

CHRIST'S FOOTPRINTS IN VAVAVAFRICA



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God's greatest gift to us has always been the gift of His Son Jesus Christ who died and rose that we might live forever with Him in heaven. There's nothing we can do to earn that reward; it's only by His grace given to us freely through Jesus Christ that we can repent and be saved. As we come out of the advent season and into a new year, let us rejoice at His coming and the greatest gift of all—a Savior who brings new life!

As CFA looks back over 2025, we thank God alone for all He has done in both Malawi and Burundi. It's been a time of great joy and abundant harvest! We thank our many prayer warriors, donors, and faithful, persevering, humble, servant-hearted leaders in Africa. Without each of you this work would not be possible! It requires an unbroken chain of godly servants whose only desire is to be in God's will and to do the work He has set before us.

Last August, a team of six traveled to Malawi to check in on the work that CFA has done over the last couple years. We were delighted to be back worshiping, praying, and fellowshipping with our leaders and friends. We visited many churches in the Balaka area with Pastor Watson and his team where we saw tremendous growth not only in his churches, but also in the kids clubs and his leadership team.

We worshiped with Pastor Moses and the many other pastors and leaders from Word of Grace Churches, and we visited the Mvera primary and nursery school. We also saw the expansion of the irrigated Bimbi garden that we started in 2018. This growing season it will host around 1,000 local farmers!

We visited and shared encouragement at three Malawi prisons with the National Prison Chaplain. We listened as inmates worshiped and sang praises to our King despite the fact that they have been without running water for three years due to a broken well (see more about how CFA helped fix this problem later in the newsletter).

We spent a few days in the far south of Malawi with Sam, our kids club leader who has 1,200 kids show up weekly to his kids club events. Throughout our trip we walked in villages, we worshiped, and we prayed with the people. We saw the great needs that are still before us, but—keeping our eyes on Him—we thanked God for all He has done and rejoiced over what is yet to come.

We have seen the abundant fruit and blessings that comes from walking in God's will. He has given us favor with many other organizations who partner with our leaders, and we thank God for each one—Orality Institute, Serve Now, Alpha and others. We're grateful that Global Gospel Books ships Bibles and Christian literature to Malawi prisons and churches. We're also thankful to a Nebraska organization that was willing to ship a second humanitarian container that has arrived at our schools in Mvera and a third container that left Houston a couple weeks ago for Malawi prison ministry!

Everywhere we turn we see blessing and everywhere we went we saw the joy of the Lord. Congregations that couldn't meet for a while due to heavy rains are now meeting regularly again and hosting Bible studies and discipleship classes. Former kids club youth are now teens who are serving in their churches as worship leaders and Sunday School teachers. Everywhere I look I see the fruit that God produces when we obediently follow His call to go into the world and make disciples of the nations. I believe God is very pleased by this work—and we are too!

Thank you and God bless each of you for the part you play in the work of CFA!

Prison Ministry



Last August the CFA team of six visited three Malawi prisons. We're grateful for our partnership with the Malawi national prison chaplain who has opened many doors for ministry and evangelism in the prisons as well as prison chaplain training opportunities. (Left)

While visiting, the team heard that the prison had been without running water for three years because of a broken well pump. After coming home, CFA was able to contact a partnering organization, Serve Now, who were excited about putting in a new well system. Within a few months the prison had a new well pump and water was restored! (below)



CFA has helped bring many evangelism and discipleship programs into the prisons over the last 10 years while also focusing on continued training for the prison chaplains.

In 2026, we are excited to focus on the often-overlooked elderly inmates at one of the larger prisons as well as the women entering a new women's prison.

Irrigated Garden

In 2018 CFA helped begin an irrigated garden on land that had been fallow for decades.

This fall there will be around 1,000 farmers whose families will benefit from this garden! These farmers receive training on agricultural practices and are expected to become self-sustaining, saving some of their income for future seed and fertilizer.

CFA also provided funding for a few banana trees to supplement the crop production. Here, Pastor Moses stands next to a productive banana tree. (right)



As the team visited the irrigated garden they saw the two new reservoirs that grow “chambo” (tilapia). The Word of Grace church members were able to begin this project on their own as they become more self-sustaining and financially stable.

CFA was impressed over and over again this summer when they continuously saw how often the pastors and leaders we work with were funding their own projects. (left)

This year they added a crop of rice in to the rotation and many of the farmers said that it was a “miracle crop.” The rice came in by the bagful and was able to provide an income and nourishment to many local families.

The rice harvest not only requires less fertilizer and pesticides, but the seeds can also be saved from season to season making it a cost-effective crop.



Southern Malawi Ministry



The kingdom work happening in southern Malawi along the Mozambique border. Our leader in this area hosts a weekly Kids Club with over 1,200 kids that gather to hear a Bible story, pray, memorize scripture, play games, and eat a meal together. For some of these kids, it's the only truly nourishing meal they eat each week.

The Kids Club Christmas party had 1,200 regular Kids Club attenders as well as 300 visitors—all of whom received a meal and heard the Gospel message! Sam, his wife, and their youth leaders worked tirelessly to pull off this event and we're thankful that they are so dedicated to God's calling in southern Malawi.



The CFA team enjoyed visiting Sam and his Kids Club. They also visited the elderly and widows, walking through the village to encourage and pray with them. One of the elderly women they encountered was blind. The door on this woman's house was broken and the little food that she had for herself and her granddaughter was stolen. After visiting with her, CFA gave funds for a sturdy door and lock. A few days later, Sam's team had fixed the door and bought a new lock! (right)



Rural Churches and Schools



A partnering organization provided a humanitarian shipping container full of school supplies, sewing machines, shoes, clothing, food packets, and more! What a blessing to these small, rural communities!



Another container arrived in December 2025, and another one is now on the way full of supplies for the Malawi prisons!

(left)



We are so grateful to our friends Deb and Carrie who both head up sewing groups to sew dresses for women and girls in Malawi. Deb's sewing groups have made over 1,100 dresses over the last 2 years! Some of these women and children have never received a new article of clothing before... what a joy to receive a new dress! (above and right)



One of the highlights of the team's trip to Malawi was visiting different villages to connect with students from the schools and visit some of the church congregants.

The team would often spend time praying over people, but they also noticed small projects they could do that could bless these villagers in big ways.

'Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.'
-1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

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.

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The Kids Clubs in Burundi also continue to grow as new clubs are started in some of the rural churches. Older youth continue to be trained by Child Evangelism Fellowship to share their testimonies and the Gospel in these Kids Clubs.



The Burundi government requires cement floors and roofs for churches to remain open. As more funding comes in CFA will be able to help more rural churches meet this government requirement!



The main church in Bujumbura hosts worship nights, prayer nights, and a weekly Kids Club. At Christmas they hosted a Kids Club party where they worshipped and fellowshiped together. CFA provided funding for a celebratory meal to bless the children and these hard-working leaders.

As you pray for this church, please pray for protection over them as they are continuously threatened by violent rebel groups from the Democratic Republic of the Congo. Pray that the community of believers would be strengthened in their faith and that they would have peace as they continue their ministry in the area.