

# 2022 SECOND QUARTER NEWS

## LETTER REPORT FOR COST



**When you come to Malawi you will hear: God is good! All the time! All the time! God is good!**

### **BACK GROUND**

COST ministries started in 2009 with the purpose of planting spiritual life in youth through Bible studies and evangelism. We target youth because we believe that training youth the true gospel of Jesus Christ can bring good results for the Church, community, country and the world because we shall have a spiritually transformed World. We are expecting them to become good and faithful leaders of the church, community, office and government. No more corruption, no more sinful behavior or characters hence targeting the eternal life and considers the good of others more than themselves for the glory of Jesus Christ and God.

We encourage them hard working at school, work, business and help the needy of their community. That helps them grow with stronger spiritually and they maintain the culture when they grow.

Knowing that the youth we work with are coming from one of very poor countries in the World (Malawi), we also empower them in many areas such Spiritual support, social support, economical support, mental support among others.

In 2019 COST has partnered with the WAR COUNSEL a Christian ministry based in Wisconsin USA whose leader is Brother Ed Schmit and his wife Cathie. We always share issues of the common goals that aim at making disciples and uplifting God's kingdom through youth.

Since 2019 over 222 youth have become disciples through the system. May God be glorified for the mentorship, support and his direction

# 1. SUCCESSES

## a. Materials



In (April 2022) We did not stop sharing the study Bibles and Humility books to young pastors who benefit from the book of life.

The distribution of study Bibles, Humility books and other Bible tracts have saved several lost souls. Leaders find them tools and weapons of fighting against the enemy whenever they go out teaching and preaching the gospel. Matthews 28:18.

With the support from the WAR COUNSEL, regardless of weather, rain, sun hit but God made us move and share the gospel materials where ever God directed us.

The computer we bought through the support we get from THE WAR COUNSEL. It helps us recording all the data we capture and record reports.

Praise God this has been so effective and progressive!

**b. Discipleship (Local)**

**i. One on one discipleship (Just sum of them)**



**Medson & Charles**

**Suntheni**

**Medson & Pillemon**

One on one discipleship has brought in tremendously those who should be saved. Mutual relationships through weekly, timely Bible studies and home counseling for youth are growing the love of Jesus and God. The number of disciples has been growing in numbers, in knowledge and faith. The system help men to develop trust in and faith in Jesus Christ and knowing him deeper

**ii. Small group discipleship**



**Small group in Salima – Lifidzi**



**Small group in Monkeybay – Nselema**



**Small group in Dowa – Nambuma**

**Small groups Bible study is another way of bringing faith among the youth. They are easy to manage. Almost every youth has an opportunity to contribute, share experiences and testimonies which is not common in large groups. God is inspiring to have many small groups of 5 each as we go.**

### iii. Mass group Discipleship



Youth in Salima Lifidzi with Daniel

Youth in Dowa with Jolex

Another way of calling many into the mission is by accepting many. We borrow this example from Jesus when he used to attend into the multitude regardless of having specific number of 12 disciples. I believe that he knew from the crowd some could agree to his mission and become faithful Christians. We are therefore using the mass groups and youth conferences as tools of bringing youth together for Jesus Christ.

### iv. International Discipleship



Pastor Emmanuel (Zimbabwe). Pastor Nalupe (Zambia) Pastor Sajjibi (Uganda)

We started with a humble beginning targeting Monkebay but due to the use of social media such whatsapp and facebook pages many have contacted us with interest in other districts like Dowa, Salima and Nkhotakota. Abroad the countries in Zimbambe we have pastor Emmanuel, in Zambia pastor Nalupe and in Uganda Pastor Sajjibi. The discipleship in these areas is done through internet facilities stated above. We also use the same within Malawi with disciples who are far from us and have access to the smart phone and internet data.

### c. People living with disabilities ministry



Quicy



Danken middle, Mando Right As we brought them to Church with Children



**Disability isn't inability. COST ministries did not look aside for people with low opportunities such as people living with disabilities. They need love of people and God. Three of the above youth are living with disabilities but they dedicate their life for Jesus Christ. Their hope started once I started teaching them humility and the gospels. They now believe are considered as one of God's loved people and believe they will enjoy with Jesus in heaven in times to come.**

**They say they have nothing they can give back to Jesus but spreading his sweetest news of eternal life to other youth. We could eat with them together as we share the sweetest love of God**



**Besides all, each one of these people has an ambition. Both Danken and Mando desires to have their own Perkins Braille machine so that they can dictate notes during bible studies and carry them forward to others for reference. However the machines are very expensive for us to get because each requires about 3 thousand USD to buy.**

**Quicy has degree in Computer information technology (IT). His interest is to empower COST youth computer basic knowledge by introducing IT training center. That requires at least a number of computers, printer/photocopier and stationery resources.**

**Mando and Danken are both blind while Quicy is having movement impairment.**

#### d. The elderly and widows ministry



**COST believes lucky people shall grow old. Growing old doesn't mean useless! it is one way of showing God's love towards his people, however as people grow old they face a number of challenges. One of their most needs is God's words of their future, the direction of where they shall go once they leave this painful earth. With whom are they going to stay? The angrily sons and daughters, grandsons and granddaughters as it are today?**

**Are they going to feel the pain as they do today's life? The backaches, headaches, coughing among others? Are they going to have shabby homes, lacking food and clothing? Shall people continue to call them witches and wizards as it is the case today?**

**All the above questions need someone to stand up and respond quickly before our parents lose hope. That is the only reason COST start with John 14:1-4 then after we go to other gospels. Doing Bible studies with the old people is so courageous. They buy trust in Jesus Christ faster than youth. They see that in a big special way because nobody came to see them, empowered them with the word of life. After talking they will always bless you with lots of blessings.**

**The food of life is good, but frankly speaking apart from lacking the gospel because most of them can't move to the church, old people are in a big challenge of physical needs such as food, clothing, beddings and housing. We always pray for them too in those areas.**

**Our youth are able to support the needy elderly by either using funds being funded by THE WAR COUNSEL or individual contributions and services.**

**e. Youth Empowerment**

**a. Agri-seed pass on project**



**As we train our youth to be hard working, loving God and be faithful Christians, we also encourage them to be self-reliant and reliable.**

**That is the reason COST will implemented an Agri-seed pass on project so that can help them as a starter pack for their farming projects.**

**With the support from THE WAR COUNSEL, we bought 500kgs of soy bean seeds for distribution into five youth groups of five members each. Once they grow and harvest, they shall repay back the amount of seed received plus interest e.g: if one gets 10Kgs of seeds shall repay back 20Kgs of the same so that other youth shall also benefit in the next growing season.**

**That comes on after we noticed that Agriculture is the main source of food and income. We are therefore encouraging the farming of regumes such as beans, groundnuts among others that do not necessary demand fertilizer.**



**These youth in Dowa working hard in their fields with the initiative of COST. (Hard working and mindset change)**

**b. Domestic animals pass on project**



**The goat! Once it brings the offspring, then it grows, it shall be passed into a youth group for them to rear and share the off springs as well.**

**c. Social (Soccer and Christian life)**



**After Bible studies, our youth go to the ground playing soccer! That helps body fattiness and spends time without doing immoral behavior such as beer drinking, use of drags and pre-marital sex that can damage their spiritual and biological life. We have been supported with one ball while we could love to have 10 in total.**

**It is our desire if we can, to bring them musical instruments so that some of them can also spend their time in singing for the Lord in their free time. Please help us praying for Gog's provision. That can demand \$2,500**



## 2. LEDERSHIP



**The first and second photos are Medson and his wife Charity. He is the Director and founder of COST ministries. He takes all the responsibility of developing plans, managing them, developing project proposals for the projects. He carries the vision, mission and goals of COST ministries. God uses him in a very amazing way.**

**Charity has got a special supportive character and attitude. She is the advisor to the mission. She is very keen and love people we preach the gospel to.**

**Third photo is Ed and Cathie. A very amazing family God blessed us with. They all work with us through their ministry THE WAR COUNSEL. Ed is the board Chair person and Cathie is the board treasurer. Thus God's provision. It is Ed's family that support COST ministries in resources that includes finances for the progression of the ministry in Malawi-Africa.**

**Both families work hand in hand. We believe that families are the key for the salvation of lost souls if they become exemplary.**

**Our weekly Bible studies, meetings, discussions continue uplifting our faith in God and we all grow together as one family. Ed does not get tired teaching us the true gospel of Jesus Christ.**

### **3. CHALLENGES**

#### **a. Natural Disasters**

**Due to unreliable rain and storms that destroyed crops this year, famers did not harvest enough. We are expecting a big blow of food crisis this year when economic crisis is at pick too.**

#### **b. Transport**

**Transport from dwelling places to meet youth and youth groups in various areas are becoming so difficult and hard due to lack of office car. The public transport is very expensive due to high rate of fuel and does not match up with time factor. It is also difficult when it is rainy season because the public transport drops you on the deport leaving you becoming wait on the way to discipleship. Should men of God help us in prayers to access at least one car for God's kingdom to be uplifted high.**



**We sometimes we travel by the hired motor bike to meet youth in remote areas that is very expensive if we can count many trips in a month and very dangerous routs due to bushes and having an open roof sounds bad however God protected us all the way. We are praying if we can get a used car that can ease travel of the mission.**

#### **a. Land**

**We believe that land is the basic resource of any development. As we are encouraging youth to be self-reliant and reliable Christians and community members we need also to take a lead developing our own land. We need land for Agriculture developments for the sustainability of COST projects and the place of establishment.**

**b. Office**

The place where people meet and work. Operating from home is cheaper but expensive in the other hand. The community cannot trust us if they see us operating from home. Government and other organization partners cannot trust us too. Once government identifies we operate from home they can decide to withdraw the certificate of incorporation that we got hardly. We suggest that temporarily a renting building can help as we are waiting for our own permanent land to build up offices

**c. Capital for vast income generating activities**

No tree can grow without roots. Business can't stand without capital. It is our prayer as we go if we can get at least a viable business capital that its profit can be running day today's ministry's small activities without asking donors all the times.

**4. PLANNED ACTIVITIES FOR THE REMAINING 6 MONTHS OF 2022**

**a. Agri-Seed pass on pilot project**

We shall implement the Agri-Seed pass on project by end of September 2022. We shall be holding up trainings and meetings before the distribution of the seed.

Farms shall be monitored and supervised.

**b. Youth Conference in Dowa Nambuma by September 2022**

The Youth Conference that shall be held in Dowa will be so great and unique. We hope that more than 200 youth not counting Church leaders and community leaders shall be in attendance. We are seeking for prayers.

**c. Youth Conference/Other gospel activity in MonkeyBay by December 2022**

Instead of going for mere parties, this year in December our party shall be a gathering of youth and feed them with the gospel of Jesus Christ. However gospel music, meat, drinks and meals shall be required. We also think of bringing a number of needy people together from the same area as we shall be rejoicing the birth of Jesus Christ on December 25<sup>th</sup>

## **5. FUTURE GOALS**

- a. COST should get its own means of transport**
  
- b. Land**  
**It's a must for the ministry to have land for its establishment and developments.**
  
- c. Offices**  
**It could be sounding great if we can have a rented house for office by August 2022**
  
- d. P/A system should be available to avoid losing of much funds when we want them and they can be source of income to the ministry**

**This newsletter is for April, May and June 2022**

Are you called to uplifting God's kingdom with us through youth! You can support this ministry by contacting our partner THE WAR COUNCEL by contacting brother Ed on phone +12627191338 or visit our partner's website <http://www.thewarcounsel.com/>

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