

Dear Friends,

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Winter is finished and Malawi is starting to warm up, so thoughts turn to preparing the land. Life is busy for many people as they undertake piecework to be able to buy their own seeds and fertiliser to farm.

This summer saw people from the U.K. investing in the team through training. Thank you to Tom, Kat, Nick and Bea. This strategic work underpins the team in Malawi as we have a flow of people visit throughout the year.

We have 3 areas of focus in Malingunde and this month we are highlighting Follow Me (FM). FM is a leadership course aimed to resource rural church leaders.

Oliva 'I am grateful to have time, so that I can come and learn. At first I thought that gossip was a way to clean my mouth. We learnt about how to deal with accusations and gossip, as a leader. Now I know I need discernment. Gossip betrays peoples' trust and I do not want to add more wood to a fire of lies.'

Many denominations run crusades or church plant, but do not offer consistent training. Due to your financial support we are so pleased to be able to offer quality, long term training for free, to leaders from any denomination. These weekly study sessions are at our small training base in Malingunde.

Regina 'In 'FM life' I have learnt so much that I never knew. In our culture we try to control the marriages of our grown up children. I now know that they are a new family in God's eyes. We should support them in their own decision-making and growing in their relationship. I am telling many people this lesson, as we really need it in our communities.'

We are privileged to have been running FM for over 8 years. Recently we had our graduation ceremony hosted by Tom and Kat. We are so pleased to see 55 leaders graduating and committing to learning more about biblical leadership as they serve in their local churches.

Patty 'As a Pastor I have been taking funerals of people heavily involved with witchcraft. It caused me many questions and confusion in the community. FM has given me the help I needed after studying 'Pastors and witchcraft'. I now know that my role is to love them unconditionally and I am praying for their healing so they can know God's blessing in their lives.'

Desmond 'In my life I had a hard heart. I was hard on my children and always commanding in my speech. I was chasing women and cared for no one. I was anti-church and was always opposing it. Then my journey of faith started and I joined FM, learning that the spirit of the living God is in me. More than just learning, I experienced it. I have seen a great change in my behaviour since that day. My speech has become gentle and even has love in it. My wife and I now study FM together, so it is a miracle'

Leaders come from over 20 denominations studying 6 different courses, written specifically for us, by our friend Bill Dixon. We serve leaders near where they live, near their church and near to their fields, where they farm to make a living.

Mr Sikata 'I am now in my 5th year of Follow Me. Someone was telling me it will get harder, but I am pleased that Bill writes material for us so well. I have enjoyed learning how Jesus is King and it has brought me new life.'

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

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