



## What is CFA?

CFA is a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit that equips pastors and community leaders in Malawi and Burundi, Africa, to share the good news of the Gospel and promote community health and education.

## Did You Know?

All donations are tax-deductible, and we have no overhead costs.

All donations go directly to ministry projects.

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*Thank You!*

Greetings to you, our faithful partners in ministry! We're grateful to give you a small glimpse into our ministry in Malawi, Burundi, and beyond. Yet again, God brought forth many opportunities for ministry this year, and we continue to prayerfully follow His leading as He guides us deeper into the projects that we've started and also into new areas that we never would've imagined.

Each time we speak with our partnering African leaders we hear of new opportunities that would open doors into broader children's ministry, prison ministry, pastoral training, and more. Yet, as a small nonprofit, we must discern God's leading carefully as we don't have the funding to "do it all."

Most of the needs in Malawi and Burundi are so basic—food, clothing, shelter, health and safety—yet we have always prioritized bringing people into the Kingdom of God by sharing the Gospel message.

We remember when Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life?" (Matthew 16:26 NKJV)

Please pray with us as we continue to bring life—eternal life—to the people of east central Africa!

Pray that we would discern God's perfect will for each project in 2025. He has been a faithful guide throughout the last 12 years of ministry, and we are grateful for the opportunity to serve Him here on Earth!

May the Lord bless you and your families abundantly in 2025!

*The CFA Team*

## Kids Clubs Continue to Thrive

The Kids Clubs in both Malawi and Burundi continue to grow as God brings new members each week.

Oftentimes the kids in these clubs make “soccer balls” from trash bags lying on the ground. They fill them with leaves, corn stalks, or other soft material, then tie the bag shut with string or a vine from a tree. This year we connected with two donors who gave real soccer balls for our schools and kids clubs.

We’re so impressed by the hundreds of youth involved in these kids clubs. Their hearts for fellowshiping, for memorizing Scripture, and for serving their communities is evident. Many of the youth who have met Jesus through the kids clubs are now growing in their faith to the point that they are discipling other youth and volunteering as leaders in the clubs. These youth are so faithful to God’s calling in their lives and are impacting so many other children for Christ!



Kids Club Christmas Party near Mozambique.



## New Clothing Brings Hope



Children receive new t-shirts and dresses.



Over 500 women and girls in Malawi received new dresses this year thanks to the hard work of many sewers who partner with CFA.

Partnering sewers come from local Minnesota churches as well as a prison program where prisoners cut the fabric from the dress pattern. These prisoners have said it’s a blessing to be able to help women and children in poverty, especially knowing that many of these dresses go to the families of Malawi inmates.

We’re so thankful for the time and energy these men and women give so that women and girls in Malawi know they are loved by both God and His Kingdom of believers here on Earth!

We also received a large donation of t-shirts from a Vacation Bible School fundraiser in a MN church. VBS children brought in enough offerings to purchase over 500 t-shirts for the children in our schools and kids clubs!

## Burundi Challenges

Our partnering pastor in Burundi is still wholeheartedly serving his local communities, despite some of the persecution he faces daily for being a committed follower of Christ in such an impoverished country.

His kids clubs are expanding to new communities and more kids are coming weekly to hear the Gospel and receive a snack when they can afford one. Many families continue to raise pigs and rice to eat and sell, a small business project spearheaded by the church that has been hugely successful!

Burundi's biggest need right now is the funding for cement floors. The government now requires cement floors for churches to remain open, a pricey expense for such a poor country. Please pray that we will be able to provide funds for our partnering churches and that the government will be lenient toward churches who are not currently able to comply.



## Prison Ministry



Christmas message and gifts at Ntcheu Prison.



Bible Study class at Lingwanya Prison receive blankets.

A year ago, one of our partnering leaders, Pastor Ernest, felt called to prison ministry. He answered faithfully and began serving in the local prison, leading Bible studies 4-5 days a month. God has in turn given Ernest much favor in the prison with both the staff and the inmates.

CFA also supported a Christmas party at Ntcheu Prison where Pastor Watson and his church leaders have faithfully held Bible studies for a few years now. These prisoners often eat one meal a day and are living in the worst of conditions.

At the party, each prisoner received two bars of soap and some Vaseline after hearing the Christmas story. Although this gift might seem small, there have been many testimonies coming out of the prisons as inmates share that simply being remembered shows them that God truly loves them and has not forgotten them.

## Malawi Schools

Our schools in Malawi were hugely blessed by our partnership with a humanitarian aid organization out of Nebraska. After a few years of planning we were able to coordinate the arrival of an entire shipping container full of supplies! The people in the schools were beyond grateful to receive desks, chairs, school supplies, and food packets for the children!

We also funded a Christmas field trip for some of our students in the Mvera primary school. Many of these children have never left their village, but in December they had the opportunity to head to Lake Malawi, about 70 miles away, for a swim. Many of their parents have never even traveled that far from their homes before! After their time of swimming they shared the Christmas story, sang songs, participated in Scripture memory contests, and played games. Each child also received either a new shirt, a pair of pants, or a pair of shoes as a gift.

This year we were also able to build two new houses for the teachers at Mvera. For many years these teachers were committed to teaching in this predominantly Muslim community, despite an hour-long daily commute on very primitive rural “roads.” We are so grateful for their commitment to teaching in a rural community where most students would otherwise not have the opportunity to attend school.

Many of the community leaders—both Christian and Muslim—want more grades added to the school. Please pray that we receive funding to expand the school.



School receives new desks.



Primary School takes field trip to Lake Malawi!



School children in class.

## International Shipping



After many years of looking into potential options, this year we finally connected with a shipping company that ships to Malawi! So far we have sent six shipments of varying sizes with everything from shoes to clothing to school supplies. Every other month, CFA boxes up items, inventories them, labels them, and then drops them off in Minneapolis for pick up. Once they reach Malawi, our leaders pick the boxes up and disperse the items. Having a shipper has been such a blessing since the mail is so expensive and we can only send so many suitcases with our travel partners! We're thankful that God opened this door! We are also grateful to partner with Global Gospel Books in Minneapolis. This organization ships hundreds of Bibles and pastoral study books to our pastors in Malawi, who in turn bring them to Mozambique and Zambia as well!

## Prayer Requests for 2025

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-Pray for our Kids Clubs—that they would continue to make an impact not only on the children, but also the local communities. Many families come to church now because kids started attending Kids Clubs. Pray that the younger generation will be a pathway into the hearts of their families!

-Pray for the Burundi work that remains challenging due to government regulations, extreme poverty, and some persecution. Pray specifically for Pastor Mabubu and his church leaders—that their faith and strength would expand despite their circumstances. Pray that we would be able to put cement floors in all the church branches. This is a recent requirement by the government in order for the church to remain open. Praise God for the success of the Burundi pig project and the healthy growth of the kids clubs!

-Pray that the hearts of the prisoners would be lit on fire for the Lord. Pray for the prison chaplains and ministry leaders hosting Bible studies in prison. Praise God for the recently released inmates who are going back into their communities as changed people who want to be mentored after their release from prison!

-Praise God that we were able to fund another grade in our primary school! Also praise God for all the donations that came in recently and for the teachers who remain committed to teaching not only the government-required curriculum, but also the Word of God! Pray for these teachers who invest in the whole community as they do home visits with families and often provide support beyond teaching lessons.

-Pray protection over our shipments—that God would bring them safely to port, that they would pass customs without any problems, and that each box would make it into the hands of the leader it's meant for.

-Praise the Lord for continued dress donations from our Minnesota sewers! Pray that God would bless their efforts and their families!

-Pray that we would continue to have enough funding for transportation to and from the prisons, as well as to and from the city of Lilongwe as our leaders pick up our shipments. Gasoline is very expensive and yet these trips are necessary.

-Pray that we would have funds to provide for more physical needs. The rainy season brings more malaria, causing a big problem in the prisons where hygiene and sanitation is already very limited.

-Pray for the 700 farmers who are currently a part of our irrigated garden program. The garden has been a huge success, but is also very dependent on the weather. One of the critical factors in Malawi's food shortage is the weather. Too much rain causes flooding and too little rain causes drought. Please pray that God would bring the right amount of rain for good crops!

-Pray for all of the pastors, youth leaders and prison chaplains we work with as they continue to run the various Bible study programs in their churches and several prison.

-Pray for the work of Orality Institute as they expand their work into Zambia and Mozambique through the help of some of CFA's pastors and leaders.