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Dear friends:

On behalf of Christ's Footprints in Africa (CFA), we want to say thank you for another year of tremendous support, both financially and through prayer! When CFA began in 2013, we didn't know exactly where God would lead, but we went forth in faith knowing that He would do great things through us if we walked in obedience to His Word. One of the ways that we are constantly amazed is how God uses CFA to connect the people of Malawi with various organizations who bring just the right needs to our projects. We have seen Him accomplish over and above what we ever could have imagined, and this year has been no different. In fact, it's been an extraordinary year and we'd love to share the ways that God has blessed CFA with new partnerships and projects in our two main outreach areas: Prison Fellowship Malawi and the rural churches we've connected with.

### **Prison Fellowship Malawi**

\*In May of this year Prison Fellowship USA partnered with PF Malawi to bring its evangelism program, The Prisoner's Journey, into **all** Malawi prisons within the next three years!

\*PF Malawi received a grant from the European Union to help fund the pre-release program for prisoners who come to the halfway house. They will now be able to receive a six-month training program that will help them learn job skills and assimilate back into their communities.

\*PF Malawi has been able to continue growing its general fund under the direction of PF Malawi's executive director, Rodrick Zalimba. With CFA support, he has been spearheading agricultural, livestock, and other income-generating programs that will continue to keep PF Malawi's evangelism programs and halfway house programs running.

\*The Alpha International office based in Africa has partnered with CFA and will support the Alpha training that the CFA team will offer in March 2018. They have also translated and printed the Alpha leaders guide and participant booklets into Chichewa. Interest in Alpha continues to grow and pastors from many denominations are ready for more Alpha in their churches.

### **Rural Churches & Schools**

\*Pastor Moses Nkhata, the lead pastor at our rural church connection (Word of Grace Bimbi), has continued to serve as a great leader in the rural areas of Malawi. This year he has continued training hundreds of pastors from his geographical area, many of whom are uneducated, some of whom don't even have their own Bibles.

\*Pastor Moses has been able to expand evangelism outreach through the gift of The Jesus Film, which a CFA donor provided for him. Pray for changed lives as communities hear the Good News through this film!

\*We have been blessed by a partnership with Training Leaders International, a group that exists to establish and strengthen local churches and their leaders around the world. Over the next three years, this group will begin a seminary program with 45 of Pastor Moses' associates to train them in theology and church leadership.

\*The Village Savings and Loan Program, facilitated by Pastor Moses, has been thriving as it provides women and pastor's families with livestock that they can raise, breed, and sell. The pastors don't receive a salary, so a side income is crucial to continue their Kingdom ministry.

\*What started a few years ago as one nursery school out of Word of Grace Church in Bimbi, has now expanded to two nursery schools and two primary schools located in Bimbi and Mvera. In these highly Muslim areas, the schools become not only a means of educating the community, but also of sharing the Good News of Christ. These communities are changing through the 500+ children enrolled in these schools! Each school runs a curriculum based on Biblical principles and feeds the children one meal of maize porridge each day, occasionally adding vegetables and meat as funding allows.

\*The church and school in Bimbi recently received funding for a well that will greatly benefit not only the church and school members, but also the community at large. Not only is their water source closer, but it's also not as contaminated as many of the rivers and hand-dug wells.

\*This year two rural churches received money for a roof after they completed the brick structure. Many of the rural churches begin when community members simply meet under a shade tree or thatched hut. Once the church grows, the leaders struggle to fund a real building that won't crumble down in high winds or heavy rains. CFA often partners with these churches, asking that they build the brick structure using local mud and clay, and then we will complete the roof.

\*Through our partnership with Child Evangelism Fellowship, there are many Good News Clubs beginning in rural communities. As community leaders are trained, they begin forming home groups of children who come to learn from the Bible and fellowship together.

\*Many books and Bibles have been donated by International Christian Literature Distributors for pastoral training and evangelism. We thank God for their generosity!

God is good and we can't thank Him enough for all He is doing in Malawi through CFA! We continue to be humbled by all the new partnerships He has brought our way. As churches and schools grow and as prison work expands, we pray for a harvest that will bring Kingdom changes to all of Malawi. May it be for His glory and His Kingdom! Check out our website or Facebook page to stay updated on the new CFA ministries. Happy new year!

Sincerely,  
Pam Nersesian and the CFA team