

Brink Report

The Brink Southern Africa team met last week on Thursday and reflected on the following which we are thankful to the Lord for the recent mission to Malawi. We want to thank you for praying with us and for reaching out to this hungry and humble nation. We say hungry because we have not seen anything like it, even from our countrymen. They are hungry for the pure word and we believe and see it is bearing fruit wherever the Lord is leading us in this ministry. The testimonies from pastor Banda and Gibson informed us there is change taking place in leaders' marriages as a result to the teachings from Brink. Then fluency of culture which normally oppresses the women is still evade the but in the few we have reach, these testimonies show there is change taking place.



This was the Sunday service where about 50 people have their lives to the Lord at Jali church



Brian teaching at Livingstones Baptist church in Lilongwe with Billy Banda translating.



Esinathy gave a word of encouragement in Shona while Brian translated into English and Gibson into Chichewa. Her text was Hebrews 12:1-2.

Though nervous at first as his was her first time to speak outside Zimbabwe, she did well and became a natural part of the team.

Their Passion

We were moved by the hunger for the word and the desire of the people to learn more. This is clearly seen by the attendance upon each subsequent visit which is overwhelming and humbling to us. Once again they sacrificed their time to be there traveling long distances. One pastor travelled more than 168 km (100 mile?) from Mwanza border invited us to teach in his region. Lord willing we plan to make it our last stop upon our next mission there.

Group Sessions

These saints easily opened up during these discussions, like the guy who spoke about his wife who uses juju. This led to seven women and two pastors receiving Christ. One wonders what the state of these churches is but we thank God their pastors and pastors' wives got saved. We asked Gibson to make a follow up on these pastors and churches especially the churches in Nchalo where we saw the pastors need grounding in the basics of Christianity.



One of the Baptist pastors fielding a question during QnA and appreciating the teachings at the same time.



Milli teaching on Parenting. This teaching is a hit all the time



This conference had the greatest attendance. Pastor Lichapa in on the left in the white/cream suit standing next to his wife

Ulongwe Block Release Bible School; An Idea which came to mind.

We thought we were just encouraging the pastors but later found it would be a blessing to these saints for us to start a Bible School at Ulongwe. Lord willing, our thinking is for us to go on mission to Ulongwe for two weeks and teach 30 pastors which Gibson said would be easy for him to do. Th would be a block release like kind of Bible School. Our penetration has increased and we have crossed the denominational walls so the students will come from various churches from that area.



Though we did not have a day to take a breather, we had the opportunity to relax and reflect after the teachings. Here we were at a lodge in hot and dry Nchalo on the south of Malawi.



Calvin, the young pastor who gave testimony of his wife is the first one kneeling from right in front of me.

It is also interesting to note that we have people in Zimbabwe who are now pressing us that they go with us. We are thinking we could have them come along but they need to raise their own funding for the mission, something which they would gladly love to do. Each time we tell them about the mission they feel they are missing out a lot. May you kindly be praying for these friends.



It was unfortunate that this young man had to join the ladies during our group sessions as there was no lady who could translate for Esinathy and Milli. But this was a very lively group; we could hear a lot of noise coming from them.



The originals bicycle shot

We have a lot more pictures but trust these will suffice for now. Thank you for all you are doing here. We are working hard for the next conference in Kwekwe at the end of the month, and the Tanzania mission in June. The team is excited with the coming of Jessie and Audrey August 27 to September 8th. Thank you for sending them

Statistics

Number of churches or denominations reached is 56 and this includes the Salvation Army, Independent Anglican Church, Church of Central Africa Presbyterian, Charismatics, Pentecostals, Baptists and some local "Initiated Churches".

Teaching and Preaching Sessions = 24
 Group sessions =12
 Married Couples' Meeting = 1

I left some documents with more statistics a home. I will send the stats once I get home.

For Brink Southern Africa,

Sam

Brink Ministries: Starting something at the "Borders of the Nations" Hab. 1:5.