



## “Going from one place to the next... strengthening all the disciples” (Acts 18:23)

Since hearing the word of God through this passage more than three years ago, we made it our goal to have an outreach once a year to different regions across Africa to go and *strengthen disciples* who are part of this network. Our plan for this year was to go to a certain region in *Zambia* for this purpose, but the Lord had other and *BIGGER* plans for us!

Through partnering with another missionary organization called *TOPIA*, He made it possible for us to not just go and *strengthen all the disciples* in *Zambia*, but also those in *Malawi*.

With great joy and gratitude, we share with you in this Newsletter, all that the Lord has done during the past month on this mission trip - *Far more than all we could ask or think!*

While back at home He was also busy mobilizing more labourers for His harvest as other members of our team went to a region in Limpopo and came back with testimonies of His glorious works!

To Him be ALL the glory forever and ever!

# FROM ONE PLACE TO THE NEXT



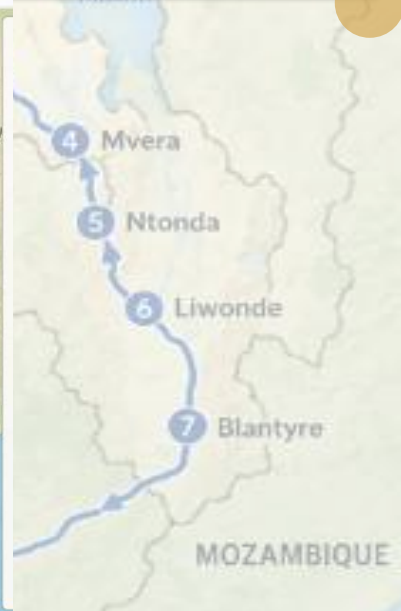
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Mvera, Malawi



Ntonda, Malawi



Liwonde, Malawi



Kapitchi, Malawi

Our journey started in an area of Zambia called Chasefu and after almost a month it ended in Blantyre, Malawi.

We went from *one place to the next*, spending three days at almost every place to *strengthen and further equip all the disciples*.

It was very encouraging to see how the disciple-makers who are part of our network has worked hard to develop *like hearted Christ-followers* in all these places, to work with them in advancing the Kingdom, by *multiplying disciples*.

In His providence the Lord opened more doors of the word for us, as we also had opportunities in some places to train new groups of people in *making disciples*.

We trust that God will bless these humble efforts and His mighty word with the *making of many disciples!*



Brother Erick training a new group at the monument in Mvera.



Brother Johannes showing what **faith** looks like.



With brother Simbarashe (left) and the other ministry leaders in the Muslim community.



Brother Johannes and Luke ready to enjoy some “**nyama**”.



Sharing a meal with the Congolese to refugees in Lilongwe. .



Brother Erick and the Muslim background believer who is now a devoted Disciple-maker.

# HIGHLIGHTS

While the *Soccer World Cup* was going on, we had much more to *cheer* about as we were given the privilege to see what God is doing in advancing His Kingdom!

**Here are some things that really stood out:**

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## EAGER TO ADVANCE HIS KINGDOM

People of all ages and backgrounds were eager to share their faith, boldly putting on “the shoes of readiness” and returning with testimonies of finding Persons of Peace.



How **serious** the people are to advance His Kingdom amongst the *lost*. Part of our three day-trainings was to go into the communities to share our testimonies and the Gospel. In none of these places we found reluctant people who were *unwilling* to do it. At every place, young and old, male and female eagerly put on “*the shoes of readiness that comes with the gospel of peace*” and came back with great testimonies of how they *found persons of peace*. In *Lilongwe* two sisters in Christ wanted to share their testimony with a Muslim man who said that he can’t listen to them because they are female, to which one of the ladies replied: “*Are you going to let your culture keep you from hearing about the Kingdom of God?*” The Holy Spirit used this to convince him that he needed to give them an opportunity to share.

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## DISCIPLE-MAKERS WITH A PASSION

Disciple-makers like brother Erick Naboti are deeply committed to the Great Commission—training others and making disciples who reproduce, living as true disciple-makers themselves.



The second thing that stood out to me was the *disciple-makers* themselves, who are part of our network and how serious they are to fulfil the Great Commission. Especially brother *Erick Naboti*, our co-ordinator in Malawi, who also accompanied us to *two other places* on our journey. To see how he as a Primary School teacher, trains the people in making disciples, was a remarkable experience. So much so that I now also implement what I learned from him. Even when we went to see the monument in Mvera, where the Bible was first translated in Chichewa, brother Erick got a group of Church-people there together and started training them in making disciples who can *reproduce*. The most **encouraging** thing to see however, is how he is not just a *trainer of disciple-makers*, but a *disciple-maker* himself. When we visited his place in Ntonda, a young *Muslim background believer* also attended, who is now such a devoted follower of Jesus and a fisher of men, thanks to the work of the Holy Spirit, through the labour of brother Erick.

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## NEW PARTNERSHIPS, GREATER IMPACT

New partnerships are forming across Zambia, Malawi and beyond, uniting believers and ministry leaders to train others and advance God's Kingdom together.



Another thing that really stood out to me was all the new people we could meet along the way and looking forward to what these new ***formed partnerships in the gospel*** can mean for the advancement of His Kingdom.

When we were in Chasefu, two ministry leaders from *Lusaka* drove all the way with a bus to this Eastern part of Zambia to take part in the training and when they got home, they quickly got a group of people together to *entrust* to them what they learned during the training.

in Lilongwe, three other ministry leaders attended the training after hearing about it from another missionary who we are in close contact with. All three of them testifying just how much this training has meant to them regarding their disciple-making efforts. It was also at this very training in *Lilongwe* that we met *Congolese refugees*, who travelled all the way from a Refugee camp in *Dowa* to attend the training. And as I am writing this newsletter, arrangements are already in progress to get brother Erick there to come and train up all their workers in the refugee camp.

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## TRANSFORMED LIVES AND COMMUNITIES

In Muslim areas, leaders and believers have been transformed—leaving behind old ways and now living as devoted followers of Christ, multiplying Discovery Bible Study groups.



Another stand out was meeting ***brother Simbarashe*** and the ministry leaders who labour for the Lord in a predominantly Muslim area. Brother Johannes who accompanied me on this journey went there a couple of years ago and together with brother Simbarashe, they trained these leaders and their people, through which the Lord changed the whole way they think and live. Previously being Christians who still also practiced their *African traditional religion*, they now are devoted followers of Christ testing everything in their *culture* to the Word of God as it has become their only source of truth now. They were very excited to go and show us all the *Discovery Bible Study groups* that has since been established, through them and their people's labour, but sadly our time did not allow for us to go and see. Brother Simbarashe has since also relocated to this area with his family, after being called by the Lord to do so.

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## GOD ORCHESTRATES DIVINE ENCOUNTERS

A Prayer-walk in Blantyre led to a divine appointment with a Person of Peace, opening hearts to the Gospel and the joy of learning through Discovery Bible Study.



God saved a very special moment for the **last day**, before traveling back the next morning to South-Africa. As me and brother Johannes went on a *Prayer-walk* in the streets of Blantyre, we met a *Person of Peace*, who was walking behind us and listening to the *Songs of Praise* we were singing. The Lord touched His heart through it, and he invited us to come to his home where we could also meet his neighbour. The Lord gave us the opportunity to share the Gospel with them and show them how to do **Discovery Bible Study** so that they can all be *taught by God*, to which they responded with great excitement! We look forward to hearing from them and journeying further with them on Whatsapp.

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## THANKFUL HEART, GLORIFYING GOD

Grateful for God's faithfulness, traveling mercies, strengthened disciples, new workers for His harvest, faithful partners, and the hope of many more opportunities ahead.



**I thank the Lord** with all my heart for this wonderful past month which I was so privileged to be part of. I thank Him for all the travelling mercies we received. I thank Him for every disciple that could be **strengthened** and for the strengthening we could receive through them. I thank Him for the opportunity to mobilize more workers for His harvest and for the many more opportunities that lies ahead because of what He has done! I thank the Lord for every disciple-maker and their families that worked so hard to host us and all the other trainees, your devotion to the Lord and His mission is wonderful to see! I thank God for my brother *Johannes*, who was willing to *go* with me, through whom I could learn so much when it comes to **following Jesus**! How it looks to remain **patient** and **kind** under pressure, because of him remaining *in Jesus*!

I thank God for all of you who partnered with us in **prayer and in giving** through which He made all this possible.

I thank the Lord for doing *so much more* than all we could **ask or think**!

To Him **be glory** in the Church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen!

# DISCIPLE MAKING IN THABAZIMBI



## Ministering to the children

A call for training from a few Disciple Makers in Thabazimbi, to equip them to engage with residents in the township Regorogile, and to identify and equip Persons of Peace to expand and multiply, developed a life of its own when the manager of a care centre, Baracha invited us to also make disciples of the +/-150 kids who are being fed and cared for.

What a challenge! Out of our depth, we reached out to Amazing Graces children's ministry for their material and facilitators to train the carers in presenting Bible stories, Life Lessons and Foundations for Farming. All ages had fun and the older ones had been equipped further. The kids were taught the basics of preparing patches of soil, sowing and planting seedlings.

More kids became interested and participated and those received some vegetable seeds and seedlings. They will be held accountable for the maintenance of the veggie beds.

For the teenagers, we had developed Discovery Bible study training on their level, together with fun activities which helped them to understand and enjoy applying the principles and discovering the Bible for themselves.

The young people were also taught how to start engaging with strangers by sharing a short testimony of how Jesus had transformed their lives, hopes and inner peace by His saving grace. They joined the adults by practically reaching out into the township.

# Disciple Making Movement Workshop



We connected with the Disciple Makers in Thabazimbi a month before and together we started praying, discussing and planning all aspects of the four-day training, as a team.

We had a diverse group of people attending. Some were Disciple-making practitioners, while others were still new to it. The challenge was to present basic training, laying a foundation of Discovery Bible Study and multiplication principles, as well as more advanced equipping to the mixed groups.

Their desire was to be equipped in *engaging with the*

*lost* in order to identify the *persons of peace* and those who would become the next generation of labourers in the harvest.

So, on Saturday morning we focused on practising to start conversations with people and inviting them into connecting with Disciple Makers in Discovery bible studies. We teamed up *two-by-two* and *hit the streets* in the township. Every team returned with a list of names of *receptive people* to follow up with – *a joyful exercise!*

There is a general enthusiasm in the Thabazimbi team to follow up and form new

*Discovery Groups* where people will be discipled and become disciple-makers! The team is entering a new phase of prayerfully planning and strategizing to bring in the harvest of new workers and saved souls. On Sunday we gathered all the attendees in an *Assembly* (according to the *Seven Habits* strategy) and shared a meal with a group of children who surprised us, but the meal of bread and soup was miraculously feeding all of us!

Our team, Elta, Andre and I, were so blessed by our hosts and we are very grateful to the team at Baracha Centre for hosting and feeding the *troops* for four days.

# THANK YOU FOR PARTNERING WITH US!

Your continued prayer and giving is greatly appreciated. Thank you for helping us to make all of this possible!

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