

## NEWS April 2021

Dear Friends,

It will soon be harvest time and we are so pleased that many maize fields are ripening and will be producing a good yield.

The Covid rates which were rising fast in January have subsided and are low again. Schools opened in March and worked through the Easter break allowing students to catch up on some of their missed learning. Frontline health workers are receiving their Covid vaccinations across the country which is so encouraging.

### Education Fund

We are thrilled to have received several donations into our new fund. Please contact us at [admin@dalitsotrust.org](mailto:admin@dalitsotrust.org) for more information on sponsoring 4 children through college. We have reached half of our £2,500 target for this year - thank you so much.

### Our New Building

Chippo and the team have done a fantastic job overseeing locally hired builders. From receiving compensation from the Water Board, creating designs, building, to moving in, all within a year is absolutely amazing! The toilet block has now been finished too and the next phase is to paint inside and out of both buildings.

We were able to take down our old building brick by brick. It was challenging in many ways due to the host of wonderful memories many of us have shared there. We aim to reuse some of that building in the future development of our land in Mbalame. This plot is about a 20 minute walk further up the river. We hope to reveal some plans next year in 2022 and start some building work after the rains have finished.

### Follow Me

Due to Covid, the Follow Me (FM) teaching has moved from our building into 2 community groups in Mselera and Showa. We currently have 30 students studying FM1 from 10 different denominations. It is a privilege to be able to serve leaders from a variety of streams who want to learn together.

Due to the pandemic Kingdom Expansion evangelism weekends are not happening. These will resume when restrictions ease and people feel safe to gather in larger numbers.

Rose *'Being the wife of a pastor I have lots of experience in serving people, but I lacked Bible knowledge, so Follow Me is an answer to my life. In past I never knew where to start reading and that question was always with me. FM changed this, I now know how the Bible is structured and the 4 gospels are very dear to me. This is my new life that I know I can find Jesus in the gospels and meet Him there.'*

Salome *'Before I did not know that each person has giftings and that these come from God. I thought it is just the pastor who is gifted with preaching and serving. I have learnt through FM that God calls us all to use our gifts to serve Him and each other. I now have confidence that I am called to serve and to be a blessing. I am sharing my faith and know that God is with me.'*

Moses *'In the past I was very focussed on other people's weakness and I would react whilst blaming them. God has used FM to meet me and reveal my heart. I have learnt that I am weak in judging others and I have been making a lot of mistakes. The challenge before me is to respond in love, letting the Bible encourage and renew me.'*

Thank you for sharing the journey with us,

Tom and Ali

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Taking our old building down



Our old plot



Our new building awaiting some paint



'Follow Me' in Mselera