

Report for Malawi Outreach 25th to 27 September 2015



Friday, 25th of September 2015

We were all up at 5am after only going to bed well after 12pm. Our neighbour took us to the airport and soon we were checked in and on our way to the board gates.

We stopped off at Mugg n Bean for a small breakfast for Shannon as she never eats while flying. We sat and relax and spent quality family time together as we waited for our flight to board.

Before we knew it, it was time to board our flight to Lilongwe.

The flight was wonderful and we arrived safely, in Lilongwe just after 12:15pm. Once through all the formalities we were united with our friends, Sam, Edwin and George. After welcoming us to Malawi, they took our baggage and loaded it into the car and we drove into Lilongwe, where we had lunch at Café Delight. Shannon was getting a good dose of friendliness of the Malawian people

At Café Delight, we were met by Gloria, who had come to welcome us and we spent time talking to her before joining the team at the table.

During lunch, we spent time catching up on our families and also the ministry in Malawi and South Africa, while enjoying a nice pizza and cold cokes. We chatted and made many jokes. It was like we had never left Malawi at all.

After lunch we discuss the outreach program and the sessions each of us would take during the outreach. It was decided that Shannon and Suzette would have the evening off while Sam, Edwin, George and I travelled to Chafumbulula for the evening evangelism meeting.



While we continued chatting, Edwin excused himself and went to exchange the outreach finances we had brought from South Africa in to Malawian Kwacha.

Unfortunately Edwin was taking longer than expected exchanging the finances and he suggested George, Suzette, Shannon and I travel to Linde Motel ahead of them and that he and Sam would join us there a little later. This would also give us a little time to check in to the motel and settle in.

So with a small detour to Steers for an ice cream because it was really very hot in Lilongwe. We travelled via Lumbadzi to Mponela while Shannon got her first views of the villages on the way. Suzette and I excitedly pointed out key points of interest which we ourselves had come to recognise from our previous trips.

It was so good to be back in Malawi again, the warm weather, the people, and the culture everything was just so welcoming and we were able to unwind and relax while chatting excitedly about various things.

Soon we arrived at the Linde Motel in Mponela, checked in and proceeded to our rooms. Our rooms were very nice and very comfortable with a bedroom, an on suit bathroom and small lounge with fridge and air conditioning.

Not much later Edwin arrive with Pastor Sam. Edwin. So after a quick good bye to Suzette and Shannon, we started the 90 kilometre, (one way), journey to Chafumbulula. While Suzette and Shannon made our rooms "home" and unpacked all our clothes and things.

It was very hot driving to the outreach. On the way we stopped at Madisi to find a hardware store to buy cable for the lighting but as there was a blackout very few stores were open. We pasted the check point near the Bua Bridge, the past the Tabaco auctions before stopping at Chinbonga, to buy some cold cokes.



Chinbonga was about halfway between Linde Motel and Chafumbulula, and soon we were traveling past familiar turn offs to past outreaches like Kawamba, Chimolo, and Kalalumphira.

Soon it was our turn off for Chafumbulula which happened to be the same one we used in November 2011 for Kwambuli.

What was really good on this trip, was that for this trip we had, for the first time, a 4x4 to drive to the outreach. This was a practical vehicle for the rough roads ahead.

So we were surprised we got stuck in the sand near Chafumbulua. There were many sand patches which we had no problem driving through but less than a kilometre from Chafumbulua the 4x4 got stuck.

After trying various methods to get out of the sand, we eventually called Pastor Hendry, who came to our aid with about 20 strong men and soon we had pushed the car out of the sand. The toll on the car was that by now it was very hot, so we decided to leave George with the car and Pastors Sam, Edwin and I together with Hendry and his team, walked that last kilometre to the outreach area and we were greeted enthusiastically by all the pastors, church members and people from the village. One must remember that by the time we had arrived, it was well past 9pm and the people were faithfully waiting for us to arrive.

After a few praise and worship songs I was introduced and I preached a message about what Jesus Christ did for us at Calvary, at the conclusion of this message over 300 people stood to receive Jesus Christ as their Lord and Saviour. WE were so happy and praised God all the way home.

Driving in the dark in Malawi is very dangerous, so the pastors took extra caution while driving back to Mponela. We once again stopped in Chinbonga, (halfway), for some cool drinks and then drove the final 45 minute home.

I had called Suzette once we were on the tar road and on our way home, and she and Shannon had been praying for our safe journey. When we arrived at Linde Motel after 12pm, Suzette and Shannon were still awake waiting for our arrival.

After a quick good night the pastors left for their rooms and I quickly gave Suzette and Shannon an update on what had happened at the outreach. After saying good night we were all in dreamland by 12:40am, we were happy but tired as it had been a very busy day and everyone was extra tired.

Saturday, 26 September 2015

After getting up at 5am, we washed and went for breakfast at the restaurant. The walk down was slow, as we were stiff from the hard beds and pillows, we really did not have a good sleep but we were excited of the day's prospects.



Once again the drive to Chafumbulula was long and it was really hot and dusty. Once again we stop to get cool drinks for lunch time. Shannon was commenting on how different this was to what she had imagined.

She was particularly taken back by the extreme poverty of the villages and the fact that the people were still happy and cheerful.

Just after the bush clinic the car over heated and so we stopped. It was hot but so still in the bush. Soon Edwin and Sam came with their car and they

Wanted to know what was wrong. After explaining our situation to him, it was decided that I go ahead with Edwin, while Suzette, Shannon, George and Sam wait for the car to cool off.

So once again I had to leave my family and go off without them, but I was never concerned because they were very safe and in the shade. So off Edwin and I went, we were extremely careful by the sandy bits as this was a normal city car we were driving and it did very well in the sand. Soon we were in Chafumbulula and the service started immediately. About 30 minutes later the rest of our team arrived.

They were just in time to hear me preach my message on Stewardship, I explained that not only had Jesus made us stewards but that He has adopted us, and made us joint heirs with Himself. I also explained that this adoption and becoming heirs is part of being born again. I then asked those who wanted to accept Christ and become joint heirs with Him should raise their hands and over 500 people received Christ as their personal Saviour.



Next we broke into three groups to discuss current issues, Shannon took the youth, Suzette the women and I took the men. All the sessions were stopped for each group's needs, there were many questions and we were able to help them.



Next Shannon preached a message on what Jesus did for each one of us. She explained that telling lies, made one a liar and committing adultery, made one an adulterer. She explained unless we came to Jesus we were lost. She made an altar call and over 300 people accepted Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour.

Then we broke for lunch and walked the short distance to one of the houses that we opened to us. Lunch consisted of rice, relish, seema (porridge), chicken and coke and was delicious.

We also had a short time just to relax and recoup before starting the afternoon sessions.

In the late afternoon session, I preached two messages about looking at Jesus as the Christ. I explained from the Gospel of John that most people looked at Jesus as a man, a good teacher, no one except Peter in Matthew saw Him as the son of God and only because this was revealed to him by the God.

I explained further, that we can do nothing unless Christ is the centre of everything we do. There are no free agents in God's Kingdom because Jesus Christ and He only is the Chief cornerstone, the foundation upon which the church has been built. I explained that Peter was the first stone as were the other apostles upon which even, us living today are rocks / bricks being built into the building which is the church of Christ.

After my message, George, Shannon and Suzette left for Mponela so that they could get some much needed rest. I stayed because I was still scheduled to preach the evangelism message after the Jesus film was shown.

Soon the tent was transformed into a place to show the Jesus film. So pc, sound, and the screen were set up including the necessary lights and other tasks before the movie could be shown.



Then at around 6pm, they started singing praise and worship songs, which in turn brings in the local villages who come to see the entertainment and join the singing.

Soon the ministry area was teeming with many people, sitting row upon row, I estimate well over 2,500 people were in attendance. They sat inside the tent and other stood around the tents. I sat watching the Jesus film and it always has such an amazing impact on the villages because many of them can see Jesus Christ ministry come alive before their eye.

At about the mid-point I was given an opportunity to speak, and I challenged the people that they can see the very real events of Jesus' life portrayed. I explained that these are real events, this is not just a story but a documentary based on historical recorded events. When I made a call for them to accept Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour, multitudes raised their hands. There were too many people to have them stand up and so while they sat with their hands raised I led them in a prayer of commitment. I estimate that well over 1,000 people accepted Jesus Christ as their Saviour.

After the prayer of commitment we continued with the Jesus film and once it was complete we left for Linde Motel. The return trip was uneventful but really long and taxing. It was really very hot even at past 11pm at night. We arrived at Linde motel after 12pm again and soon we were all getting the much needed rest we all needed.



Sunday, 27 September 2015

Sunday morning we were up very early again. After getting ready and eating our breakfast we waited a few minutes for the rest of the team to arrive and take us to Chafumbulula.

Unfortunately George had to travel to Blantyre by car for a meeting with his work on Monday so he came to say good bye before Edwin dropped him at the bus station.

Soon we were back on the road and on our way to the outreach, this time the trip was uneventful, we did not get stuck or the car did not overheat and so we arrived in the village at around 11am.

There was a lot of excitement because today there would be the announcement of the new leadership in the district and also the chiefs and leaders of the area has also come to the meeting because we would be handing over the roofing materials for the completion of the Kwambuli church.

The praise and worship was very loud, as the people sang with all they heart, worshipping and praising God, it was amazing to hear them singing so loud that one could hear them over the sound system.

Next they took up an offering for the local church, contrary to western culture this is a joyous occasion and the people sang and gave with joy, truly being joyful givers.



Then I was invited to preach the morning message, which was a message about Humility. I explained that contrary to people's opinion of what humility was, God opinion was that we submit everything to Him and come under His mighty hand and to lay all our cares and burdens upon Him. This message really impacted the people and when I had the final altar call for the outreach many, many people accepted Jesus Christ as their Saviour.



The next item was the announcement of the new leadership of the Kasungu District. Here pastor Hendry was promoted to Senior district pastor of the district, Listen of Chafumbulula and James of Longwe were promoted to district pastors.

This pleased the people and they cheered each announcement. After the announcement of the leadership, Dr. Apostle Sam Gam prayed over these men and women of God and then we were invited to congratulate them.

The last order of business was the handing over of the iron sheets to Chief Katuza, the Transitional Authority (TA) of the region.



First one of the senior chiefs addressed the people and said they never believed that they would get their iron sheets because it took nearly three years but that today they can see that their belief was not in vain. He thanked God and Suzette, Shannon and I for the finances to buy this roofing materials so that they could complete their church and promised to complete the church urgently.

Next Chief Katuza was called to the front together with the 9 other chiefs to receive the gift or roofing materials for the Kwambuli church.

We had already delivered all the material to Kwambuli except 1 iron sheet which I would give to the chief during the ceremony.

The people were so happy, they sang and cheered and everyone was happy that the Kwambuli church would be completed soon.

After the ceremony the service was closed. WE invited the 10 chiefs and the pastors into the church and we gave them a gift of note books and a sticky notes hold which pleased everyone. These items are so important to the individual that they keep them as a trophy of their achievements.

After we gave these gifts, we invited all the children into the church and we handed out marshmallows. It was total pandemonium as each child wanted their sweet.

One must note that the children in the village get very few sweets and the few they have had are the basic peppermints we get a dinner mints at our restaurants. Most of the people in Malawi have NEVER tasted a marshmallows in their lives so this is a real treat for the children as well as the adults.

After a short lunch, it was time to take the last few pictures, chat with some old friends and then we got back into the car to travel back home to Linde Motel.

The trip back home was long and hot but we were so happy that God had once again used us to reach over 2,500 people for Christ. There were many experiences to remember, friendships moulded and many sights to remiss on.

Driving back to Linde all we could do was praise God and give Him all the Glory, Honour and praise. We did not stop at Chinbonga as we were in a hurry to get home and after an hour and a half we were back at "home"



We were given about an hour to freshen up before we all would meet at the restaurant to have our final supper together. I used this time to chat a quick nap and Suzette and Shannon took time freshening themselves up.

After an hour we walked down to the restaurant and met Sam and Edwin at one of the private eating area. James, Edwin's brother who is a manager of Linde Motel had called us, earlier, to ask us what we wanted to eat and everything was ready for us.



After ordering some cool drinks, our dinner arrived and we ate a wonderful meal. The food was good and the fellowship even better. In Malawi when you eat and fellowship it is called shallowship.

After our meal and shallowship we started our review of the outreach. This is something we always do after an outreach to see where we can improve for future outreaches.

Once again the feedback was very positive, Edwin and Sam spoke of the sacrifices we had made and how much they appreciate us coming. Edwin also explained the significance of our trips and that they were having revival in their district since we came to Malawi. The 14-16 churches that they had in September 2011 when we first came has now grown to over 50 churches and the membership had increase form 20-25 in a church to more than 300 in many churches. He accredits our salvations in the villages to more than 60,000 people saved.

It was truly a revival that we all thank God for. After Edwin, Sam spoke and praised our work in Malawi. He compared us to other ministers and missionaries and said that although going to the lake was not a sin, most white people who come to Malawi go to the lake and very few actually go to the people in the remote villages. He thanked us for our heart for the people of Malawi and all the finances, building materials, gifts and everything we had done for their people and their ministry. He was so please with us and so grateful for us coming to Malawi.

Next Shannon said that although she receives the praises and the thanks for us coming to Malawi, she gives to all back to God because without Him we would not be here. Suzette was just so happy to be a part of Malawi and that God has chosen us to come.

I commented that God is truly great. When I see what He has done in Malawi through us, I am amazed. I never thought that He could or would use me in Malawi, I always thought that because I was born in Zambia that God would use me there but He chose to make my ministry in Malawi.

We closed the meeting with some prayer and then we said our good byes. Pastor Sam was driving back to Lilongwe that evening and would meet us at the airport the following day, so we said good bye to him and we walked back to our rooms chatting about everything that had been said.

That night we as a family, spend some time together just chatting and having fun before it was time to go to bed.



Monday, 28th of September 2015

We woke up to have an early breakfast, so that we had enough time to drive to the airport for our flight home.

After breakfast Edwin arrived and we drove the hour and a bit to the airport at Lilongwe. Soon we were saying our good bye and we proceeded to check in on our flight home.

An hour later we were boarding our flight home, from a very successful outreach.

What we achieved

Our outreach was a huge success; Firstly Shannon had her “baptism of fire”, it was her first outreach and allowed her preach her first messages, which were very well received.

The following where the high lights of the outreach:

1. There were 1,500 confirmed salvations! This figure is astonishing when you consider that the total amount of people attending the outreach over the weekend was in the region of 2,000 to 3,000 people.
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 wonder how God would do it and when it happened, it was so unique.
3. 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.

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!

The famine has had a serious impact in the villages of Malawi and the people are really suffering, only a few weeks after this outreach we heard that Pastor Samuel, the blind pastor that walked to all our outreaches died of hunger! This was a major shock and eye opener to the church because the village thought they were supporting him and the church though his village was supporting him, so it is really is very sad story!

We need your help for:

1. Finances for future trips, it cost about \$2,500 for an outreach, I pay my own air tickets and expenses the money goes right into the outreach to pay for transportation, food, accommodation and outreach costs, we have a team of more than 25 people who join us on the outreach and who we feed and accommodate.
2. We want to build and complete a brand new church in Kambuli before the end of 2015. Already we have help build two churches, a few more churches will be at point in two to four weeks, where the church will be roof height, and they will only need the \$1,500 for the 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 use the pastor’s private passenger vehicle still and we often have to walk some stretches of

road, which are 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 local authorities have approved the plans. We currently have a tent setup but we are trusting God to start building. At the Kalumphira outreach, the HCPC received a gift of one million kwacha (about \$2,500) which we will use to start building the general-purpose hall.
5. We need anybody from the local churches to come to Malawi and do their own outreaches. We will assist you and show you where to go, but we need you to come.
6. We are also willing to collaborate with any church or organization to build the necessary infrastructure in the villages. We have the ground but we need financial help!
7. We need your prayers and financial support for Malawi!

Finally, we are here to assist the local and international church in any way possible to get the Gospel into Malawi and other areas. Please contact us at our details below:

a) If you want to get involved:

- Financially - through sponsoring an outreach, gifts, donations and partnerships.
- Spiritually - to prayer for us and our outreaches and intercede for our outreaches.
- If you want to sponsor an orphanage in Malawi.
- If you want to sponsor a church building project.
- We are planning a large outreach of at least 10 days to the Northern Region of Malawi, where we want to visit a new church / city every day!
- Alternatively, if you personally want to go to Malawi.

b) If you just want more information like:

- Updates on what's App during our next outreaches, please send me an email with your cell phone Name and Cell phone number – obviously you need to be on what's App.
- Monthly newsletter or outreach reports.
- Future ministry programs.
- Connect with us on twitter or e-mail

c) We are also available to visit your church to:

- Give a presentation / talk on Malawi.
- To teach your church how to evangelise
- To preach a message, series at your church during a Sunday service.
- To preach at outreaches.

d) Lastly if you want to do your own outreach to Malawi and you need support and assistance, we can help you:

- Where to go – we can point you to areas where there are great needs and thus a great harvest of souls.
- Local Pastors to guide you – during any outreach it is important to have people who have the local knowledge of the area. Where places are, what the customs are, where to stay, where to eat etc.
- To have Chichewa or Tambuka translators fluent in English – if you go into the villages you will need a translator fluent in English – basically there are two main languages spoken in Malawi.

Please visit our web site <http://www.xtupie.com/>; I have reports on every outreach, bible tracts, photos, and copies of some of my sermons preached in Malawi.

Feel free to download copy and use the material. Please also contact me if you want to donate or get involved in this ministry, or if you want to go to Malawi on an outreach or you would like me to share at your church about Malawi.

We also have a Twitter account, so please join us, and receive the Tweets at, [malawi4jesus](#).

Mulungu aku Daliseni / God Bless you

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