

## Robert Gideon of the CFCM Committee writes

Dear Brethren,

In John 17:2-3 we read, "For you granted Him authority over all people, that He might give eternal life to all those you have given Him. Now this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent."

God granted authority to Jesus over all people. Children are included in the "all people." The giving of eternal life is extended to children as well, that they might know the only true God, and Jesus whom He sent. If there is the true God, then there are also false ones. For children to know the true God and the only Saviour, we must teach them. And those who teach must be thoroughly equipped. Praise God for the ministry of training Sunday school teachers that we are doing.

May the good Lord be glorified. Amen!

### PRAYER POINTS

- Praise God for access to new schools this year, and for continuing work at schools where we have trained the teachers. Thank God for the openness of the head-teachers at Mitsidi, Namisu, Khombwe, Chimembe, Chitakale, Maliya and Ligowe.
- Ask God to encourage those in remote areas and with few resources who have taken up the challenge to start bible clubs in their community. Pray that they will teach the gospel clearly and that many children will come to salvation.

- Pray for the ECOM pastors trained in March, that their initial enthusiasm for children's ministry will not wane, and that they will help to start bible clubs in new parts of Malawi.
- CFCM will be doing a tour of the northern region again this May, training at 5 different centres. Please pray for safety as we travel so far, that many will attend the seminars and ultimately hundreds of children will be taught the gospel by well-trained teachers in the north. We will train at Mzimba (13<sup>th</sup> May), Mzuzu (15<sup>th</sup>), Rumphu (16<sup>th</sup>), Karonga (18<sup>th</sup>) and Nkata Bay (20<sup>th</sup>).
- Other seminars this quarter are due to be held in Neno and Muona in June, and in Mozambique in July.
- Thank God for our newly-appointed trustees.
- Pray that our registration application will be processed quickly.



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### AS ONE DOOR CLOSSES, ANOTHER OPENS

At the start of the academic year, it was disappointing to see some of our long-established links with school bible clubs, such as Sigerege, disrupted by new government policy increasing the length of the school day. At some schools, it was impossible to agree a suitable time for us to run a bible club. In some school zones the Primary Education Advisor has intervened to say CFCM cannot run bible clubs in any of the zone's schools until our registration is complete.

But in this issue we celebrate how God has opened other doors, not only for us, but for other CFCM-trained children's workers around the country.

## NEW BIBLE CLUBS IN BLANTYRE RURAL

Back in September we were welcomed into **Mitsidi Primary School** to run 2 separate clubs for standards 5-6 and 7-8, and last term for standards 3-4. Every fortnight the children continue to crowd into the classrooms to hear the bible lessons and to sing very enthusiastically. And we have started a club at **Namisu Aquaid Primary School** (see below), where we reach not just the children of the orphanage, but the day-school pupils too.



Then in January of this year we started a bible club at **Ligowe Primary School, Bvumbwe**. This is an after-school club, and on the first week only 12 pupils stayed behind. But on our second visit there were 64 children, and over 120 on our third visit. Even more promising was seeing the matron, the teacher who has taken responsibility for the club, wanting to share in the teaching at the bible club. This is what we love to see, for it means there will be continuity, even when we are not able to attend. This club continues to grow, and we are planning to hold a 3-day club in the Bvumbwe area over the Easter holiday.

Meanwhile there is encouraging news from the schools in the Khombwe zone where we focused our attention during 2015-16. There are now new clubs being run by the teachers in the biggest of the schools – **Khombwe** and **Chimembe** – clubs for different aged children at different times. We keep in touch with the teachers running these clubs to encourage them, and provide them with resources when we are able. We continue to visit the little school at **Chitakale** every fortnight, and to encourage the teachers at **Maliya** to run a school bible club themselves.

## AND ACROSS THE COUNTRY

But more than ever before, we see clubs being established by children's workers who have been inspired by CFCM training in other parts of the country. We reported in our last issue about new clubs that resulted from the **Phalombe** training. The same thing has happened in **Mchinji**, where there are now at least 3 bible clubs being run by people we trained in 2016.

Back in March, we trained a group of future pastors of the Evangelical Church of Malawi (ECOM) in children's ministry, at **Mtambanyama**. On the third and final day of the seminar, they gathered local children and we conducted their practical assessment in a real bible club situation. The young men were so pleased to see the response of the children, they committed to continue a club there every week while they are in college.

We left them with some teaching materials, and a couple of footballs – and a real desire to see

children coming to Christ. It is our prayer that they will continue to put their skills into practice, and set up clubs when they return to their homes, and that when they become pastors, they will make children's ministry a priority.



So God has been opening other doors across the country, and we are encouraged at the numbers of children hearing the gospel every week. Meanwhile our executive committee has escalated the registration process, since the lack of registration has been hampering operations, and we are pleased to say our application has been submitted. We now pray that it will be processed quickly.

## NEW FACEBOOK PAGE

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