

During the Easter week we planned to visit Kampando, and when the program was confirmed, we started preparing for the training. At the very last minute, we received a call from pastor Mwangulu informing us that they will be having the Easter conference where several churches will be coming together for Easter. This made them busy receiving visitors and pastors from far places coming to Kampando to attend the conference. This caused some inconveniences to us since the trip to Kampando had been confirmed. Immediately after getting this information, George started to arrange for us to visit some other places so that our week can still be well used. He managed to communicate with leaders from Chimbongonda, Jolowale and, of course, we had been invited to join the conference at Kamphenda Easter which we already agreed to attend.

CHIMBONGONDA

This place is about 20 kilometres from Baula. Raphael introduced the DCI teachings here during the time he was at Baula before being transferred to Nkhotakota where he is now. We went there to see how the work is going on and to also meet with the leaders for the first time. We were encouraged meeting these wonderful leaders. They warmly welcomed us and shared with us their experience in sharing the word of God with people in their community. **The gospel has taken root in Chimbongondo and surrounding areas. People are doing the one to one discipleship as part of their day-to-day responsibility. Lots of Life groups have been started in this area.** George taught the explosive growth and Raphael introduced the Life Study Lesson. We also heard a number of testimonies of how the lives of people are being changed through the one-to-one discipleship lessons.

JOLOWALE

The following day we went to Jolowale where we were meeting with leaders from different Life groups in Jolowale and the surrounding areas. We also went to meet with the new coach appointed by Ellasy Nyirenda. The new coach is Mercy Mkandawire. She loves God and as we listened to her, we could tell God is really using her to His glory. She encourages people to do the one-to-one discipleship in their communities and to also go beyond their communities. Her husband also is a devoted man of God. We had a good time chatting with him at his home during lunch break. We learned a lot about their love for the work of God as well as about their family. They were hospitable also - at the end of the day they gave us fresh maize to take back home. George taught on the Explosive growth and shared with them an encouraging message on trusting God even during these hard times of Covid 19. He also encouraged them to continue reaching more people during these hard times, since government restrictions on gathering etc. are not enforced in the villages as they are in the cities and townships. We had an 85 year old man who walked a distance of more than 2 hours just to attend the meeting. He said he loves God more than anything, and his desire is that by the time he leaves this earth, he would have done something for God's Kingdom. I was blessed by him and ended up giving him my Tumbuka Bible which I use for teaching, just to encourage him. He was very happy and praised God for the gift. We heard from testimonies how new churches are being started from the Life groups. They asked us the next time we

are there, to please go and visit some of these new churches that were birthed out of Life Groups.

KAMPHENDA

On Friday we travelled to Kamphenda where we were invited to attend and teach the “Offering to God” (Giving) lesson to all the pastors, Leaders and believers that came from different church branches. It was a time of refreshing even for us, since in Mzuzu we could not have the Easter conference due to the government restrictions on the large gatherings. We also had the opportunity to hear how the work of God is growing around Kamphenda. **The work is growing beyond our imaginations.** Lots of leaders are being developed.

John