

# Brink's outreach to Malawi - April 2016

***"For if I preach the gospel, that gives me no ground for boasting. For necessity is laid upon me. Woe to me if I do not preach the gospel!" - 1 Cor. 9:16***



This is the foundational verse that the Brink team clung to as they headed to central Malawi. Pastor Sam, Mildred, Pastor Brian, and Esinathy traveled 350 miles across eastern Zimbabwe, through Mozambique to Liwonde, Malawi to begin their 10 day outreach of encouragement to the Baptist fraternity of pastors, elders, deacons and their wives. Here are journal accounts of their trip.

From right to left are: Mildred and Pastor Sam, Pastor Lichapa, Pastor Gibson, and Kenneth Kulupane – a deacon at Pastor Lichapa's church.

## **April 15, 2016**

*So thankful to the Lord for a great start today in Liwonde. Will send a report and pictures after the mission but here's just these few for a start. We had 86 pastors and their wives combined except for three who were deacons.*



## **April 17, 2016**

*We had very blessed preaching and teaching at Jali, which is some 18 km outside Zomba city center. I taught at Pastor Felled Lichapa's church where he has a growing membership of about 130 adults and 30+ children. In this mission, we are praying that we be an encouragement to church leaders to be steadfast in their calling in spite of the opposition they may face.*

*About 50+ people gave their lives to the Lord today at Pastor Lichapa's church and Brian preached at Pastor Naminga's and 20 people responded to the gospel. This makes me think there is greater need to train these pastors because some of the leaders of these churches are responding to the message for the first time in their lives. We emphasize they should not come forward if they have already made a response to Christ. Only a few do not come forward but the rest do.*

## **April 18, 2016**

*I will not say much today, save for two things.*

- 1. We had 170 pastors, pastors' wives, deacons and deaconesses today.*
- 2. I took a picture of the number of bikes used to travel to meet us from the iPad using my phone and I think they give a good testimony. Looking forward to what the Lord has for His people tomorrow.*





**April 20, 2016**

*Greetings from a hot and humid Malawi.*

*Milli is teaching in the last session for today in Nchalo where we have 14 churches represented by their Pastors their wives. A number of the pastors did not bring their wives but we have 50 people today. God is good all the time.*

*Some of the pastors live far so they will be sleeping at the church tonight. We are having to supply them with some food though they have made their own contribution. This is very humbling as some pastors from the towns would normally not attend such a meeting if they are not given some allowances by us.*

**April 23, 2016**

*It's been great but "tatopa" ("we're exhausted" in Chichewa language). We finished the last of the Endure Conferences this afternoon and the saints prayed passionately for us as we all held our hands in a circle. We had about 19 different churches represented.*

*Tomorrow I'm teaching twice at Pastor Mwase's church. In the morning I'm speaking to adults then I'll take the mid-morning main service at Since Baptist Church. Brian will be preaching at Billy's church.*

*In the afternoon we'll have an estimated 15 couples from Billy's church.*

**April 24, 2016**

*We are almost finishing our last session where we are couples at Billy's church. The teachings went well for both Brian and I and the feedback has been encouraging. Right now we have about 18 people from Billy's church. I preached to 150 people at Soche Baptist Church church. I don't know if I told you that two days ago, when we were having the group session with men, one of the pastors said his wife actually bewitched him at one time and he fell seriously sick. She had taken some advice from her neighbors so that she could control her husband. She later confessed all this to him. At the end of the teaching we invited them to accept Christ and two pastors and seven pastors wives responded to the call.*

*This is how much the people here need even the basic teachings about Christianity. They confessed that many believers use charms this same way.*

**April 25, 2016**

*We're traveling back home tomorrow. We appreciate all you've done. Thank you for sending us BCC . Thank you for realizing the gifts in us and putting them to use. It is times like these that make me shed tears of joy and give thanks to the Lord because of what He is doing through us in Brink.*