

NEWS March 2019

Dear Friends,

Malawi has been in the news recently due to cyclone Idai. The Dalitso Trust is situated centrally and the effects of the Idai were felt in the very south. There has been a large scale emergency response including the U.K. government and the U.K. Disaster Emergency Committee which is a combination of 16 large organisations such as World Vision and Tearfund working together.

This month we highlight our FM (Follow Me) work, which is a series of 9 leadership training courses. Many church leaders have very little training or oversight, so these courses are invaluable to see leaders equipped and supported.

Harry *'I am so thankful that Follow Me has opened my mind. The breadth of teaching has been rich and I have learnt to expect more of living life with the Holy Spirit. This has been new to me as I did not know about it. I really do have a new life being led by Him and seeing His Kingdom.'*

Five courses are running with each group taught by two team members. We're pleased that over 15 denominations are represented and long lasting friendships are made at FM.

Mark, *'In the past I was preparing messages that I myself wanted to share with people. In FM we did a lesson of how to prepare to preach. My methods have changed and I have learnt that the key is prayer. Asking Jesus for the right message and how to say it in the right way too. I can truly say that I am changing a lot and I am thankful for my teachers in the FM group.'*

Gideon *'Our group has been learning about creation, I didn't know that all things will be made new again, as they have been spoilt by our sin. I have hope that Jesus brings transformation in all things like the earth, in me and my family. I am encouraged to tell my fellow friends about this love which God is offering us.'*

We get constant feedback from the groups and the course which receives the most positive feedback is 'The leader's leader' FM4, which teaches on the role of the Holy Spirit. It is well received as the Holy Spirit can sometimes be ignored or hyped up, so people appreciate a balanced biblical perspective that is expectant.

Luka *'In the past I was looking at myself as a failure. I believed that if I can by some charms from the witchdoctor, I can accomplish something. When I started FM, I began to know who am I as a Christian. I now see myself from Christ's perspective, that I am a child of God. Creation was for us, for earth to be our home. I realise that I have authority and have stopped believing in those dead things. Now I am trusting in God and telling people about how we are all His children.'*

Philip *'I enjoy FM Life so much. I'm encouraged that even though I've been learning for 8 years, there is still more to learn! It is amazing and I keep on being transformed as His beloved son.'*

Sara, *'I am studying FM2 and learning about how the church can look in Malawi. I have always thought that the building was very important, but now I see that it is we the people who are the most important part. God loves us and we do create the church.'*

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

Tom and Ali

Tom & Ali, Directors, The Dalitso Trust



Flooding in southern Malawi



FM2 Sometimes learning inside is too hot



FM life group work



FM life group