

### Dear Friends

November 2013

The rains have now started and the agricultural season is well under way. This is a very busy time and people are hoping for a good harvest next year. Tom recently had a successful 3-week trip to Malawi, find out more below.

### Newsletters

Our newsletters are now monthly instead of quarterly, to bring you news of what is happening more quickly. For even more frequent updates, follow us @dalitso on Twitter. This is part of reorganising the UK side of things, as well as developing Malingunde through the intern programme. We are excited to commit to this for the next 5 years, whilst being based in Birmingham.

### Follow Me - see right for graduation pics from 2009 to 2013

Tom hosted the fifth Follow Me graduation ceremony. *'My highlight was to see the people who took risks to start the course all those years ago. They have made it possible for the course to grow and allow people to follow in their footsteps. In a country ruled by of fear, to start something new and stick with it takes immense courage'*. Thank you to Fiona for all the certificates you have designed and provided us with, they are great. Follow Me 6 starts soon and we will have six classes running – it seems we will soon be running out of space to teach!

### CHE (Community Health Evangelism)

CHE is built around asking questions and pooling group knowledge. Only when this knowledge is missing does formal teaching take place; mostly trainers skilfully facilitate the community to teach each other. This is a very powerful tool, but there are no short cuts to develop trust with people. CHE builds peoples' self-worth, reveals their potential to learn and also to share knowledge for the benefit of their village. Our work in 5 villages continues with 49 volunteers the team have trained.

**James:** *'My family was not in harmony. In the past I thought the number of children for us, was my choice alone. I thought I am superior to my wife. I have learnt that we must decide together how big our family will be. I can take no privileges, as a husband is not superior to his wife. My heart is now in a good place with God and this too is allowing me to trust my wife'*.

### Visitors – pictured with our team, bottom right

Our heart is that innovative church partnerships can develop a sustainable, long-term model to equip the team in Malingunde. The team were recently visited by our friends Mark & Laura to deliver teaching to our FM leaders. Also first time visitors Tom and Kat equipped the Happy Faces team. It was a great trip and Chippo sums up our gratitude *'I would like to appreciate for your coming and I do understand that you had other things that you could do and spend money on, but you decided to come and invest in us. Thank you so much'*.

### UK

We met with the Trustees in November to evaluate and enhance plans for the next 5 years. We will communicate these to you next year. We recently moved house to put down some UK roots. Tom had a successful scan showing that the liver parasite has halved in size – so we are blessed as we continue to settle in to UK life and culture.

On behalf of the whole Dalitso Trust team thank you for sharing the journey with us,

*Tom and Ali*

**Tom & Ali, Directors**

