



COMPASSION AS A LIFESTYLE.

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Malawi Report

In late January, Rev. Dennis Hubert and Alan Cristales travelled to Malawi on behalf of NCM Canada. Alan, who has recently joined the NCM Canada team, was there to observe and learn. They visited all of the NCM Canada funded projects and met with Malawi NCM coordinator, Rev. Chinsinsi Phiri.

This newsletter is a report of that trip and of their findings as they travelled throughout Malawi.

NCM Canada aims to provide more opportunities for young Canadian Nazarene leaders like Alan, who have a passion for ministries of compassion, to learn about the work of NCM Canada and experience our ministry first hand. If you are aware of such youth or young adults with such a passion or a calling, please refer them to us and we will be happy to talk with them about further engagement with the work of NCM Canada.



Elaine Bumstead

Executive Director of NCM Canada



Alan Cristales



Rev. Dennis Hubert

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WELLS ARE BEING DUG!

POOR FAMILIES ARE RECEIVING GOATS!

YOU ARE MAKING A DIFFERENCE!



Rev. Chinsinsi Phiri

Introducing Rev Chinsinsi Phiri:

Rev Chinsinsi Phiri is the NCM coordinator for Malawi. He pastors a church in Lilongwe, the capital city of Malawi. He is responsible for overseeing all the compassionate ministry projects that are happening through Nazarene churches in Malawi including many child development centres and the NCM Canada funded projects. He is married to Esther and has 2 sons – Ronald (10), and Redempta (1) – and a daughter Elizabeth (5)

Rev. Phiri serves under Rev. Wellington Obotte, Mission Coordinator for Malawi and also under Rev. Cosmos Mutowa, NCM Coordinator for Africa Region.

Report of Churches and Child Development Centres – Malawi

There are several hundred Churches of the Nazarene in Malawi. Virtually every church in Malawi has a child development centre (CDC) operating out of the church building, serving anywhere from 40 – 100+ children per child development centre. NCM Canada has been working since 2012 in the Lilongwe rural district with seven churches and child development centres serving over 1000 children.

When Dennis and Alan visited, they met with the pastors at each church / CDC and found that the CDC were operating and the school supplies, blackboards, sports equipment and cooking pots supplied by NCM Canada were being used. The wells were in good repair and village committees were caring for the maintenance of the wells. They recommended that NCM Canada fund a building in two villages where there is no church building yet and to one village where the building is in poor repair. (See picture below) The congregations will make the bricks. We have sent funds for the roof, mortar, and a cement floor.



BRAYDON AND HIS CHRISTMAS GIFT MONEY

Teresa and I flew into Toronto the day before Alan and I were planning to begin our journey to Malawi Africa on behalf of NCM Canada. Teresa and I stayed with our daughter and her family Sunday night and Monday. On Monday, I was talking with my daughter Amy and our grandson Braydon (who had a P.D. day) about some of the things I was going to be doing in Malawi. I also shared the last minute request from Chinsinsi (NCM coordinator for Malawi) for some sports equipment for the Zukuma school. Amy seemed interested because they are very into sports. Not only does Braydon play baseball and hockey but his dad Wes is also a coach.

A couple of hours before I headed to the airport Amy and Braydon came up to me and said they would like to give some money for the sports equipment for Zukuma school. They handed me just over 100 dollars, ten of which was Braydon's left over gift money from Christmas.

Amy and her family do not have a lot of extra money so I knew this was a sacrifice on their part

and I made sure to tell them that I appreciated their gift of compassion and so would the school in Malawi.

Upon arriving in Malawi and before heading to Zukuma school, I told Chinsinsi that I would like to buy some sports equipment to take with us and present it to the school on behalf of Amy, Wes and Braydon. And after a bit of searching, we found a store that had the equipment and purchased a soccer ball, basketball, volleyball, volleyball net, some skipping ropes and a whistle.

Upon arriving at Zukuma and after taking the sports equipment out of the truck – the balls very quickly disappeared into the hands of eager students. When we presented the equipment to the gathered student assembly – Chinsinsi explained that a 10 year old boy from Canada had given some of the money to purchase the sports equipment. That brought a gasp of appreciation – and the school strongly expressed their sincere gratefulness of this gesture of compassion and assured us that they will enjoy the gift for many days to come.

Dennis Hubert



Amy and Braydon

Report of Conservation Farming in Malawi

Dennis Hubert reports "A total of 134 farmers in the 7 villages around Chiimba are now using Conservation Agriculture (CA) methods. This is substantially up from last year and many of the farmers we interviewed were first time adopters. The harvest last year was a lot better on the CA plots than on the traditional farming plots." However, because of lack of rainfall, Dennis and Alan noted that some of the plots of maize (corn) were suffering from pest infestation. These farmers asked their visitors to pray for rain.

Since their visit, the rains have come! The crop is adequate which means there will be food for families. We thank God for this harvest and for the farmers who are willing to try new methods to increase their food production and self-sufficiency.



Zukuma Nazarene School

Upon arriving at Zukuma Nazarene School in northern Malawi, Dennis and Alan were shown the repaired school buildings and were greeted by the students singing "We are proud of you". It was the students'

way of saying thank you for the repairs and for the new latrines (toilets).

An older man witnessed their arrival and said, "Now I can die in peace. The school is becoming well-established and moving ahead". He was a founder and

long-time supporter of the Zukuma school.

The pastor of the Zukuma church which meets in one of the school classrooms added, "We thought this was impossible, but God made a way."



IMPORTANT: The bank used by the national office now requires that all cheques for NCM Canada be made out to "Church of the Nazarene Canada".



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