

Healthy Families Creating Healthy Villages

Pioneering Education Play and Parenting Skills



Mentoring and Equipping Local Leaders

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Dear Friends,

We are pleased that in general Malawi had a good harvest this year and the crops are now being dried and stored for the months to come.

This month we highlight our Follow Me (FM) work, which is a collection of 6 separate yearlong courses. These were written for us, by our friend Bill Dixon. FM serves local leaders from a variety of church affiliations.

Chippo 'I am humbled to see our FM life leaders coming to learn for over eight years. They travel a good distance by bicycle or foot. I am inspired that they consistently invest their time and energy to come and learn with us.'

Regina 'I only went to Primary school like most people. I thought that because I left school early, I will never have more education or be able to teach. In FM I have found a safe place where there is no judgement and I have recently been able to lead the group in learning. I am so pleased as I was leading even those, who have finished secondary school.'

We are passionate about serving local leaders. Often it is the only training and support that many rural leaders receive.

Chisomo 'At first I had a lot of fear to visit and pray with people who are sick. After some lessons, practice and help from the DT team I have become more confident and know that the Holy Spirit is with me.'

Lester 'I have been very challenged with the topic of leading a Christian funeral. Many people want to help and are generous in the time of mourning, but we do not prepare or organise well. I have learnt valuable lessons, which we will put into practice.'

Recent lessons have included teaching on the Holy Spirit, how to develop healthy relationships, a leader's character and studying the wisdom books of the Bible.

Mrs Henry 'Before starting with FM I was never taught anything about the Holy Spirit. The section of the 'leaders leader' in FM, is so helpful for me to learn who the Holy Spirit is and His work. This has changed my life as I now take Him to be my friend, counsellor and guide.'

Mali 'I am a young man and before FM I felt very ashamed due to my lack of schooling. All this has changed and I am now leading a bible study in the church I attend.'

One weekend a month we run a Kingdom Expansion weekend where students serve a local church. Teams visit homes and pray for the sick. This was the first time to use the 'Jesus at the door' resource and it helped focus conversations and expectation. 145 people came to faith and 110 people received healing. See more about JAD here; <u>https://www.jesusatthedoor.com</u>

Yesaya 'I was having a problem with my neck and I couldn't turn it. Some people from the DT team prayed for me and it was instantly better and working!'

On behalf of the whole team, thank you for sharing the journey with us,

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Recent FM Gathering



FM Team Going For Kingdom Expansion



Jesus at the door



Yesaya, whose neck was healed



FM Life Group