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Greetings from Malawi,

Will you join us in praising God? He has been at work in so many ways here in our ministries. We can see His hand in so many ways.

Youth ministries are moving forward, and seeds are being planted for a fruitful ministry. Over the past six months we have been able to train Regional (Zone) Youth Directors and they have started to work in their own regions. One of their first jobs is to train teachers for the local churches so that the youth might have weekly Bible Studies and grow

in their faith and knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ. As more and more of the local churches have regular Bible studies, we are seeing a desire for the Youth to learn God's Word more and more.

We have also had three youth conferences this past year

offering a great time for young people to gather and spend time in God's Word, encouragement, games and fellowship. The conferences which we held in 2021 studied the life of Joseph. Our most recent was over Easter weekend here in town with 50 in attendance from eight area churches. Our theme was "Be Transformed by the Renewing of Your Mind" based on Romans 12 and 13. We had a great time and hope it was the first of many more annual conferences.

With these conferences I have worked alongside several men and women who are the main speakers and small group leaders. These leaders have done a great job and are maturing in their teaching and leadership qualities. I'm excited to train more and more leaders in the regions and leading more conferences and seminars.

Therefore by Him let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to His name. But do not forget to do good and to share, for with such sacrifices God is well pleased. Hebrews 13:15-16



Easter Youth Conference staff and attendees

In March. I was able to do some training in organizing, and planning the budgets and details of running seminars and conferences. After starting with our own Youth Zone directors, we were asked to also train

church leaders from all the areas. We hope this can help improve our church events in the future.

Earlier this year two cyclones came from the Indian Ocean landing in Mozambique and southern Malawi. They caused great damage to the farms and homes of many church members in those areas. We have been thankful for so many gracious friends who have donated to help our brothers and sisters



Youth Directors in Training

in Christ in those areas. I have had the responsibility of spearheading part of our relief efforts as an organization. We have been learning how to best help without hurting, while showing love and grace.

The first stage was sending a team to investigate and get the true picture of how things were on the ground. The pages of reports were heartbreaking as many lost all or nearly all of their harvest for the year and can do nothing until harvest next year. A few members had farms near riverbeds and asked



Distributing seed to those affected by the cyclones

for help in planting while there is still some moisture in the area. Just after Easter we succeeded in getting seeds to families who could use them. Then in the second week of May we were able to send a team down to the worst area and give food (maize) to 161 families. We plan to follow up throughout the year in helping with food one or two more times to those who will still be in need until they



Getting across the poison river at the Youth Conference!

can harvest again next year. What a blessing to have a part in helping those who are hurting.

For the months of May and June I have a new hat to wear: teaching in the Bible School for the English students on the Pauline prison epistles. It is amazing to spend time in these wonderful books, but also an overwhelming job to consider how to condense such wonderful teachings into the few classes that we have.

Later this summer, I will be heading back to the US for my home assignment. I know that I will be blessed to see many of you during this time. I also know that I cannot visit everyone. I would appreci-

ate your prayers for safety as I cross the great USA during my time and as I share God's work with so many!

Thanks for all of your faithful prayers and encouragement, my friends.

In Him,

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