

Jars of Clay Ministry

PROCLAIMING THE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST





A SPECIAL CONFERENCE ON BIBLICAL DISCERNMENT

June 15-17 we had a special conference on biblical discernment at Mponela Reformed Church. Our speaker was a long time friend Kennedy Gondwe who is now working as the Director for Centers for Christian Apologetics Research Southern Africa. And participants came from partner churches in Nkhotakota, Ntcheu, Kasungu, Lilongwe and Ntchisi.

I thought it important to organize such an event at this point in time when there is confusion as far as biblical Christianity is concerned. The speaker focused on how to identify cults focusing on Jehovah Witnesses, Seventh Day Adventists, Branhamites, Good News Bible Society, Mormons, and Oneness Pentecostals among others. It was a wonderful time as we were also reminded of the gospel truth from a biblical perspective and the beauty of our faith in Christ.



BY FAITH ABRAHAM...

My prayer for the past couple months has been constructing a ministry center where operation for ministry activities will take place. By the grace of God we were able to buy a piece of land. The first step was taken. The next thing is to start the construction work. My desire is that we will have a church building, offices, library among other things.

This month we decided to relocate to the place and we have put a temporary iron sheet structure for our church service, my temporary office as well as a temporary children's room where they will have Bible lessons and other activities. There are many children around the area and my prayer is that we can have a regular children's program on a weekly basis.

My prayer is that before the next rain season which begins November, we will have a better church building constructed on the property. If you would like to assist us with this project please let me know. Your support will be greatly appreciated.

As far as ministry operations are concerned, having reliable structures in place is a huge blessing. Please be in prayer for us as this is our huge need currently. We trust that the Lord will do that which is pleasing in His sight. Taking steps of faith is never unusual in the lives of God's people. Abraham the father of faith obeyed God when he was called to go into a foreign land living in tents. Who are we not to do the same trusting the Lord for the rest?



LOGOS TRAINING

I believe that leadership training is one of the key factors for a church plant. For the past couple of months several leaders from our churches have been undergoing through training with Logos Institute, a Christian Reformed organization focused on equipping church leaders.

The training has come to an end and they will be awarded a certificate in theology. Some of the areas of the training program included Bible doctrine, Church Leadership, Preaching, and Church History.

Eighteen people started the training program but due to other various factors only 12 people managed to finish the training course. They will be graduating towards the end of the month.

As part of their training they will be doing their internship at Msampha Reformed Church a new church plant which will be launched August 2021, Lord willing under my oversight. Please be in prayer.

MOTORCYCLE



Two months ago after my NkhataBay visit I wrote asking for support for Rev. Mafuleka towards purchasing a motorcycle in order to enable his travel in five churches he is currently pastoring. I am very grateful that the Lord provided support through one of our ministry partners. The motorcycle has been purchased and will be delivered to the pastor this month when we will have a pastors meeting. Rev. Mafuleka is very grateful that he will now be able to travel without much difficulties visiting the five churches under his oversight. May the Lord bless the person who has provided this support.



NO LONGER TWO

This year I had the joy of doing premarital counseling with one of my interns who has been with me since 2019. For three weeks we looked at several crucial areas of marriage using RC Sproul's book "Intimate Marriage" and other supplementary resources.

June 26, 2021 is the day that they exchanged their vows and were united as husband and wife, one flesh. Wilicks is currently leading Ntchisi Reformed Church a new church plant.

Wilicks will be assisted by another brother Grant Chikamveka who joined us recently. Please pray for Wilicks and Ruth as they weave through the challenges of a new church plant and a new family. Please pray that they will get the support necessary for smooth operations. The church plant will be operating in conjunction with myself and other pastors in our Reformed Pastors Union.

Please pray for Reformed church planting efforts in our area and that there will be an appropriate coordination amongst Reformed Presbyterian churches in our country.

