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KJV Bible distribution in Kigali, Rwanda.

January 2017 - Update

Dear Friends,

In this update, I shall not repeat the reports on my visits to Eastern Congo (September), Indian orphanage (January) and that of Pastor Duwen Musaka to Zimbabwe in October, as these are already published on the FGEA website. However, I will give an update of the other labours in the Lord's service, and how the Lord has appeared for us in the last 6 months.

Fizi Orphan Centre and School

When I visited Fizi (Eastern Congo) in September, it was evident that there was a pressing need of more clothes for the orphans and replacement of a number of the mattresses. This has now been done, as can be seen in the photos below. However, on the initiative of the brethren in Congo, some of the funds were used to buy a sewing machine and material. The sewing machine can be used not only for repairing and making clothes, but gives an opportunity for the children to learn an important skill.



Since my September visit the great need for a permanent school building at Fizi Orphan Centre has been met by the Lord's gracious hand for the many poor children without education. During the period the work has progressed well. Sufficient funds have been sent to Congo for windows and doors, benches for the children and a toilet block, which will be completed, God willing, by the end of January. The photos below show the progress with the work, which has also had the benefit of providing gainful employment for a number of local people.





Chichewa New Testament Project

Work on the revision of the Chichewa New Testament, which is being done in partnership with TBS, has proceeded well. The final part of the New Testament was reviewed in detail by FGEA (Malawi) co-ordinator Elwyn Maliwa and three local checkers (two from Malawi and one from eastern Zambia). They held a meeting over four days in October in Lilongwe, the capital of Malawi, dedicated to the project. Elwyn has incorporated their comments, and the whole draft New Testament is now going through a second level check by two different reviewers; one, nominated by TBS, is a Malawian studying at a theological seminary in the USA, and the other, nominated by FGEA, is a minister in Malawi.



Tribute to the late Pastor Norman Kalilombe (Deputy Coordinator – FGEA(Zimbabwe))

I was saddened to learn very recently of the death of my good friend Pastor Norman Kalilombe in Zimbabwe, after a long illness. It was Norman who first pleaded with me in 2007 to visit his home-country of Malawi, and it was Norman that put me in contact with Elwyn. In the Lord's hand this was one of the chain of events that led to the current Chichewa New Testament revision work. I was very pleased that Norman had an opportunity to visit Malawi at the end of last year and to meet with the team during one of their meetings in Lilongwe. Norman was originally expected to participate in the second level checking of the Chichewa New Testament draft, but as he has now passed to glory to be with the Lord (which is far better), another Malawian minister who is on the committee of FGEA (Malawi) has taken his place in checking the draft text for FGEA.



Photo taken in December 2015 in Lilongwe (Malawi) with the late Pastor Kalilombe (far left) with the team revising/checking the Chichewa New Testament

Letter of Appreciation from the Philippines

Periodically we have been sending English Bibles to a minister in the Philippines for free distribution. He sent to me a letter from another minister expressing his appreciation.

I am the most happiest missionary ever because I got the privilege to receive the Bible (KJV) and other materials from you that I can use to do the Lord's work. My experience in the mission work is almost one and a half year and within this year I experienced the wonderful grace of God working the ministry, although there was a time I suffered persecution because of the ministry. But I felt happy because I understood that it was part of strengthening my spiritual leadership among the people of God. ... I met Pastor Ballonado last July 2016 – he was one of the speakers; I am very happy that I met him because he said to me, "I will help you to acquire some Bibles (KJV) and other materials for the ministry." And I replied to him, "Pastor thank you so much." Four months later, here am I, I received the Bible (KJV) and the Gospel tracts from Pastor Ballonado.... Thank you so much for having the love of Christ within you, as Apostle Paul himself as an example to us, he said in the Book (2 Cor 5:14) "For the love of Christ constraineth us."

Mission to Mpika, Zambia

After delays and hindrances, the mission to Mpika (Zambia) took place in August. As I have written before and witnessed myself in May this year, the thirst for the Word of God in Zambia is very great, but in many provincial towns and villages Bibles and sound literature are almost unobtainable for many people. Mpika was another such town. Our co-ordinator in Zambia, Pastor Duwen Musaka, travelled with other FGEA(Zambia) brethren for this mission and wrote as follows.



"Our theme for the conference was The Word of God, the subject text being John 1:1-14. In the first session I spoke on The Word of God, in the second session The Necessity of a Faithful Translation, English versions; and in the third session I did the Bemba Bible version OV52 [the version currently available]. I had some notes with me, of which I left some copies to the brethren to make copies for those who had need of them. We distributed AV Bibles, Bemba Bibles, Which Bible Version, The Lord Gave the Word, Ubutungulushi bwa Kwa Lesa [Authority of God – Bemba edition] and Gospel Standard second-hand magazines which Pastor Hara had taken there last month.

The conference was an eye opener to the church leaders who never thought there were such things like missing verses, sentences, phrases, words, sections and names from modern English versions of the Bible and the Bemba Bible. We thank God for his faithfulness to his servants. 40 ministers from different churches had attended this conference, beside elders and other church leaders."

One of the local church leaders (who had helped to organise the meeting) said at the end.

"It was 20th August 2016 at Good Tidings Ministries where over 150 people gathered to witness and experience Bishop Musaka and team distributing English and Bemba Bibles and other books to attendants of the meeting. This day of 20th August 2016 shall ever be remembered because FGEA put smiles, joy and happiness on the faces of the church in Mpika. It's never happened before in the history of the church in Mpika to see an organisation give so



many Bibles to the people, feed them in just K25-00 per person. This gesture demonstrates how FGEA cares for souls. It's a sign of obedience to the command of our Master to spread the Word to all. As a pastor and leader of a church, and a Vice Secretary of Mpika Pastors Fellowship, who have been championing this cause, feels satisfied and happy to see so many soldiers of the cross empowered with the weapon – the sword of the Spirit, the Word of God. We are grateful to the Almighty God and the entire leadership of Free Grace Evangelistic Association for the great work they are doing to people that could not afford to buy the Bible, now they have one. Glory to God! Bible distribution came like a break of a new day to many. We are looking for more events of that nature. Thank you for your care."

Mission to Karonga, Malawi

For some period of time, Pastor Elwyn Maliwa (Co-ordinator in Malawi) had had requests to travel to the far north of Malawi for teaching and distribution of Bibles and literature. With the provision of funds from the UK, through God's

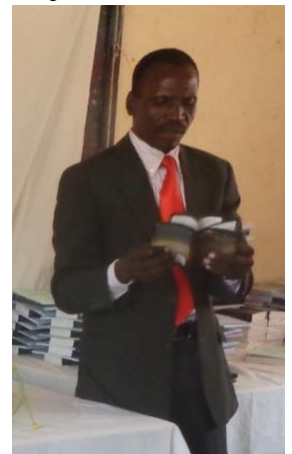
gracious hand, we were able to give the go-ahead with the conference at Karonga, which took place in September. The distances involved were quite considerable. Elwyn and other brethren had to travel about 450 miles each way in the mission, some of the time standing on an over-crowded bus. However, the Lord richly blessed the meeting held over two days; about 110 were present, mostly pastors and church leaders. The teaching was based on the Word of God, both written and incarnate, warning about the modern corruptions and explaining about the work that FGEA is undertaking with TBS on the revision of the Chichewa New Testament. One of the themes that Pastor Elwyn Maliwa who taught was on “Why Man Needs the Word of God”. The report that Elwyn sent says.



“In this teaching he first explained why the Word of God is special, different from all other words, then he taught on what the Word of God does ... and spoke about the ‘Responsibility of man concerning the Word of God’. He read from 1 Peter 2:2. After speaking on this teaching, he continued on with another teaching on ‘Why do people say the following statements,’ these are: ‘The Bible is difficult to understand; The Bible is like a jungle or forest; and The Bible contradicts itself.’ The last suggested reason which he gave out of the eight suggestions

was that, it could be the version of the Bible you use is not the right one. It is from here that he explained about some of the issues concerning some versions which are in circulation now in all languages. At this time we even saw that the Chichewa Buku Lopatulika ndilo Mau a Mulungu in Matthew 26:40, instead of ‘one hour,’ it says ‘one minute.’ It was at this time he explained why FGEA distributes the KJV only in English After this, he continued teaching and then he taught on what words the scriptures contain. In this teaching we discovered that in the Bible there are some words that are spoken by God, by man, by angels, by demons and even animals; thus we saw that God adopted all these words and inspired them for the profit of man.”

The session that followed was for Bible and book distribution after that he introduced the Bible and books on the distribution list. He explained about the KJV Classic Reference and then the Ruby Text Bibles, after that he took each book and explained briefly what each book contained and thus encouraged the recipients to read the books which God had graciously provided to them.”



Summary of Bible and Literature Distribution for the Period 1 July to 31 December 2016

The following literature was purchased or sent using FGEA funding during the 6-month period.

Bibles	1368	Books	513
NTs/Psalms	1209	Booklets	1077
Gospels	10	2 nd Hand literature	118 kg
Calendars (TBS)	250		

Once again, the Trinitarian Bible Society has very generously granted 1000 KJV English Bibles for FGEA(Zambia) and 1263 Portuguese Bibles for an FGEA contact in Maputo, Mozambique. We are very grateful for this great help to us. FGEA and TBS have also been working closely together on other areas of common interest relating to the need for faithful Bible versions. FGEA is also very grateful to a small organisation for donating and shipping 609 English booklets to Malawi.

May the Lord bless you each in the New Year.

With warm Christian greetings,

Ian Sadler