

Robert Gideon of the CFCM Committee writes:

Dear Brethren,

In Matthew 7, the last chapter of the 'Sermon on the Mount' we read, "**Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven**" (v21). These are the words spoken by Jesus Christ. He is saying that it is not only the profession of the mouth which will enable us to enter God's Kingdom.

There are some people who are aware of God's existence, but they do not live a life which portrays God's holy and righteous character, because they have not confessed Christ as Lord and Saviour of their lives. It is the responsibility of believers to share the Gospel message with them.

People need to confess 'Christ' as Lord, and believe that God the Father raised him from the dead, in order for them to be saved (Romans 10:9).

May the love of God compel us to make Christ known. We must not remain silent. There is great joy in heaven over one sinner who repents. God bless you!

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PRAYER AND PRAISE POINTS

- Praise God for our Sports Day at Mpemba Reformatory Centre, and for the weekly opportunity to teach these troubled children.
- Thank God for many teachers trained at recent seminars in Mozambique, Phalombe, Nsanama and Monkey Bay.
- Pray for our Christmas children's party and final training at Muona in December.
- Pray for our seminars planned for Mulanje in November and Lunzu in January.
- Thank God for Lackson. Give thanks that he has been able to work alongside Ruth MacBean for a year, before she returns to the UK at the end of November.
- Pray that CFCM's registration certificate will be processed soon.
- Pray for plans for 2018, especially that CFCM will have the funding to include a residential Training of Trainers programme in the north. Please pray too that we will be able to offer more support for those running Bible clubs around the country.



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HEARING THE CALL AND OBEYING

At the end of 2016 CFCM started looking for an administrative officer to take responsibility for administration and finances. The team wanted to find someone who had the necessary office skills, but also someone who shared their passion for reaching the children of Malawi with the Gospel, and who was experienced in children's ministry themselves.

Thus, Lackson Makawa started working with CFCM in January 2017. In this bulletin he shares his journey into children's ministry. To begin with it is reminiscent of Jonah, running away from the call of God. But finally Lackson was brought to a point where he could not deny that call, for surely God was going before him opening doors, and equipping him for the role ahead.

LACKSON'S STORY

Lackson was brought up in a Christian family. His father was a local pastor, and throughout his childhood he took part in Sunday school activities. It was at a night of prayer in 2000 when, on hearing the Gospel, he responded by accepting Jesus as his Lord and Saviour. He dedicated himself to the work of God and became fully involved in church activities.

Like many Malawians, Lackson had been unable to complete his schooling because his family could not afford the school fees. In 2007 he made a pledge to God: if God provided his school fees, he would give his life to full-time Christian service. God answered that prayer by making the way possible for Lackson to enter a Christian school in 2009 and complete his secondary school exams. He witnessed to his fellow students and, during his final year, he discovered a gift for reaching out to children.

Although there were opportunities for him to serve God where he lived, he became afraid, and ran away to the northern region, to work on a farm in Kasungu. He was employed in the fishing department, but within a few weeks he found himself "fishing for men", gathering his fellow workers together and preaching to them. There was a huge response from the people, and the owner of the company offered to build a church there so that Lackson could minister.

But once again Lackson became fearful and ran away to Lilongwe. It was while he was there that his father phoned him and urged him to attend interviews for the Evangelical Bible

College of Malawi (EBCoM). At first Lackson resisted because he did not want to become a pastor. Even when the offer of a 90% scholarship to study at EBCoM was available, Lackson felt sure he would not be able to raise the remaining 10%. He was certain that this was God's way of telling him He did not want him to go to Bible college. However, two weeks before the start of term in August 2012, a missionary from Liverpool visited Lackson's church, and felt led by God to provide the remaining college expenses so that Lackson could go to EBCoM. Lackson could no longer deny that God was directing him to Bible college, and he finally obeyed the call.

It was during his three years at EBCoM that he felt God clearly pointing him towards children's ministry, and he developed his gift for sharing the Gospel with children.



Today he is married to Marge, and they have two children, Praise (in the picture) and Andrew. He thanks God that through CFCM he is using his administrative skills and experience in computing to ensure the smooth running of the office and the growth of the ministry, but at the

same time he has frequent opportunity to use his teaching skills, to evangelise children in Bible clubs and to train Sunday school teachers (pictured on front training at Dedza).

THE SOUND OF MUSIC

In Malawi, music means drums! And children just love it when their songs are accompanied by the beat of a drum. Thanks to a generous gift by a CFCM supporter, we have been able to provide 12 Bible clubs with a pair of drums. This gives a club an enormous boost, and is an encouragement to those who run the clubs.



SPORTS AT MPEMBA

It may have been several months ago, but the children at Mpemba Reformatory Centre still remember the fun they had at the Sports Day that CFCM put on for them in August. As well as learning many new games, they heard teaching about forgiveness. Many of these children are at the centre because they have already been involved in crime at a young age. It is therefore really important for them to know that God loves them so much and promises to forgive them if they are truly sorry for their sins.