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Teaching on the Bible in Malawi at an FGEA meeting

July 2018 - Update

Dear Friends,

The last quarter has been one of many challenges. Yet we can say that the Lord has been mindful of us. In this update, I wish to pass on reports and testimonies of the work in Africa, in particular Malawi and Dem Rep Congo. It is especially encouraging to read of the openings for Bible distribution and teaching. May the Lord bless the Word.

Malawi

A remarkable opening has been granted in Mulanje for the FGEA Malawi officials, led by Pastor Elwyn Maliwa, to attend the “Mulanje District Meeting” and to distribute Bibles and literature to all present. This meeting comprised of Cabinet Ministers, Members of Parliament, Senior Chiefs, Traditional Authorities, Ward Councillors, and other key personnel in the District. Pastor Maliwa, the FGEA National Coordinator in Malawi wrote in his report.

“The meeting was scheduled to start at 9:00am, but it started around 10:00am. It was after the welcome and introductions that we were given the time to present the gifts to the members of the Council Meeting that were present.

The District Coordinator, Pastor Preston Kasito is the one who introduced us and then the National Coordinator spoke briefly about FGEA and then introduced his team members before briefly sharing the Word of God from Joshua 1:8. In his preaching he encouraged the audience that success in every area comes only from God. Life is found in Jesus and all what man needs is found in Jesus through the Word of God.

While the Bibles and books distribution was in progress the council meeting was also in progress, and it was after we had finished the distribution that we left the meeting hall for the meeting to continue. A symbolic presentation was done to the two Cabinet Ministers who were present.” [see photo at top of page]



The photo on the right is of the FGEA Malawi team waiting for the meeting to start outside the Chamber.

Following this meeting, Pastor Maliwa has travelled the length of Malawi to make a series of visits to meet with and encourage members of the FGEA branch. This was an opportunity to update members, pray with them and to distribute further copies of the Bible and literature.

Three conferences have been held for teaching and distribution of Bibles and literature in Malawi, which were funded by FGEA with significant assistance of Bible grants from the Trinitarian Bible Society (TBS). These follow the principle that we seek to follow that Bibles and literature are distributed with teaching. Pastor Maliwa (FGEA Malawi co-ordinator) summarised a couple of the sessions led by other FGEA Malawi officials:

The session was facilitated by Pastor Kaunde who taught on the importance of loving the word of God. He took his reading from the book of 1 John 1:1-3 and as he continued speaking he read also these texts of scripture; Deuteronomy 17:19-20, Job 6:9. In his ministration of the word of God, he said if one loves the word of God, he will read it, study it as the church in Berea and finally will be a doer of the word. At the end of the session, the participants prayed for three items; namely, that the word of God which we have heard have its work in the lives of the participants; the pastor of the church where the conference was held, his family and members to uphold the word of God in their lives, and finally the issue of the fast spreading of the message which FGEA has.



Pastor Maliwa also added:

“On our way from Karonga we came across a famous place called Kacheche – Chiweta, it is a road by the hill whereby one side it’s a hill and the other side is a very steep slope. At this place if a vehicle misses the road, if it stops close to the road it is by God’s grace.

It is at this place where there are baboons/monkeys by road, some drivers throw food to them as they pass through. A thought came to me that some evolutionists claim that man came from this animal. Ever since I was born I have never seen any baboon changing into a human being. I thank God that I am fearfully and wonderfully made, no one can convince me that I came from a monkey, I am God’s special creation, made in His own image and likeness. I will live to serve and glorify His name.”



Testimony from Dem Rep Congo

The FGEA Coordinator in the Dem Rep Congo, Pastor Fred Wakula, sent the following testimony about the blessings that the Lord has given. Pastor Wakula reports that the Lord has been pleased to bless and use the ministries of FGEA in different ways.

“Our first Bible distributions in Fizi Territory, this brought a great impact, as at that time there were some Denominations were discriminating against other Churches, but after receiving the right teaching from our dear faithful Brother in the Lord, Dr Ian Sadler, the International Chairman, and distributing the Bibles to every Minister, surely this changed the wrong thinking of some Ministers, and led them in the right way of the truth of the Word of the Lord. And today in Fizi, all the Church of Christ are united and working together as the Body of Christ. Praise be to His Holy name !

In Shabunda Territory : Here also I did meet the same problem as was in Fizi Territory. But when I arrived there, and I gathered all the Churches in Nzovu Village, and the Lord gave me His Word from 2 Cor 5 :20,21. The Word was that the Lord has given us the Ministry of Reconciliation. So after this I handed the Bibles to each Minister, surely the Holy Spirit moved and most of the Ministers were transformed in their minds and hearts.

And again, you know what, in the Villages there are so many ministers who do not have Bibles, but to every place where FGEA has ministered, the Ministers have been blessed for having free Bibles, and this has made a great impact in their life. All glory be to Him who is Faithful !



Fizi Orphan Centre: This orphanage, has been a great blessing in the life of the children who have been living without having any hope for their both future life. But today the 33 orphans in the orphanage are living there with great hope for their both life, spiritual and physical life. This is because of the way that, we take care for them.

- *We teach them the Word of God*
- *We feed them physical food three time a day.*
- *They sleep at good place, while where they were before at their relatives they were sleeping down [i.e. rough/badly], while today are sleeping at the comfortable place.*
- *They are schooling without any problem, while at their relatives they were not schooling, but just remaining in the villages playing only.*

This orphanage is a blessing not just only to the children, but also even to the Fizi population. Fizi Territory has suffered a lot since Independence, and we do have many orphans who do not have any care at all. So this Fizi Orphans Centre is the only Orphanage in the Fizi Territory. This is a great encouragement in the hearts of many.

Complex Scolaire Bustani (School): Fizi Territory has never had any stability at all, for this reason, the people's life always is very down and tough. I think my dear Brother in the Lord, Dr. Ian can agree with me about this. For this reason, most of the parents are unable to pay for their children school fees of just only \$12 per Month, that is \$36 per Term. As a result many children are just wandering playing in the Field. But thanks be to God for providing the people of Fizi Centre this ministry of FGEA, and establish a good School, which is a great help and blessings for more than 400 children from poor families who are schooling there. Because of their parents' hardship of life, each child do pay only FC 1000 = \$0-60 per month [45p]. And many parents they feel FGEA is a great blessing for their families. Praise be to God.”

We have also received in recent days the following encouraging news about the orphanage and school at Fizi (Eastern Congo). The FGEA co-ordinator in Congo informed me:

“I am glad to share with you about what the Lord has done. Here are good news. The first is: Two of our Orphans have succeeded in the National Exams, this is a great joy that is in the Orphanage today in Fizi. So please, let us hold them in prayers that the Lord should open the door for them to further their education for His glory. The second good news is that, our Orphans school in the Fizi, also there was 6 students of the last year of the Secondary School, all of them also have succeeded in the National Exams. Praise be to His holy name! This has assured us we do have good Teacher in our School. May the Lord bless them all!”

Zimbabwe Bible Grant

Earlier in the year the Trinitarian Bible Society most generously granted FGEA Zimbabwe a very large grant (5000 KJV Bibles and 6500 Booklets on Bible versions). This had to be shipped by freight container to Harare. FGEA paid for the customs handling charges and local transport, with funds raised locally and funds sent from the UK. The grant has been divided and shipped to different towns and cities awaiting distribution. We are truly thankful for the Lord's preservation in that all the Bibles arrived safely at their destination. The photo below shows the workers at the depot in Harare being given Bibles after the consignment had been collected in a hired lorry. May the Lord bless the Word of Truth to many souls.



Summary of Bible and Literature Distribution for the Period 1 January to 30 June 2018

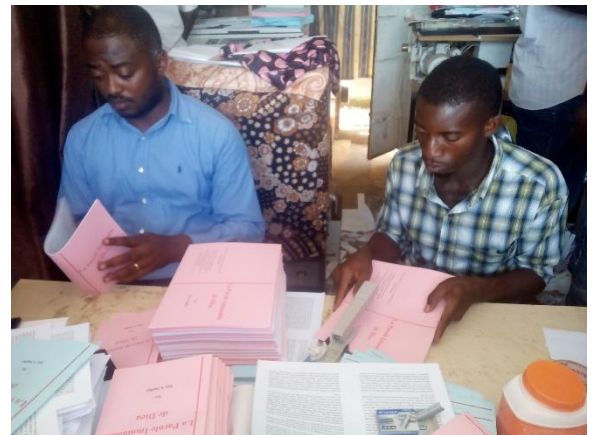
The following literature was purchased or sent using FGEA funding during the 6-month period.

Bibles	908	Booklets	8918
2 nd Hand Literature	77 kg	Books	508
NTs/Gospels	120		

The literature purchased or printed is mainly booklets. These vary in length from 8 pages to about 40 pages, so the total in the period of nearly 9000 is a very substantial quantity. It is a means of supplying sound spiritual literature to a large number of people.

FGEA is also very grateful to the support of the Trinitarian Bible Society and the Bible Spreading Union, who have sent a series of grants of Bibles to Zimbabwe, Malawi and Rwanda. The total grants in the period amount to 5450 KJV English Bibles and 6900 booklets on Bible versions. We are also thankful for grants of 153 Scripture Calendars (Ndebele and English).

I would close by thanking you all for your continued prayerful and practical support.



French literature being prepared at the printers in Lubumbashi (Dem Rep Congo)

With warm Christian greetings,

Ian Sadler

Purchase of KJV Bibles for Philippines has continued, as there is a great thirst for the faithful Word of Truth. The photos show distribution of Westminster Reference Bibles to ministers and students.

