

## **Dear Friends**

October 2015

We are really pleased to say that Jameson is back at work and his arm is healing well. This month we are highlighting Follow Me (FM), which is a leadership course written by our dear friend Bill Dixon. Leaders come for one morning a week allowing them to continue farming whilst serving the churches they lead.

October is a highlight as the yearlong courses wind up and it is time to celebrate students' achievements. It's probably the only certificate many leaders will receive as many rural people do not finish school, so we make a big deal, showering them with encouragement and praise. Ali officiated this year with 53 leaders graduating. A team visiting from Birmingham also took part, thank you Josh, Dewi, Tom and Kat.

Rhodess 'Thank you Kat for all your health teaching. It is our culture here to mock people who are infertile. Kat you have helped us to understand why this can happen as we have never known and how sometimes this can be solved. Now we want to support and encourage people who face this challenge as it brings them much sorrow and doubt of who they are.'

Brian and Val recently took the Millers from Sidcup to train and bless the team. Thank you all so much for helping us create a well resourced and regularly trained Malawian team that are doing so well.

Jameson 'Thank you to the visiting teams who came to equip us. I have learnt so much and been encouraged in my identity as I am separated, poor and short in height. I now know that God sees me as a son, I do not have to try for it, I just am His son. The other blessing is about budgeting. I had lots of debt, sometimes spending money anyhow. The lesson influenced me to think and plan on how I can use money.'

Bokosi 'Follow Me is helping me to build up good relationships with my fellow students on the course. I have not had true friends before that I can really trust, so I am very happy now; full of praises to be growing in my leadership and having friends.'

Wilson 'At my church I was looked down upon by some members due to my age (87). I was discouraged and I thought of stopping serving. One day I came for FM and I was truly encouraged. Now I don't mind what people say as I will always serve the Lord.

Nesita 'At first I thought that a rainbow is there just to make the rain fall. I did not know it is an agreement that God made with Noah and us all 'never again will all life be cut off by the waters of a flood to destroy the earth' Now I can share the good news to my family and friends and that helps me to enjoy a new life without fear.'

Lester 'Before I started coming here to learn more through FM I did not know much about the bible. Also I was blind about the counsellor, the Holy Spirit. Thank you for showing me this kindness that I can join with you and learn more.'

We continue to be proud of the team in Malawi and thank you for sharing the journey with us.

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