

2022 FIRST QUARTER NEWS LETTER

REPORT FOR COST MINISTRIES



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

In January, 2022 God directed us to work for him through the prison ministry. I, charity and Daniel headed together to move around 5 prisons in the northern region of Malawi. At Rumphu we had to see Jaiross, his mom, his youth and what they do.

SUCCESES



a.

Gospel tracts were distributed

Gift of life (Bibles) and Humility books were distributed,

b. Travel and arrival

The trip started on 6th February 2022, 4:00 AM and we safely arrived in Rumphu at 8:35 PM. We had to drive again about 7 kilometers away to meet Jairos.



Charity, Medson and Daniel with our son Precious waiting for Jaiross.

We met Jaiross with his mom at home

c. Youth

In the morning we met 1 youth group at Kajalira village in Rumphu.



The group prays when they meet. They learn Humility Bee keeping is another source of income

d. Toilet

We saw the old mom who is straggling going to the bush when she wants to be helped. There is no toilet. The one youth started is not yet completed but I am grateful these youth’s passion to help me. Last time they brought to me a pair of shoes, some soap, sugar, petroleum jelly among others. COST and the WAR COUNSEL must be blessed.



Gogo Loyina talking to Medson while Jaiross interpretes Chichewa from Tumbuka language



Kajalira COST youth club standing with Daniel

e. Soy garden and the piggery



Soy garden



The Piggery

f. Prison ministry

In our tour to prisons in the northern region of Malawi, we preached the true gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ in the following prisons:

i. Chitipa Prison: 389 inmates



After the gospel, Chitipa prison was blessed with study Bibles and Humility books. They liked our visiting and the gospel. They said despite physical needs they lack but the gospel is the priority. COST in conjunction with the WAR COUNSEL has shown God's love to us. The station officer liked the Bibles

ii. **Karonga Prison 86 inmates**



Chitipa prison welcomed us with sweet gospel songs and dance. Bibles were distributed!

iii. **Rumphi Prison 700 inmates**



Rumphi prison lacks lots of Spiritual and physical needs

iv. **Mzuzu prison is holding 830 inmates**



v. **Nkhatabay Prison 77 inmates**



The mission managed to reach out **2,082** inmates with the gospel of Jesus Christ and distribution of Study Bibles, Bible tracts and the Humility books.

OVERALL PRISONERS' CHALLENGES

- ✓ Continuous spiritual support
- ✓ Bibles and gospel tracts both Chichewa and English
- ✓ Sanitary buckets
- ✓ Shaving machine
- ✓ Soap, sugar, petroleum jelly
- ✓ It was so sad to hear for example over 700 inmates using one bucket as a toilet.
- ✓ 6 inmates use one razor blade when shaving
- ✓ They eat once a day, and the diet is Nsima and beans throughout
- ✓ Sandals

✓ **THE CAR SERVED US**

Frankly speaking that trip without the car could mean a failed one! We praise God for softening the heart of Rodney for borrowing us a car on his will for free. It could be so hard and very expensive to ask the motor bikes to pick us into the areas we wanted to go. Loading and off-loading could be a big challenge on the way. The car saved travelling time, loaded heavy Bibles we could not handle by hands, helped us reach far areas we could not reach by footing in time.

✓ **CHALLENGES**

- ✓ Letters I sent to Jaiross to deliver into Northern region prisons asking them to accept us to visit the prisons were not yet sent by the time we arrived in Rumphi.
- ✓ They did not like us taking photos during service. We took photos by chance.
- ✓ Because letters were not sent, it was hard for the prison officers to allow us see the inmates. It took the efforts of Medson and the team seeking for the phone contacts of the regional Chaplain requesting her for the special, quick assistance to the situation. Praise God she gave us some hours to wait for her to talk with her bosses on the matter! Hoooo! Praise God Jesus was on our side, an acceptance message came morning on 8th February 2022. Thank you Lord.
- ✓ The prices for accommodation, food and transport were highly different from what Jaiross told me. For example; transport for one person to Chitipa was founded to be K60,000 each yet he told me K28,000, the round figure was K30,000 but was also reduced into K28,750 each based on the funds that was available. That could mean direct transport to and from Chitipa for 4 people could be K480, 000 yet we budgeted the transport at K230,000 only. However God's mercy has approved our success by the provision of the car. So travelling by the car helped us many times more. Refer to the financial report where we had some funds substitutes to meet the costs.
- ✓ The costs of food and accommodation were also on high side. However we tried to squiz in order for us meet the budget line. Leaving Misheck and Maxwel behind also did great on the successful trip. We slept in substandard rest houses. The standard guest houses/Lodges, hotels on lower price they demand not less than K40, 000 per night per room.

PHYSICAL CHALLENGES ON THE WAY



The tire was Broken



It was untighten



When we said God help us



One of the tires was bought



Men did the job!



Heavenly doors were open!



The road was open for us!



We used the temporary bridge



The Broken Bridge due to heavy rains



We went through some thicker forests



GOD GUIDED US

- ✓ Despite the challenges of car breakdown due to the tire damage, but we still managed to minister in all the prisons on plan.
- ✓ We travelled safely to and from the mission

DISCIPLESHIP

ONE ON ONE DISCIPLESHIP

We continued training Youth through on line system (Whatsapp), live at home and in field. Humility study has been the key for disciples to know Jesus better.



Steven on Whatsapp Study. Jolex in Dowa study on line. Daniel did not leave us alone. Sajjibi in Uganda study on line

1. STEVEN



Steven is one of the new members on mentorship based in Salima. He desires to know more and deep the mysteries of God for the redemption of salvation by learning Humility.

2. JOLLEX



Fruits of Jolex in Dowa have produced 67 youth who are doing great job before Jesus Christ. Humility study and Bible studies are at pick in Dowa. Charity services to the poor elderly people have become life style for youth in Dowa under the leadership of Jollex. First photo is Jolex with his youth carrying firewood for the old woman. In the second photo Youth and Jolex are showering words of Jesus Christ to the woman. The third photo illustrates his youth carrying water buckets for the poor woman. The fourth photo is the tree planting activities as one way of replacing lost trees in order to reduce the impact of disasters that result in heavy destruction of human habitants, farms and crops and over flooding. The following two photos are Jollex’s discipleship in progress and the last one is one of the charity services to the poor. COST is blessed to have Jollex.

3. DANIEL



Daniel smiles with his youth in Salima-Lifidzi Youth happy after humility training; study Bibles & Humility Books Daniel has his 17 plus youth in Salima of which 10 of them are converts from Islamic religion. Some of those youth are students and some are farmers. We encourage them Humility, hardworking, compassionate spirit, Faithfulness and fearing of God with their full hearts. Daniel has never left us alone in the ministry. He is a big hand given to us for the glory of God.

4. SAJJIBI



Sajjibi COST disciple in Uganda has an orphanage. He teaches over 50 of them and feed them. He has started discipleship with some youth in Humility study. He struggles paying school fees and hospital charges for other children when that need arises. May God bless him for his heart?.

5. YOUTH EMPOEREMENT

Faming

a. Domestic animals

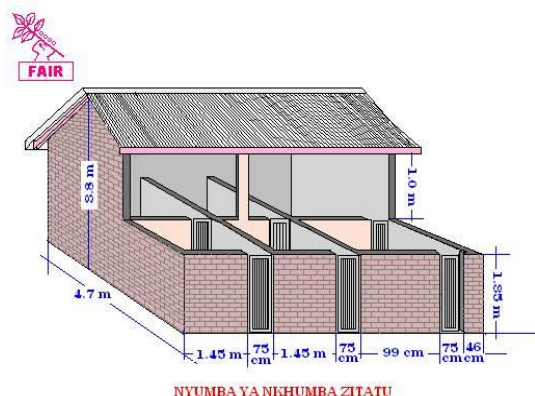
✓ Goats



We have started at a humble beginning with one goat. The idea is; once the goat reproduces, and the offspring grows, that offspring shall be passed on to the group of 12 disciples for care. Once that one reproduces, each member shall benefit one offspring until all get goats. That is for their beef, milk and income sustainability.

We are thinking of having more as soon as we get the land.

✓ **Pigs**



Pigs are the most fast reproductive domestic animals. They bring a quick multiplication in large numbers of 9,13 plus! Plus!. But they require close attention of housing, care, supervision and feeding. For that reason COST is looking forward for the construction of the above standard piggery house for the successful production of pigs. That shall be done once funding is available.

b. Crops



We are encouraging youth for the farming of food crops such as maize, beans for food and cash crops like soy bean, groundnuts that do not require fertilizer. We are therefore engaging in an Agri-seed pass on pilot project in Dowa in May 2022 whereby youth shall be in groups of 12 and get a seed loan from COST and ask them to repay the farm product at least twice the capital so that others should benefit from the same in the next growing season

c. Bee keeping



It has been noted that bee keeping and honey is another source of income that can generate funds in Malawi. As youth in the Northern region of Malawi are keeping bees, Dowa is not silent. We are working hard to make sure those youth get resources that can improve their productivity in honey for their business to become more profitable e.g; giving them access to modern hives and bottles to fill in honey for sale and finding markets for them.

COST will try to help youth who have started helping themselves.

d. Economic empowerment

Because we want our youth become hard workers, self-reliant and reliable in their Church community, we also empower them group savings and loans. Women parents are encouraged to take part for those are the key responsible persons in caring for children and youth at home. It is COST dream in future to implement small scale loans to such community that is being looked below in many societies

e. Social and Health empowerment

We pray for the sick, we also encourage them to go to the hospital if there is that need and we encourage them physical excises. Soccer is one of the physical excises they do when they have balls. Soccer helps youth to keep away from immoral behavior such as beer, the use of drugs, Indian hemp and premarital sex.

f. Deforestation



Over flooding, heavy winds and strong rains damaged houses, roads and farms during this year's growing season. It is believed that is due to fewer trees that we currently have after the past trees are being cut. COST decided to help by replanting tree in replacement of those lost ones so that by the grace of God we can reduce the impact of natural disasters.

6. TRAVEL



99% of our movements to the ministry is footing, with footing we manage to move up to 5Kms. We can hire or borrow a car or a motor bike on very long distances for special occasions. That is becoming costly and non-convenient.

People cannot borrow us all the time. They may charge us rental fees on friendly prices of K25, 000 for a motor car, and K6, 000 for a motor bike per day.

The actual rental prices at a rent a car company is K60,000 per day for a small car.

7. RESOURCES



God loved us. We are being blessed with a brand new computer from the funds Ed and Cathie helped us. We are able to save data and record information without paying to booth.

8. LEADERSHIP



Photo 1



Photo 2



Photo 3

Photo 1 is Ed and his wife Cathie. Cost ministries made a partnership with the War Counsel ministries in 2019. Ed is the founder and the discipleship teacher. The family and their ministry have been supporting Cost ministries in spiritual mentorship especially for Humility study and other chapters of the old and New Testament in the Bible. We really appreciate for the physical, resources and timely financial support. We could not go that far with the ministry without their hands of which God is being glorified. Cost is therefore very convinced to award Ed with the post of COST board

chair person. Cathie being an Administrator shall be the treasurer for the board. That is our love from Jesus Christ to them.

Photo 2 is Medson, the director and founder of Cost ministries. God spoke to him in 2009 to go out and reach to the unreached young people of Malawi and Africa to spread the true gospel of Jesus Christ and make them leaders who can go and train others. **Matthew 28:18.**

The main objective of Cost ministries is to plant spiritual life in youth through Bible studies and evangelism. We also encourage youth to become hard workers, be faithful, and perform charity services. Youth empowerment is one of our goals.

Our youth learn to support the elderly, people living with disabilities, orphans and widows and venerable people of the society; that's to answer the call of Jesus in **Matthew 25:43, James 1:27.**

Charity in photo 3 is the wife of Medson. She is the mother of the organization. She takes all the role of girl youth cancelling, coordinates all the ministry protocols eg, logistics, food and accommodation. She loves youth, Jesus and all she ministers for.

Humility study has produced a total of 234 youth members and 2,082 in mates who received Jesus as their Lord and personal savior of their lives.

We have been so excited to see two international disciples joining the discipleship from Uganda and Zambia respectively.

9. THE COMMON & GENERAL CHALLENGES

a. Organization challenges

- Lack of enough resources to manage the ministry and its needs
- Lack of office and land to develop
- Lack of convenient motilities for us to reach out far to the unreached
- Lack of phones and bicycles among our youth leaders
- High prices of items at the market

b. The common challenges of our community

- Lack of Chichewa Bibles and Chichewa Humility books
- Lack of safe drinking water
- Lack of close medical health centers
- Poverty; regardless that supplies are becoming very expensive timely, but about 90% of the youth we minister cannot be able access 0.5USD per day. That is due to the following factors:
 - ✓ Illiterate
 - ✓ Lack of employment
 - ✓ Lack of Agriculture inputs
 - ✓ Poor and old methods of Agriculture
 - ✓ Lack of capital to run business among others

c. Challenges in prisons

- Sanitary buckets to 5 prisons
- Shaving machines
- Soap
- Sugar
- Soya meat
- Bibles and Bible tracts

- **Sandals**

10. FUTURE PLANS

- Cost should create job and business opportunities for youth
- Cost must have land and offices
- Piggery, goat farming, bee keeping and crop farming should be encouraged among the youth
- Youth savings and loans should be implemented
- Cost to buy mobility equipment that shall be an income generator also
- Schools and clinic are virtual for the income and support of our youth

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