

These were available for the last two seminars of 2015, and the response from teachers showed that such guidance was keenly sought after. Scripture Union Malawi, based in Lilongwe, identifying the same need, are looking into creating new, Chichewa, contextualized and affordable Sunday school material, and have invited CFCM to be involved in discussions.

We are also trying to develop our own range of visual aids, starting with laminated memory verses, and the "wordless book" in various forms. Thanks to gifts from supporters, we are able to make these cheap and affordable.

**Robert Gideon of the CFCM Committee writes:**

Dear Brethren,

We need to be thankful to the Lord for His great love, faithfulness and mercy upon our lives.

"Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good and His love endures forever." (Psalms 136:1 )

We have seen the love of God since the inception of the ministry. The Lord has kept us alive and enabled us to see this New Year of 2016. Glory be to His name.

So many good things have happened, and so many lives have been won for Christ. Looking at our past experiences and what the Lord has taken us through, we have the assurance that the Lord will also be with us this year.

Jesus Christ promised to be with us always. (Matthew 28:20)

We need to continue doing the good work of proclaiming the gospel message.

It is my prayer that many souls will be brought to the Lord this year, and there will great joy in heaven. Shalom!!

**FOR PRAISE**

- Open doors at the schools in the Khombwe zone, and that every child has heard the Gospel.
- The initiative from SU Malawi to create Sunday School materials, and for the opportunity for CFCM to be involved.

**FOR PRAYER**

- That Christian staff in the Khombwe zone schools will be inspired and challenged to run new Bible clubs.
- For the five-day club at Khombwe Primary School from 28th March – 1st April. Pray that other children's workers will be available to assist.
- For this quarter's seminars. Provisional dates: Dedza - 13th Feb; Blantyre – 27th Feb; Mchinji - 20th Mar; Neno - 30th Apr.

Remember, you do not have to wait 3 months to find out how these things are progressing – be informed monthly by joining our prayer network. Contact us at [cfcmsite@gmail.com](mailto:cfcmsite@gmail.com).



Nestling behind Michiru mountain to the west of Blantyre is a valley reaching to the Chikwawa hills, in which are situated the ten schools of the Khombwe zone. These serve the hundreds of primary school-age children from all the surrounding little villages. CFCM visited one of these schools, Maliya, for a five-day club last April, and have a vision to see a Bible club established in each one of these ten schools. Step one was to make a link with all of the other schools, introduce children's ministry, run a pilot Bible club, and stir up enthusiasm among Christian staff members to take on the task of running a regular club.



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### Khombwe Zone School Outreach

Every Wednesday morning since September, Elevate Mizinga, Joseph Jeke and Ruth MacBean have headed down the valley to visit one or two of these schools, to approach the head-teachers and seek permission to share the good news about Jesus with the children. At every single school there has been a welcome, and the opportunity to conduct a Bible club. Indeed, at one school the head-teacher insisted that we take three different clubs, so that we could tailor our message to specific age groups! Before the rainy season took hold in December, we were able to get to the farthest of the schools (approximately 40km from Blantyre) along the rough dirt roads. Now initial contact has been made with all ten schools.



Most of these clubs have been held in the open air since no class-room is big enough for the entire school – children and staff-members. Under the shade of trees, Joseph’s vivid presentation of the gospel using the story of Zacchaeus comes to life, and Elevate explains the wonderful truth of Luke 19:10, and teaches every child to say it from memory.

The next step will be to follow up with all the head-teachers, and see if there is interest among the Christian staff members to establish a regular club, and to offer our support and initial training in a few months’ time. We will visit each of the schools again when the rains have finished, speaking to the children once more, leaving evangelism leaflets for all the older pupils, and encouraging the teachers.

The largest of the schools in the zone is **Khombwe Primary School**, and we plan to run a five-day club at this school at Easter. There are almost 1,000 children registered at this school, so this will be a huge opportunity, as well as a big challenge for such a small team.

### Seminar News

At the end of October, CFCM ran its first **Training of Trainers Day in Blantyre**. Five new trainers were trained, and it is hoped that over the next year they will be able to gain experience alongside the team at CFCM seminars.



We finished the year with seminars at **Malosa**, where 25 participated, and **Thyolo**, where 46 teachers were trained - most at Level Two.

In January, 30 Bible College students who have completed Level Three had their practical assessment and received their certificates. Over the next few months the team look forward to revisiting **Dedza** for Level Two training and to start Level One training in **Neno, Mchinji, Phalombe** and **Mzuzu**.

### Bibles, Syllabuses and Visual Aids



Aware that so many Sunday school teachers do not own a bible, and struggle to pay full price, we offered bibles at half-price at our training seminars. Since May over 100 teachers have taken advantage of this, and we are looking to replenish our stock this year so we can continue helping teachers to buy their own bible.

Another need we identified is the lack of guidance available on what to teach. Only two or three denominations have a Sunday school syllabus, and nothing is available commercially in Chichewa. So CFCM have produced a simple 52-week syllabus, giving a story, bible passage, main point and memory verse.