

## NEWS June 2019

### Dear Friends,

Peter Mutharika was re-elected President with 38% of the vote in the general election at the end of May. Thanks to Dave who joined Tom for 2 weeks to work with the team in early May.

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.

*Katswati 'I am old and I struggle to walk, but I still have hunger to learn. Many people suggest that I should stop attending FM life, but when I miss it, it spoils my whole day. After 8 years I still enjoy FM as I continue to learn how to follow Jesus.'*

5 course are currently running and each group is team taught by 2 team members. Over 15 denominations are represented and FM is a place where long lasting friendships are made.

*Ethel 'I could not image that one day I would be able to read the Bible and interpret what God's words are saying. I am so happy I have learned to listen and apply what God is speaking to me.'*

*Liz '5 years ago my husband encouraged me that I should start FM. In the denomination I was part of there was no opportunity for me to read the Bible for myself. I have loved FM so much and every week enjoy all the goodness of the bible. I was very lost back then concerning the bible, I didn't even know where to start. FM has helped me find my way and I especially love the book of Mark – it really inspired me, being straight to the point and so very clear.'*

*Manda 'I did not know how to listen and pray for the sick by inviting the Holy Spirit to come. Now I look for the sick in my village that I could pray with them.'*

Team training with Dave



In each FM group we place great emphasis on encouraging each leader in their own friendship with God equipping them in reading the bible and prayer.

*Sid 'I have really enjoyed learning FM2 and I now realise there were so many things that I did not know. I now have knowledge in preaching and how to encourage those who are on the fringe of our church. This FM book is changing me.'*

*Gift 'I was easily angered and could start a fight. After learning about gentleness I was very challenged so the class prayed for me. I have started to notice a big change in my life. I still get angry, but I am not fighting anymore.'*



FM 2



FM Life



Katswati

*Ben 'In the past I was very good at pointing to the faults of others. I did not know how to help people as they endured their challenges. Furthermore, I used to think that such people should be chased away from the Church. FM has brought a new thing to my mind of care and restoration. My life of accusing is finished and I am now talking little and listening, encouraging much.'*

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

*Tom and Ali*

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