

**Dear Friends**

**April 2016**

As the rains finish in Malawi, communities are very busy working gathering in their crops.

Thank you to Debbie for running the London Marathon and to Nigel for running the Birmingham 10k. It is such a blessing when people raise funds to resource the team in Malawi.

We have three areas of focus in Malingunde; this month we are highlighting Follow Me (FM), a leadership course aimed to resource rural church leaders. Tom was recently joined in Malawi by Andrew and Pete to help train the team and run a FM day for over 150 leaders.

Chisomo *'I am so encouraged as I can see growth in my leadership. When I started, in truth I did not know how to lead. I have discovered how to love people you are leading, encouraging them and not making decisions for them, but just helping especially by listening.'*

Many have little training or supervision in leading and serving in their churches. Like Chisomo they start the course with very little practical knowledge of biblical leadership. We run weekly study sessions at our small training base in Malingunde.

Mr Sanda *'FM is very significant and has been changing me. The chapter of working towards an authentic Malawian church has challenged my thinking. I was thinking you always had to go in to the church building, so now I gather people at my home.'*

Mr Phiri *'For a long time I had a fear that there are things I do not know, so can I really be a leader? FM4 has transformed my understanding. There is no fear in love, so I know more of how to overcome it.'*

We are privileged to have been running FM for over 7 years and seeing continued growth and healing in the leaders. We serve leaders near where they live, near their church and near to their fields, where they farm to make a living. All rural leaders and pastors are farmers too.

Mrs Nkomo *'..before coming to FM I didn't know there were people from many different churches learning together. It is wonderful, everyone contributes and encourages each other.'*

We currently have 60 leaders from over 20 denominations studying 6 different courses, written specifically for us, by our friend Bill Dixon.

Mrs Chigala *'From the day I started here my life has changed in many areas, before I started coming here I did not know it was possible to have so many good friends. FM has taught me how to build strong friendships and we are from so many different denominations!'*

Suzi *'I was practising polygamy when I heard about FM at Dalitso Trust. I came and asked many questions. God spoke to my heart and inspired me. I now have one wife, whom I love so much.'*

John *'I have been impacted by the chapter on 'The Leaders Leader'. The teaching on the Holy Spirit is too wonderful and I have learnt so much. The Holy Spirit now leads me in my leadership, giving me direction, encouragement and hope. It is true as Bill said 'The Holy Spirit is present to me, the way Jesus was with His disciples.'*

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

*Tom and Ali*

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**Lunchtime Discussions**



**Dalitso Team and Friends**



**"Follow Me" Day**



**Pete Teaching on Conflict Resolution**