

Report for Malawi Outreach 05nd to 06th October 2013



Friday, 4th of October 2013

Suzette and I left for Malawi as planned a day later than planned because we had a family funeral which we had to attend.

We nearly did not go as a team because our daughter, Shannon was feeling well and so before leaving for Malawi, Suzette and Shannon went to visit the doctor only to find out that he was out for the day.

After assurances from all our friends to make sure Shannon was okay and Shannon promising to go to the doctor Suzette was at ease to fly

with me to Lilongwe, Malawi.

Once again our flight was uneventful and we enjoy a short rest during the flight after a wonderful lunch. South African Airways sure knows how to make passengers feel at home with excellent service.

Two hours after leaving South Africa we landed at Kamuzu International Airport, in Lilongwe and soon we were collected our bags and went through to our friends. Only this time there was nobody to meet us. So I called Edwin to hear if they had forgotten about us but they were just at the turn off to the airport and were running a little late.

Soon we were united and we quickly drove into Lilongwe to collect the finances for the outreach and then we had lunch at Café Delight while all the bills were paid.

After a good meal we left for the Chikho hotel in Kasungu. The drive to Kasungu takes about three hours and we could see the roads had deteriorated significantly since our last trip in May 2013.

During the trip I suggested to Edwin that we maybe travel back via Mchinji to Lilongwe because the road was in a far better condition. Edwin agreed and so that was the plan once we left for Lilongwe on Sunday afternoon. Using this route would also allow us to pay a quick visit to Milward and his family so we could say hi!



The trip to Kasungu was hair rising to say the least. At one point a truck missed us by centimetres and a taxi just reversed into the main road in front of us without even looking but praise God we arrived at our hotel safely.

We were quite tired after our flight from South Africa and journey to Kasungu so Suzette and I were so happy to see our hotel and soon we were checked in and saying our good byes to Edwin, Sam and Larsen before they went to their accommodation for the night.

Suzette and I got sometime just to take it easy and relax. Our dinner at the hotel was really very nice and we enjoy a few minutes with each other chatting about things at home. We also called Shannon to hear how she was and with that we went to our room, unpacked and soon we were both sound asleep.

Saturday, 5th of October 2013

Suzette and I woke up to a wonderful sunrise as light flooded our room. At 5 am in Kasungu, the day has progressed to such an extent that one could start working. We got up and quickly bathed, dressed and went to eat breakfast.

Many of the hotel staff came to welcome us, they remembered us from the past two outreaches when we stayed at Chikho hotel and had come to say hi. Our waiter, Stanley was so happy that we were there with them again and we chatted throughout breakfast.

Soon it 8am, and time to meet Edwin, Sam and Larsen for our drive to Chomola where we would begin the outreach.

The drive from Kasungu to the Modzi turn off, a distance of 50kilomtres, took about 30 minutes and the next 11 kilometres on the gravel roads took us another 40 minutes.

We arrived in Chomola just after 9am and the village was up and about. We felt like celebrities, everyone was smiling and greeting us with a wave.



The outreach team we setting up the sound and music equipment and we were taken to a nearby home to rest before ministering. I took this opportunity to walk to the house while Suzette and the pastors drove.



Walking through the village many people came to me and shook my hand and greeted me. Also Landi Landi, who was the gentleman God healed in our first crusade to Kasungu came to me and greeted me.

He was so excited because this was his village and he was a village chief. His grandfather is Chief Chomola.

Soon I arrived at the house where we sat on chairs chatting in the cool breeze which made the hot weather a little more bearable

After playing with the children who had come to see these white people in their village, remember most of these children have never seen a "live" white person. Maybe they see a car drive past with a white person but here in their own village is a white man and woman, someone they can touch and see.

Soon we were called to the tent where everything was ready and the praise and worship team were singing praise to God.

We walked into the tent and the atmosphere was filled with an air of expectancy and excitement.

Suzette and I were lead to two very comfortable chairs and we were asked to sit down, which we did. It was very hot and humid in the tent and I wondered how warm we would get but think back now I do not recall getting that hot, God took my mind off the heat all weekend!



Soon I was called to preach and so I got up and preached a sermon on FAITH, what faith is and what faith is not. Everyone in the tent and those gathered outside were listening and many were even taking notes as they hung on each word I spoke.

When I made an alter call many, many people stood up and I had the privilege of leading them in the sinners prayer. After my sermon we returned to the house to eat lunch.



When we got to the house there was a nice big tree near Chief Chomola' s home and we parked the car and I was asked if I would not mind praying for the chief who was partially lame. And I agreed.

We walked to the chief who was sitting on a chair on the porch and I was introduced to him and I prayed for him and his legs. Next we got him onto his feet and we walked with him to under the trees, where he sat on a chair and we visited with him.

Everyone ate a good lunch and I just had something to drink. I spent a lot of time talking to the chief and soon spoke to him about eternity. He is 80 years old and praise God he wanted to accept the Lord. So I led him in the sinners prayed and he got soundly saved!

The rest of Saturday flew by in a blur and many people were saved and responded to the Gospel. There were also 5 people who wanted to receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit after I had preached about the Holy Spirit.

Many were challenged as I took five God characteristics and showed them how they could test who was God and who was not. I showed them the God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit were all God and met the five criteria but Satan and any other person or "deity" failed miserably.

Soon it was time to leave for Kasungu while the people at the crusade watched the Jesus film.

Once we arrived at Chikho hotel Suzette and I freshened up before going to the dining room to enjoy another wonderful meal and some great fellowship with Suzette. We also called Shannon who had visited the doctor and she was fine and had received some medication and would be okay.

This let Suzette relax and we could enjoy our visit. Eventually it was time to turn in for the night and we returned to our room and got straight into bed.



Sunday, 6th of October 2013

Today would be a very special day for Suzette as the Holy Cross Pentecostal Church of Malawi would ordain her as a bishop.

So we were all packed and ready to leave for Chomola at 8am. Edwin, Sam and Larsen arrived. We took a few pictures with Suzette and I.

Next it was time to leave so the pastors carried our bags to the car while Edwin settled the hotel bill.

The drive to Chomola was filled with excitement and joke. We also met George along the way as he has driven up from Lilongwe to be with us. He was only able to drive to pastor Benson's church where we left his car and he travelled with us because the bus was far higher than his car.

Soon we were back in the village, which was full of excitement. We sat down and next we saw Chief Chomola walking into the tent, aided by pastor Hendry who went to fetch him. Chief Katuza from Kambuli was also there and many village elders, headmen and some other chiefs.

Soon I was preaching about what it meant to be Hot or Cold for God, this message struck the people and many people rededicated their lives to God and many more gave their hearts to Jesus Christ.

Next it was time for the ordinations. All the pastors were invited outside to participate in the event and I was chosen to lead the group into the tent.

Pastor Sam preach a short message before he ordained Suzette and bishop. She is the first woman bishop in the Holy Cross Pentecostal church and maybe even in Malawi, we are not sure. All in all a very great honour and privilege!



After Suzette was ordained, Apostle Sam invited the pastors, bishops and leaders to congratulate Suzette and so they all came and shook our hands and welcomed Suzette as mama bishop. Suzette was then allowed to say a few words and she thanked Holy Cross Pentecostal Church for ordaining her and explained that god wanted people who He could use in the ministry.

Soon it was time for the greetings. One of the chief's, who we did not know, got up and said so many good things about us like he had known us for years. We realised that our "fame" had spread throughout the regions and the chiefs and village elders were talking about us and our ministry in Kasungu. This was so thrilling and we were also told that the church in Chomola was the baby of the Kuwamba church so we were able to see the fruits of our ministry. Something that made our hearts happy and we praised God for all He had already done!

The drive back home via Mchinji was uneventful. We stopped by Milward and Patuma for refreshments and we had a short visit before we had to leave.



We drove straight to Sana for supper with the team. It was quite late when we got into Lilongwe and we were really hungry.

Pastor George, Larsen and Sam met us at Sana and we each ordered our favourite dish and had a wonderful time of socializing, joking and chatting.

After dinner we discussed the outreach and what we could do to improve the future outreaches and any area of concern.

There were no negatives only very positive feedback and the pastors each thanked us for coming to Malawi and for the wonderful time of ministry.

Then we all drove to Discount Lodge where Suzette and I would spend our last night. After “fighting” a mini mosquito war we were finally able to turn in for the night under our mosquito net and soon Suzette and I were in dreamland.

Monday, 7th of October 2013

Once again we were up very early and got ready for our trip back home. After breakfast Edwin and the team arrived to take us to the international airport.

It is always sad to travel this part of road at the end of yet another successful trip. Soon it was time to say good bye / Tinoana (see you again).

We checked in and were soon in the lounge having a cool drink before a flight home! We were so happy and pleased at the way God once again came through for us and did amazing things during the crusade. No two crusades have been the same, He always does a new thing and we are so grateful! Zikomo Mulungo / Thank you God!

What we achieved

Our crusade was a huge success; measured against any of our past crusades this one far exceeded anything we ever imagined and we praise God.

The following were the high lights of the crusade:

1. There were many salvations, in particular Chief Chomola, whom God also touched and we trust God that He will complete the healing of his body.
2. We have equipped the Malawian church with new tools and I am most happy that God Spirit fell on the people. I had often wondered how God would do it and when it happened it was so unique.
3. The areas where we have been and churches planted in these areas have all grown and in the process of building their church buildings. I am especially proud of the Kawamba church, which is over 200 people strong and they have planted two other churches of 80 and 20 people in the area.

The Chomola church already had 100 members and they have already being preparing the bricks to build their church.

4. The bond between us and the leadership of Holy Cross Pentecostal Church has once again been further cemented and there is total trust and accountability, and together we can serve our Lord in unity and love.
5. Malawi has been shaken and will never be the same again! A white man and his wife are prepared to come to the village! Even Chief Katuza followed us once again from Kambuli to Longwe and Chief Longwe personally came to our meetings proves that they hold us in high regards.
6. Lastly we have 11 Bibles in homes in Chomola and next weekend during the women’s conference a further 31 Bible will be subsidized. We sponsored the Bibles so that people could buy it at a reduced rate and the people took advantage of this and all the Bibles were sold by Saturday evening.

The needs

The need is so great in Malawi, they are so poor, so poor that even though tobacco is grown in Malawi virtually no one smokes because they cannot afford to. Those who do not have jobs do something in the hope of earning an income to feed themselves and their family!

We need your help for:

1. Finances for future trips, it cost about \$2,000 for an outreach, I pay my own air tickets and expenses the money goes right into the crusade to pay for transportation, food, accommodation and crusade costs, we have a team of more than 25 people who join us on the outreach and who we feed and accommodate.
2. We have two new churches, one in Kambuli and the other in Longwe which are complete and ready for the roof, so we need \$1,200 for each roof.
3. We urgently need at least one 4X4 vehicle because the vehicle the pastor's use cannot take the punishment of the bush roads! We hired a car capable of taking us to the outreach but still needed to walk some stretches of road which were very badly damaged. I took us more than 45 minutes to travel 8km / 5 miles; we desperately need a vehicle that can take on these roads.
4. Construction of the headquarters of Holy Cross Pentecostal Church, the property has already been purchased and the plans have been approved by the local authorities.
5. We need anybody from the local churches to come to Malawi and do their own crusade. We will assist you and show you where to go, but we need you to come.
6. We are also willing to partner with any church or organization to build the necessary infrastructure in the villages. We have the ground but we need help!
7. We need your prayers and financial support for Malawi!

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God Bless

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