

Robert Gideon of the CFCM Committee writes:

Dear Brethren,

In Nehemiah 13 we read about the reforms that Nehemiah instituted and how the people positively responded to what they heard from the Law of Moses. Nehemiah prayed the following words to God: **"Remember me for this, O my God, and do not blot out what I have so faithfully done for the house of my God and its services"** (Nehemiah 13:14).

Teaching children the Word of God and training Sunday school teachers are some of the services that we embark on as a ministry. God chose and set apart some people to work and serve on His behalf. As we do this good work, we are very thankful for all the individuals and ministry partners who support us so faithfully.

We had a successful ministry in the northern part of Malawi, where many Sunday school teachers were trained in how to effectively reach out to children.

It is my prayer that our good God should remember each and every one who has been supporting us in various areas. **"God is not unjust; He will not forget your work, and the love you have shown Him..."** (Hebrews 6:10). Let us continue doing this good work, as different parts of the body of Christ. Each one of us has a role to play in propagating the gospel.

May the Lord's face continue to shine upon you. Stay blessed. Amen!

PRAYER POINTS

- Praise God for the **200 teachers trained** so far this year, and pray that their Sunday

school ministry will be strengthened, and that children will understand the Gospel and be saved through them.

- Praise God for **thousands of children** hearing the Gospel regularly through **CFCM Bible clubs**. Pray for those leaders who are working alone, that they will be strengthened and enabled by God's Holy Spirit.
- Pray for the **Training of Trainers** seminar in Rumphu from **21st -25th September**. Many will be travelling to the venue, including our own team. Pray for safety and for God's blessing on the training.
- We hope that soon we will be submitting an application for funds for building a **new office for CFCM** alongside the first **CFCM Nursery school**. Pray that our application will find favour with the trust funds we are applying to, so that we can purchase land and get going with this new venture for CFCM.
- Pray for the work of **Ruth MacBean** in the UK, telling people about the work of CFCM as well as ministering to children in schools and churches.



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CFCM IS MULTIPLYING!

It is often said that statistics tell a story. 46% of Malawi's population of 19.2 million (2017 estimate) is aged 14 or under, compared with only 17% in the UK. This certainly tells a story. The work of Children for Christ Ministry is so vital; it is a huge task to reach the children of Malawi with the Gospel.

We praise God for every single teacher who attends our seminars and for every new Bible club established. But multiplication is the key, and this is the aim of our Training of Trainers five-day residential seminar this September. Each of the 20 teachers who have been selected have been asked to establish at least one Bible club since last May - to demonstrate their own commitment to children's ministry. We pray that this strategy in the northern region will have an immeasurable effect on the quality of teaching in Sunday schools and Bible clubs, and that hundreds of children will be won for the Lord.

TRAINING SEMINARS

So far this year over 200 teachers have been trained at our seminars in **Bvumbwe, Mulanje, Mzimba, Mzuzu, Rumphu, Bolero, Karonga** and **Nkhata Bay**.



Seminar at Karonga

Further seminars are planned later this year in **Nsanama** and **Monkey Bay**. In September we are returning to the northern region to train 20 people whom we have selected as potential trainers. The aim is for them to carry on the work of training Sunday school teachers in the churches in their areas. We plan to train them in **Rumphu** between 21st and 25th September in the general principles of adult education and give them detailed training on how to assess each teacher's understanding and ability. There will also be practical sessions, teaching new Biblical songs, new games and quiz ideas. There will be plenty of time for the teachers to practice delivering the course and for us to give feedback and encouragement.

Please pray for Elevate, Joseph and Ruth as they train these trainers; that they will inspire them and stir up a desire in them to see children come to Christ through the faithful

teaching of well-equipped Sunday school teachers in their local churches.

PROGRESS OF BIBLE CLUBS

There are currently 12 Bible clubs in the Blantyre area which are attended by the CFCM team or EBCoM students. These are at **Namisu Aquaid, Mphemba Reformatory**, primary schools at **Mitsidi, Chitikale, Bvumbwe (3), Likhubula & Starlight, Chilomoni police houses, Beit Cure hospital** and **EBCoM** itself. Although the focus is teaching the children the message of salvation, the school teachers also participate and learn from CFCM's example: they are then able to carry on the work when we cannot be there. We are so encouraged when the patrons finally take over the club themselves.



Joseph watches a teacher at Ligowe Bible club

At these 12 Blantyre Bible clubs alone we estimate 2500 children are hearing the Gospel every week. But it is impossible to estimate the total number of children hearing the Gospel every week through CFCM Bible clubs throughout the country. We receive news from the eight clubs in **Phalombe**, three in **Mchinji**, three in **Nsanama**, and seven in **Tchoda**, but we know that there are many others going on wherever we have conducted a seminar. We

wish we could visit and encourage them all! But praise God, He is everywhere and sees all; and He is the Great Encourager.

UK CHILDREN HEAR ABOUT CFCM

Ruth MacBean, who worked alongside CFCM for three years, is now working in the UK to generate interest and support for the ministry. She has also been using the example of CFCM to speak to children and young people in the UK about global mission, encouraging them to get involved at a young age. Over recent months she has been into schools, Sunday schools and a children's camp. She is eager for more opportunities to give UK children an awareness of what life is like for children in Malawi, to talk about the work of CFCM and to present the Gospel to them. Although their lives may be very different in the two countries, children everywhere need to hear the same message of salvation - that Jesus is the only way. Ruth has been using the 'Wordless Book' to explain this in exactly the same way as CFCM do in Malawi.



If you would like Ruth to speak at your church, or at the Christian Union or assembly in your school, or to discuss different ways she can help, please contact her via the **zm** office, or r.macbean@zambesimission.org.