

Dear Friends

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Malawi is now in the midst of the dry season and one of our busiest times where lots of community gatherings and learning takes place.

We have 3 areas of focus and this month we are highlighting Follow Me (FM). FM is a leadership course which resources rural church leaders around the Malingunde area.

Alice 'I am so thankful for the chance to study. I have learnt a lot since I started FM, especially about a leader's calling. Indeed God calls and it depends on a person's response. It happened to me that in our Church we are many, but to my surprise people kept asking me to lead. So FM has really helped me understand my calling. I am now encouraging others to put their effort and practice into what they feel that God is calling them to.'

Since 2008 we have started a new class each year and there are now currently 7 different groups. The structure is changing in October, as we do not have enough staff or physical room in our building to add more classes.

Mr Yosefe 'FM2 is helping me a lot as before I did not know the meaning of the Church. I really appreciate you because of your commitment to teaching and equipping us for ministry. I am passing it all on to my church members.'

FM 1 to 5 will run and then our leaders will join the 'Follow Me Moyo Group', which means life. The Moyo group will continue to work through different topics they ask to be trained in and we are so blessed that Bill Dixon continues to write excellent material specifically for us.

Kamtembelo 'I thank God for the wonderful time of learning. Before I started coming here even though am a leader, I was not good at preaching. So after learning this topic and following the steps, which are there, my preaching has become more effective. Thank you for these strategies.'

Domoya 'I did not know that there were two important trees in Eden. Beside the tree of the knowledge of good and evil was the tree of life. Now, for their eternal protection, Adam and Eve were expelled from the garden so they could not live forever in sin and their return prevented by angels. I had in mind that God had just chased them away, so I had the wrong interpretation of the passage.'

It is our heart to continue to offer on-going training, support where leaders meet people from different denominations and learn from each other. A place where we see leaders continue to grow and reach their potential.

Chrice 'I have learnt much from the Leaders Family chapter. I seemed to have some things in the wrong order, but now I have learnt to put God first, my family second and the church should be third. I feel it has improved my way of living.'

Jeniffer 'I was not knowing about celebrating the Lord's Supper. In the beginning I thought only the Pastor is the one to lead it and it needs special food and drink to use, but the course helped me to understand that any believer can do it.'

Peter 'Before I studied FM I did not know about the baptism of the Holy Spirit. Now I know more and understand that our relationship with the Holy Spirit is a continuous experience and not a once in a life time event.'

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

Tom and Ali
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