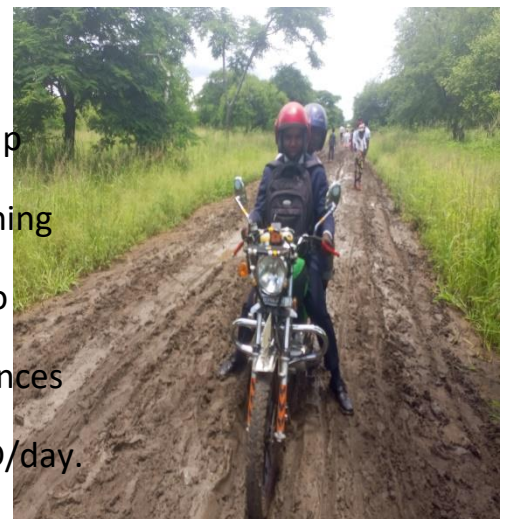
## TRAVEL

Matthew 28:19.....Jesus said, “ Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptize them in the name of the father and of the son and of the holy Ghost.

Yes we must go! But the question is how? On foot – If it is close, Bicycle when it is abit far, motor bike when it is far and by car and aeroplain when it is very far if opportunities are there isn't a sin.



We spend 26USD for hiring  
A motor bike for a one day trip  
And spend 6UDS for fuel running  
A distance of 60 kilometers to  
And from. For very long distances  
Hiring a car goes up to 43USD/day.



Travelling on foot for 10 or more Kilometers has never been admirable. However we do in order to accomplish God's Call of going and preaching the gospel.

**Our Lord is glorified for amazing trips!**

## LEADERSHIP



Ed is the founder and teacher at THE WAR COUNSEL. His mission is to develop men and women into an Army for Jesus Christ. His ministry focuses on one on one discipleship, Kingdom prep Highschool, Wild at Heart – Basic Boot camp and COST Youth Ministry – Africa.

Since COST partnered with THE WAR COUNSEL in 2019, a lot have been achieved and many souls have seen and tasted the love of Jesus. Brother Ed has been faithful to God all the way. Over 600 disciples with 5 leaders have fully dedicated their life to Jesus.

**Ed Schimt (Board Chairperson)**

*We can't run a ministry without talking about a Woman. Cathie is our Spiritual mom, friend and Helper. She serves her office in this ministry as A treasurer among others. She is the mother of the Organization that God blessed us with. If I were asked To point out who should go to heaven on the last day Our first names could be Cathie and Ed. We love and Bless Cathie and Ed in Malawi*



**Cathie Robinson S. (Treasurer to the Board)**





The holy Spirit spoke with me in 2019. God wanted me to minister for young. I have been powerless all the way but God kept on striking my heart until I met Brother Ed. Brother Ed strengthened my vision as he uses the words “Iron happens an Iron”.

I see the glory of God by making over 600 disciples in 5 years period of time in partnership.

**Medson Chitedze (Director)**

Charity is a faithful born again Christian, the wife of Medson, Girl youth Advisor and a big assistant to The ministry. She is also a good friend for Cathie And Cora. This is a great spiritual relationship.



**Charity M. Chitedze (Girl Youth Advisor)**

**Patrick Singano (Head of Discipleship)**

PHOTO MISSING!



**Daniel Misoya (Administrator)**



**Jolex Jamson (Youth Cordinator)**

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