



Healthy Families Creating Healthy Villages



Pioneering Education Play and Parenting Skills



Mentoring and Equipping Local Leaders

Dear Friends

April 2015

As the rains finish, this is a very busy time for our communities as they gather crops.



On Sunday the 26th April, our good friend Nick Sutton will run for us in the London Marathon! Please consider donating at justgiving.com/Nick-Sutton-Marathon

Focus on Follow Me – Leadership Training

This month we are highlighting Follow Me (FM), a course aimed to resource rural church leaders. It costs just £60 a year (£5 a month) for a leader to attend.

Maliande *“I thought and behaved in negative ways for many years. I thought I was nobody and useless, because I am poor and uneducated. Follow Me has changed my life around by learning that I am salt and light in the world. I thank God because I have learned that I am important before Him and I am an ambassador, to represent Him”*

Most have no training or supervision in leading and serving in their churches. Like Maliande they start the course with very little confidence in themselves and their role. We run weekly study sessions at our small training base in Malingunde.

Jameson *‘I have been encouraged as when God calls a person He does not consider how perfect they are. I have been looking at my weaknesses and thought I am not suitable for God’s service, so now I have discovered, even in the bible leaders had weaknesses, still more God used them’*

After a year we see these leaders growing and becoming confident in their faith. We serve them near where they live, near their church and near to where they farm to make a living. All rural leaders and Pastors are farmers too.

Bazilio *‘I thought being a Pastor was only when you are in front of the congregation on a Sunday. FM has helped me see that to be a Pastor is a full time calling. It doesn't matter where you are. You can be with family, in the garden or at the funeral, you are a Pastor.’*

We currently have 60 leaders from over 20 denominations studying 7 different courses, written specifically for us, by our friend Bill Dixon.

Kamtembero *‘I used to celebrate the Lord’s supper once a year. I was ignorant and selected people who I thought were perfect to share with me. FM has changed me and I will be celebrating more frequently and with any who believe as Jesus commanded.’*

Chippo FM7 *‘I learned that to disagree in marriage is ok, but what matters is how I manage the disagreement or conflict. It should be in the gentle way and by listening more to my wife. Not to focus only my thoughts, but to value her views and thoughts too.’*

Serving in Malawi to reach out to the poor is very hard and challenging work. We hope you enjoyed these life-changing stories.

Yosefe *‘I didn't have good guidelines as I was considering marriage. I made many mistakes in my marriage of which it is hard to fix the past. Using FM I will help the youth in my church not to repeat my mistakes. I want them to have great marriages that will fill the church.’*

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

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