

Reaping the Harvest



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'Taking the love of God to hurting people'

Testimonies from Malawi 2010

In this edition of the magazine we are focussing on testimonies from this year's visit by the team - led by Richard Trotter with John and Marjorie Webster and Ron and Liz Bignell. The mission visit took place over a three week period in April /May. Pastor Enoch made a point of collecting a lot of testimonies and they are spread throughout this magazine. The written testimonies sent on from Malawi have been amended in places so as to make them more comprehensible to British readers.

Spine problem healed

"I had problem of spinal cord more than three weeks but when I give myself to God and open my heart and receiving my healing it happened that after a week later I noticed that the pain I had is totally gone. I thank God for healing me". *Bright, Lilongwe*

"I thank God because he has his own time, I has own time. I have one Child, but because of other problems my husband left me. He was a drunkard and he beat me much. I have not been married for five years. When John and Marjorie came to Mitundu. I was prayed for and now am married. I thank God because I believe he will be a good husband. Thank God".



Outside the church at Mitundu

Delivered from demons

"Praise the Lord! I was a woman possessed with demons and dream evil dreams for some months. I thank God that since I was prayed for am now okay and can't dream them. Today am free woman and my husband he is a blessing to me— not like before. We are together and staying as a family".

More testimonies later

Richard writes....

Dear Friends

It is now some weeks since our last magazine. In that time some more testimonies have come in - testimonies of lives changed, marriages healed, and much more. We have received many invites for 2011 - to hold conferences, to visit villages and churches.

Many people on our visit this year have witnessed the move of the Holy Spirit in each location we visited. The testimonies illustrate this.

Currently we are facing a financial crisis in relation to the school - the Malawian government has increased the basic salaries for teachers dramatically by over 30% - to improve the attractiveness of the profession. We are under pressure to follow this to attract and retain staff. However the income we are receiving this year was hardly sufficient before the pay rise.

The government will begin to provide and pay for two out of the four teachers for the school. However this is on the condition that we not only equip the school with blackboards - which we have been trying to raise money for over many months now - but that we also provide a staff and office block—which will be a major cost running into thousands of pounds. In the long run the Government taking on more of the cost of running the school will be a great benefit but we have a major hurdle to get over first. I am therefore asking you if you would prayerfully consider giving to this project. If we cannot together rise to this challenge there is a real danger that the school will not be able to continue for very much longer.

Yours in His service, *Richard Trotter.*

Testimonies

Freed from witchcraft

"I had been teaching witchcraft for 5 years when the team for UK prayed for me. I no longer bewitch others. Am now free. Amen"

New job

"Not been working for some months and days after I asked God to give me a job am now working as a secretary, at G and C Company. I opened my heart for God to hear my prayer. Richard and the team prayed for me. Thank God"

Testimonies from Mulanje

We had a terrific time when we went to a village in the Mulanje District in the south of Malawi. Here are some testimonies from there:

Healed of HIV/AIDs

"Am healed after being sick for sometime but I can confirm to you people outside there that our God is the healer. Am totally healed. I don't need to take ARV again. (anti retroviral drugs). Many people are saying HIV can not be cured but with God is possible. Am speaking with confidence, am healed, just believe! " (*Pastor Steven Mulakata confirmed this as they went together to the hospital to find out*).

Delivered

"Have been sick for five years. Witchcraft was my Job each and every day, but when I was prayed for at the church I cannot do it again. God delivered me from Demons, I tried to ran away from prayers but something touched me when I was home to go back again. For more than 7 years I have not been having peace, real peace, but now I can have peace. Praise God for changing my life". *Alice .*



Inside the church at Mulanje. Note the earth benches for seating

"I had a problem with my husband for six months he would not sleep with me and everyday fighting but when I attended the service at Pastor Steven's church I was prayed for. I can confirm that from the day I had the prayers it just took only two days for things start changing in my Family. Praise the Lord for that. I am the one who was having demons and that

day I was delivered. Am now a free woman and my husband now he is not a problem too. *Mrs Jere .*

I thank the team for coming to our church we saw the hand of the Lord when the church was receiving the power. I can confirm that my church is still moving in power not the man power I was using, but the real power from God. I thank God for sending the team to my church (Miracle Church). It is not the same . *Peter Nsimbi*

Testimonies (continued)

Healed knee joint

"Have been having a knee joint problem for three year. I (could not) manage to walk, to do family jobs like, going to garden, visiting my friends and cutting firewood, but from the day the Man of God Richard and the Team visited us and prayed for me am now healed. I can manage to do the things I could not manage to do in the past". *Mr Charles*

Leg lengthened

"It was amazing to me. I had a problem with my leg - one was short and the other bigger than the other, I was invited for prayers. Man of God Richard called me. I wanted to run away from the church. I thought like he will tell the people all what I have been doing but something was speaking in my life that I should not run away. After he prayed for me, I fall down but after some days I saw my legs are in the same level. God is great in heaven!" *Miss Waila Munje.*

New power

Also from the south at Mpanso one of the pastors we visited wrote: -
"The church has changed. People could not know how to trust upon God but after some days we find God doing things in our life. The church is not the same because me, the pastor of the church, am not in the Religion, I was a man of religion but have found that I could see the power from God." *Pastor Nkhomolina*

Transformed love life

I had a problem with my wife - she could feel pain when we sleep together and she could cry and I asked God to help me. Have tried to go to different hospital even to the witchdoctors but they have failed but when she went to the church and (was) prayed for she is now fine. We can sleep together, even the problem of bleeding is over . This problem has been with her for one year but I was surprised when we find that the problem has gone. We discovered this after two weeks , We thank God for healing her. Am loving her and we are together, but before I was planning to divorcing . *Mr and Mrs Phiri, Mitundu.*

Thoughts from the Editor's desk

It was amazing to see God at work when we were in Malawi and then to get so many testimonies - including many things we weren't aware of at the time. Some were instantaneous, others took some days to manifest.

God's people have been given authority over infirmity and sickness and demons and it is our job to apply this as we take God at his word.

But God's timing is not always our timing. With the school we see a battle both to establish it against opposition and to secure the provision for it. The word says 'My god shall supply all your needs according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus'. (Phil 4.17) . However we also read it is 'by faith and patience that we inherit the promises of God' Hebrews 6.12 . Patience is not resigning oneself to the situation it is more about persevering, about a faith that does not give up in the face of delay and opposition. With God's provision, unlike healing, there are human agents involved and not just divine activity. So those whom God wishes to use as channels for provision need to be open to hear God on giving and this is an important part of the whole story as He will not force us.

John Webster

Testimonies

Village has its eyes opened

"Our village was in tradition. We could not know that God heal people. It was the first time to have white people in our area but I can confirm that we are not the same..Many people who was sick now they are ok. My daughter was suffering from TB , now she is healed. I know not what to give to may God, I need the church to come to my Area. I can read the word of God every time while in the past it was very difficult for me. I thank you for your coming. Please come again to our Village".
Group headman of January Village near Lilongwe (The village mentioned in the last magazine)

Marriage transformed

"We have been fighting each and every day, I attended women's meeting at Revival church of God and I received a copy (of the notes) to share with my husband and when he read it his life was transformed. Liz shared her experience and I even told my Husband, I thank very much you Man and woman of God for your teaching on family . My family is changed. Am enjoying, My husband is loving me very much. Thank you so much". *Mr and Mrs Game*

Good Hope School

In the last magazine we reported on some encouraging aspects of the school project but this time I would like to draw attention to the problems and opposition that we also face.

It is no surprise that the work of God will face difficulties. Some are just 'life', others are problems caused by people. And lastly the enemy will try and orchestrate the negative in our minds. We have had all three examples!

In the spring during the heavy rains the toilet block was damaged when the latrine pit collapsed. The block had to be rebuilt straight away. There have been ongoing attacks including by thugs who beat up the night watchman so that he was unable to work for a week. At the same time they stole the water pipe and tap and that has had to be replaced.



Children with shirts donated from UK and taken out by the team

Lastly there have been other pastors stirring up trouble against the school and Pastor Enoch generally. Jealousy can often play a big

part in Malawi particularly if one church is seen to be getting outside support.

We have had to put on hold further new work on the school until more funds come in as available money has had to be used for emergency repairs.

We thank all those who are faithfully supporting the work, but the need for money for the school remains a major concern.

An appeal flyer is enclosed - please pass it to others who may be interested.

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Last, but not least, please pray for the work to which God has called Richard and the team.

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