

Dear Friends

March 2014

The rainy season is almost finished & the harvest is looking good. The team has recently been on a residential CHE course;

'People at the CHE course have been so impressed with our team's knowledge. I can even say they are jealous (in a good way) of what we have accomplished, so we are blessed to have this wonderful feedback from our friends and educators.' **Chippo**

As we continue to transition to life in the UK our primary role is to create a base that will resource & make the team in Malawi sustainable. The Trust has three areas of focus and this month we are highlighting **LEADERS** and **Follow Me (FM)**, a course aiming to serve rural church leaders who live around the Malingunde area.

Malawi as a nation has seen many churches planted, but many rural leaders find themselves without training, encouragement or support – they are courageous people! **Bill Dixon** remembers how it all started *'I was with leaders in their homes and villages, often in the middle of nowhere. They had no Bibles, no education and minimal training. They had such commitment, passion and dedication. I felt God ask me to write some material for them, addressing the issues they wanted to understand better and be encouraged in. So it began. 'Follow Me', Training Manuals were born.'* Our heart really goes out to these leaders who try their best in the midst of difficult circumstances. FM is a response to this situation; to see leaders equipped, built up & encouraged as they study & make friends with other leaders.

'I was well conversant with FM1. FM2 is sharpening me in every area, especially how to prepare a message.' **Baz**

'FM helped me discover that whatever I do affects other people, in negative or positive ways. I need to be wise, because others are learning from me, even if I remain silent, my actions speak louder than words.' **Jerard**

'Before I started I was not aware how I can prepare a message. I was using what somebody had preached and using the same message. Now I know how to prepare, thank you.' **Jenifer**

'I cycle 13 miles to learn with FM. I am in my 6th year and I feel peace when I attend class, it keeps me healthy inside and out on my spiritual journey.' **Mrs Fulose**

Bill invited us on our first trip to Malawi back in 1999. As Bill turns 80, it is fitting to say 'Happy Birthday & thank you for fathering The Dalitso Trust'. Bill has written six FM courses and we are just about to start writing FM7 after receiving ideas/requests from staff and leaders on the course. We have over 50 regular students and are starting to run out of space with six courses running each week.

'FM makes such a big difference to peoples' lives. We have students who come every week and those doing FM6 are in their 6th year of learning. Many things in Malawi stop after two or three years, but FM continues. Bill, thank you so much.' **Chippo**

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

Tom and Ali

Tom & Ali, Directors



Bill



FM Teaching Day



FM 5



Dalitso Trust Team



Rural Church Building