

Chichewa Reading Notes Conducted in Liwonde

There was a refresher course of writers' workshop at Hunger Youth Centre in Liwonde from 11th to 14th July, 2011.



Mr. G. Kudakwashe (far left) with other writers trainees at Hunger Youth Centre at Liwonde.

The course was about how to write vernacular reading notes, and in this training is was about Chakudya Cha Lero. The training was the preparation for 2013 Chakudya Cha Lero, a Chichewa version of vernacular notes. The Regional Director for southern Africa, Mr. Gwemende Kudakwashe from Zimbabwe, was the facilitator for this refresher course. Participants came across SU volunteers, pastors of different churches and SU staff. Participants shared portions of scriptures to write for 2013 Chakudya Cha Lero.

The training was graced by the visit of the National Chairman for SU, Mr. Ken Banda, and Eastern Division ex-chairperson Mrs. Jamu. In their speeches they acknowledge the essence of the workshop and support the production of Chakudya Cha Lero.

Youths Trained in BRP

Youths in Lilongwe were drawn for training in Bible Reading Promotion on 1st November, 2011 at Area 14, SU National Offices. They were trained on how to promote daily reading of the Bible and prayer using SU reading materials namely; Daily Power and Daily Guide. These youths are to visit different churches and institution enlightening the Christian community the goodness of using SU Daily Power and Daily Guide. Daily Guide and Daily Power are sold at K600 and K400 respectively. The facilitators at the training were Mr. Amon Chanika, Mr. Thomas Mbewe and Mr. Lameck Kambuzuma.



Samples of 2012 Daily Power and Daily Guide which are sold at K400 and K600 respectively

Bible Study Group Begins in Lilongwe City

A mobile Bible Study Group has been established in Lilongwe in the month of October 2011. The group moves from one home to the other. In October, they were meeting in Area 47, sector 5, at Mr and Mrs Moyo, and in November they will be meeting at the residence of Mr and Mrs Nkhata, in Area 22. All members of SU in Lilongwe are asked to join this group of Bible Study.

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In the north, we have Kande Youth Centre in Nkhata Bay, along the clear blue waters of Lake Malawi.

Contact Mr. P. Jassi on 0888639171.

In the South, we have Hunger Youth Centre in Liwonde, at Mangochi Turn Off.

Contact Mr. J. Chamangwana on 0888872254.



BIBLE CLUBS HOLD A CAMP AT SALIMA

Lilongwe city and Nkhoma schools Bible Clubs had a five day camp at Chipoka Lodge in Salima from 18th to 23rd July, 2011. More than 400 learners attended with their club patrons. This camp was graced by a day visit of the National Chairman for SU Malawi, Mr. Ken Banda; and the SU Malawi National Director, Mr. Amon Chanika.

At the camp the main speaker was Pastor Mrs Ngwira of Assemblies of God in Kawale. Learners were taught in depth the Word of God and had a time to read the Word of God and pray. Among the many topics taught, was HIV and AIDS which is a threat to lives of the youths.

It was another exciting time of playing different games on the beach, which was led by Nick and Emmie from England. This couple is a friend to Laura Hodder, who is working with Scripture Union. They gave a gift of sports kit to Scripture Union. The camp was climaxed with the colorful Bible Club Quiz Trophy presentation ceremony by the National Director to Trust Private Primary School and other consolation prizes to other schools. Learners had also a good time of showing their talents such as gospel dancing, singing and drama. Members of Lilongwe City Joint visited the surrounding community's homes with Door to Door evangelism.



Primary School learners at a camp at Chipoka Lodge in Salima

2011 AGM HOSTED AT CHONGONI

The Annual General Meeting of SU for 2011 took place at Namoni Katengeza Lay Training Centre, at Chongoni in Zomba from 2nd to 4th September. The theme for this meeting was Dare to Rebrand. The guest speaker was Pastor Simeon Fabunmi from Nigeria who is currently doing mission work in Malawi, and the other speaker was Justice Esmie Chombo, an SU trustee. The speakers gave thoughtful biblical expository sermons in which they called and challenged SU members to revisit their approach in ministering the Word of God and not compromising the truth at the same time. The meeting was well represented by volunteers from the northern, central, southern and eastern divisions. The AGM was spiced with drama activities from Lilongwe SU City Joint group.

Kande SU Youth Centre Visited by SU Team

Mzuzu SU team visited Kande Youth Centre on 24th October, 2011. This was in response to the 2011 AGM resolution that divisions should be innovative and aggressive in renovating SU premises and using them to generate income for the sustainability of the staff and running SU activities. The team marshaled to the lakeshore camping site with the chairmanship of Mr. T.S.C. Nyirenda. The team inspected the site and saw it befitting to quicken finishing up the conference hall, build some dig out latrines, maintain the broken down bakery oven, build a restaurant and start offering catering services, and procure an office equipment for the office of a would-be-care-taker in the conference hall.

A Youth Group to be Formed at Machinga TTC

A new group is to be launched at Machinga TTC in November 2011. These are teacher trainees who have been selected to do a two year course. This new group is to be established through the assistance of the old Machinga teacher trainees who are in the field around Machinga TTC. The old students had an opportunity to attend the 2011 AGM. These teachers will help running Bible Clubs once they finish up their course and get employment by the government or private schools. Currently, one of the old student trainees at Machinga TTC is a member of SU council.

LILONGWE TCF CONVENES IN MANGOCHI

Lilongwe Teachers Christian Fellowship had a retreat in Mangochi at Kapiridzinja Anglican Cottage on the shore of blue fresh waters of Lake Malawi. This three day retreat took place from 20th to 23rd October. It drew teachers from Lilongwe city schools' Bible Club patrons and patronesses. Participants were taught on how to live a disciplined life of doing personal quiet time through reading notes of Scripture Union. They were also taught to commit themselves to the ministry of serving Bible Club members in their various schools in which they teach. They had a good time of training on how to effectively use Bible Club manual for patrons. Teachers were taught on how to raise resources for their families, so that they can support children's ministry from what God has blessed them with.

The guest speaker at this retreat was Mr. Chancy Kalolokesya from Mangochi, and other speakers were SU staff and these were Mr. Lameck Kambuzuma, Mr. Thomas Mbewe and Mr. Philip Mwenegamba. Morning devotions were led by teachers.

There was a good time for recreation, as teachers plunged themselves into the waters of Lake Malawi after being baked by the hot sun on the beaches of Lake Malawi. Some were courageous enough to sail in boats and dug out canoes. Swimming, water splashing and watching sports boats swinging against the tides on the lake was the joy of recreation.

SU National Youth Committee Formed

For the first time, SU National Youth Committee has born out of Chongoni holy grounds. The youths sighed in disbelief to come up with such a brilliant thought after so many years of youth clubs' existence in SU. Elected committee members were happy and promised to extend their work serving Christ to the whole nation of Malawi. The committee comprise the following: Chairman, Prince Edward Ngozo, vice: Stanely Moyo, Secretary: Mellinah Mwampashi, vice secretary: Aleka Kapichi, Treasurer: Frank Kazembe, and the committee members are Maggie Mthulumbwa, Mphatso Mjathu, Joseph Namikungulu, Kennedy Geyageya, Chipiliro Phiri, Tumpale Kangere and Christopher Nyirenda. The youths are now preparing for national conference which is to take place at Kande in Nkhata Bay from 15th to 19th December, 2011. The committee is urging various people, especially guardians, to mobilize and support youths to attend the coming conference.

Mzuzu City Primary School Learners Stormed with the Gospel



Mzuzu Bible Clubs members calmly listening to a speaker

Mzuzu city primary school learners were reached en masse with the Gospel of Jesus Christ at a day rally held at Mzuzu C.C.A.P. Primary School on 26th March, 2011. Learners were drawn from different primary schools in Mzuzu, and they were taught in the Word of God and other biblical teachings. It was a momentous time of singing, dancing, recitation and dramatizing all to the glory of God. Learners enjoyed social interaction with other schools.

Each school contributed K1, 200 towards catering and other rally's services. Children ministry is one of the dynamic ministries in Scripture Union, and it has reached many learners through Bible Clubs and SU Life Skills lessons.

Youths Trained in Street Children Ministry

Lilongwe SU youth members were trained in Street Children Ministry on 2nd November, 2011 at SU National Office. This was facilitated by Laura Hodder, who is the coordinator of this ministry. The aim of the training was to enlighten the youths to get familiar with the best methods and apply them in reaching out vulnerable children in order to meet the basic needs of street children and reunite them with their families so that they can release the full potential to become independent individuals and useful citizens in Malawian society. The youths were also informed on the progress of the 22 children reached so far, and their status in terms of those abused and not abused, those schooling and not schooling, and their residential status, those sleeping on streets and those sleeping in houses.

Family Ministry Wakes Up in Lilongwe

SU families have started meeting in Lilongwe after a long time of silence. This is a good time when several families come together to share the Word of God, help one another in strengthening God given gifts of families, and collectively praying for families and other issues.

There will be a refresher course for families which will take place at Adult Literacy Centre in Area 14, opposite Scripture Union plot on 20th November 2011. All families are encouraged to plan attending this meeting.

Irish AID Program Winds Up

The three year HIV and AIDS prevention project, which has been there since 2008, wound up end of September 2011. Scripture Union massively reached out the rural youths with Life Skills lessons in Mangochi and Neno primary schools. The learners were taught Life Skills through trend setters, who are boys and girls trained as role models to the primary school learners. The communities were also helped in acquisition of agricultural skills of rearing chickens and goats, and doing bakery entrepreneurship.

This project was implemented corporately with SCOM (Student Christian Organization of Malawi), LISAP (Livingstonia Support Aids Program) and EAM (Evangelical Association of Malawi). Tearfund Malawi was the donor agent.

There was a three month extension to the project which is to end this November, but up to this time the funding for the extension period has not arrived.

Spiritual Enrichment

"...and how from infancy you have known the holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus." 2 Timothy 3:15. Paul writes an essential subject of infant indoctrination which occurred to little Timothy. Timothy is seen to have grown up in a religious and believing family. Bible scholars have suggested that Timothy grew up with his grandmother, Eunice, who was well versed in Scriptures.

Paul was taught the Word of God from infancy. The best social environment for equipping a child with right morals is the family unit. Parents seldom teach their children, but quickly point out blunders of their children and do correctional measures to their child through scolding or whipping. These are often done from human point of view and not from the biblical worldview. We need to engulf our family social interaction with Scriptures. Children should be taught, rebuked and disciplined in reference to God's Word.

One young man who became a Christian a later stage once remarked, "My father took a Bible and read Proverbs 23:13, 'Do not hold discipline from your child; if you punish him with a rod, he will not die.' then he took kiboko (whipping stick) and beat me for the wrong I had done." Today, lots of punishments are meted out on our children with hate and not love. If a child does wrong, ask these questions to yourself; Do I find time to teach my children the Word of God on how to live uprightly? or I just assume that they know how to live uprightly? The action I am to unktion, is it a punishment or a disciplinary one? Before meting out the correctional action, did you reason with your child to help her/him know the wrong done? Did you use the Scriptures? Parents are at the central point of guiding their children in their own houses. Don't depend on Sunday school teachers to do the work for you. Sunday school teachers teach once in a week for two to three hours, and you stay with them throughout the week. I do not belittle the great work of Sunday School teachers, but for us parents to know that they are aides to our responsibilities.

The duty of Timothy's parents in teaching Scriptures made Timothy wise. This means Timothy applied to his life the knowledge gained, and he found salvation of his life in Christ Jesus. Timothy was precious to his parents and in the eyes of God. I believe he became a blessing child in the family and not a burden. Consequently, he became an assistant to evangelist Paul. Timothy kept on learning from Paul who had become his spiritual father. Paul found Timothy who had already been started being spiritually panel beaten to become a useful vessel in the Lord's missionary work. In the book of Timothy, Paul is mentioning the role which Timothy's parents did. Timothy looked at Paul as his spiritual father, and he looked at his parents as biological parents as well as spiritual parents. Who are we to our children? Are we spiritual or biological parents, or both? Children are God's given gifts to us, let us preserve God's gifts according to his expectation. Take time to raise your children holistically.

Prayer Corner for SU Malawi

"Seven days without prayer makes one weak." Allen E. Vartlett. When did you last pray? "God does nothing except in response to believing prayer." John Wesley (Famous evangelist who spent 2 hours daily in prayer)

If you are a believer, then join us in the duty of praying for God's ministry, SU Malawi.

SU goes through a number of challenges and the only way to troubleshoot hurdles is through a believing prayer. Here are the prayer items:

1. Resources and large attendance to 15th-19th December 2011 SU national youth symposium, which is to be held in Nkhata Bay.
2. Resources for the development of Area 14 SU plot.
3. Donors to be found who can fund HIV and AIDS program. The just ended project was the backbone for ministry financial support.
4. Commitment of members to serve God faithfully in SU.
5. The newly formed National Youth committee to get established and work in solidarity.