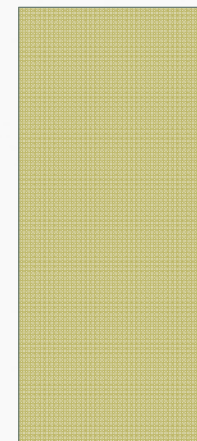


PARTNER CONSULTATIVE MEETING

MALAWI PROVISIONAL ANNUAL CONFERENCE
11.05.15



INTRODUCTION

- Malawi provisional Annual conference legislated in 2012
- 22 circuits across the country
- 27 pastors ,4 ordained
- 23 not ordained & 7 going through theological training &4 evangelists
- 41% youth,30% children the rest men & women
- Females constitute 52 % of total population
- A member of Malawi council of churches & Public Affairs committee

INTRODUCTION

- Our Partnership with EMK is a divine appointment
- Started with (Rev Michael & Rev. Daniel Mhone) at Africa University ,Zimbabwe.
- Mpenya Circuit of MUMC later partnered Nurtingen and Goeppingen in 1998.
- Later Thomas Kemper visited MUMC and the partnership started at conference level

PROGRAMS IN MALAWI

1. LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

- *A - CLERGY*
- From the on set, the need for a qualified clergy and laity was pertinent. MUMC had 4 trained and ordained ministers in 1998
- Today, our partnership with EMK has sponsored 7 Pastors for theological studies & one (Ephraim) has been ordained
- 6 are on the route to ordination. Sacraments in the churches are doable now that we have ordained pastors.

CLERGY TRAININGS

- we also celebrate the services of Rev. K. Schmiegel
- With him , we have carried out 11 Clergy Training programs targeting untrained pastors
- The focus is to establish a very strong foundation of the Methodist tradition but also creation of new prayer points .

B. LAITY TRAININGS & SCHOLARSHIPS

- With Rev. Klaus, we have also carried out over 15 Lay training sessions across the Conference in the past 2 years
- For our fast growing church ,it's pertinent that laity is taught basic issues i.e. Methodism, responsibilities of a UMC member & other important things .
- Over 50 students have been awarded scholarships to study in different secondary schools, colleges & universities in various disciplines
- Our vision is to build the capacity for the Church but also have representation in the public & private

BENEFITS OF CAPACITY BUILDING

- The conference is already reaping some benefits of the scholarships .
- Among the young persons who have been sponsored by the church, some are already employed and making very meaningful contributions in the church.
- E.G, CONFAD chairperson (Francis-sec school headmaster), Agriculture Chairperson (Kephias –WorldVision), Country Director for ZOE (Mercy Nyirongo) ,Mtoso-Worldvision), Bethel-Missionary-GBGM), Daniel-Connectional director & university lecturer and many more are all holding very key positions in the Provisional Annual Conference.
- The support to our Conference has made a difference

C-EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT

- 16 Registered Nursery Schools in the Conference –education & feeding
- Have 1 model Nursery School which is 90% self sustaining
- Teachers from the other 15 Nursery Schools come for a 2 week training program so that we have a uniform curriculum in all our schools. This is a direct fruit of our Missionary Inke Johannsen.
- The Kinder to kinder program a blessing. The Mangulama multi-purpose building is completed and the 2nd building under construction is Migowi Nursery school.
- These Nursery Schools are our social witnessing and some parents have joined the United Methodist Church after their children came to learn at our Nursery Schools.
- Celebration- over 500 children have graduated from our United Methodist Nursery Schools & perming well in primary schools

2. IMPROVING HEALTH

- **Goal** :compliment Government in Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) i.e. reducing child mortality rate, improve maternal health, combat HIV/AIDS &reduce malaria
- A healthy people , a healthy church ,a healthy nation.
- Initiatives :

A) NUTRITION CLINICS

- We have established 2 nutrition clinics
- 1 in Blantyre (Southern Region) and 1 in Madisi (Central Region).
- Target is children & people living with HIV/Aids
- Clinics have reached out to over 1200 persons living with HIV & 927 children that are malnourished.
- In Madisi, one woman was weighing 31kg in 2014 January but now weighs 41kgs Jan 2015

FEEDING PROGRAM & MORINGA PROJECT

- Feeding program is in 10 of our Nursery Schools to help improve nutrition intake of the under-five children (30% are HIV+)
- Program established Moringa Tree forests in at least 7 churches
- Moringa tree is locally available certified herbal used as food & nutrition supplement for HIV+ clients.
- The Moringa project is leading feeding program towards sustainability .

B)IMAGINE NO MALARIA (INM)

- This project is being implemented at (Mwachedwa Village in Nsanje District).
- The aim is to reduce malaria related deaths by 70 % come 2018.
- Malaria competes with HIV/AIDS in sub Sahara Africa
- The project trains Community Health Workers in new outreach methods & to distributing over 2000 nets in the Community by May 30th 2015.

C) PREVENTION OF (HIV) MOTHER TO CHILD TRANSMISSION

- The project is in Wilson Community which is again in Nsanje District.
- The focus is to reduce “Mother to Child” transmission of HIV by 20% from 64% prevalence rate to 44% by 2018.
- Activities include :
 - sensitization of Communities on family planning issues
 - accessing maternal care services
 - facilitating service providers to reach out villages
 - training of Community Health Workers to reach out more couples.
- We have targeted to reach out to about 3600 sexually active girls, women and couples in the area.

FIRST AID KITS

- The project equips nursery school teachers with first aid skills
- Targets not just Methodist schools but also other schools
- 25 Nursery School Teachers trained in First Aid
- Trainings are done at the Nancholi model school
- It is first of its kind for local nursery schools

POVERTY ALLEVIATION

- A poor people ,a poor community , a poor church & a poor nation, Kurewa (2006)
- We strive to transform households , communities & the church just like John Wesley
- Five projects being run : These are

AGRICULTURE

- 2 Conference farms operating as demonstration gardens to communities & income for the conference.
- Trains circuit agriculture committees on modern farming methods
- To generate income for the conference in the near future
- 23 Hectares of land with 8 pigs, 2 draught animals, 3 hectares of land with peas, maize, groundnuts etc overhead tank, a farm house & office,...

TAILORING & KNITTING SCHOOLS

- Conference has 2 tailoring schools being run by the womens organization(Mzuzu & Mpenya)
- Mzuzu school is 8yrs old & 61 women have graduated
- 39 are running their own small scale tailoring businesses.
- The Blantyre tailoring school just started February 2015
- 5 women have been enrolled into the program.
- 2 Knitting lessons have started in the schools for those that want quick skills in 2 weeks. **These schools are located in kinder to kinder multipurpose buildings**
- It is an empowerment program to equip women with skills so that they can support themselves and their families.

MICRO FINANCE

- The vision is to alleviate community members from
- GBGM Missionary (Karen Ujereh) coordinating communities to access loans from Financing Company since 2013
- 1,476 trained and ready to receive loans from FINCA.
- Only 531 have received loans from FINCA
- The rest still waiting due to logistical challenges with (FINCA).
- If we are to reduce the poverty level in Malawi, we need this program in order to improve the economic life of our Communities

ZOE ORPHAN EMPOWERMENT PROGRAM.

- ZOE orphan project addresses the problem of poverty amongst orphans & vulnerable children in Madisi, Central region
- Enrolled over 1800 orphaned children in the villages and these are organized into working groups of between 20 to 30 members in each.
- 20 houses have been built through the help of working groups for those orphans who had nowhere to stay.
- Over 200 orphans have started small businesses of different types and they can afford meals each day. Small businesses include bakery, tearooms, piggery, rabbit rearing,
- 66 Young persons have enrolled in different training programs such as plumbing, brick laying, motor vehicle mechanics, carpentry, tailoring and many others.

CHURCH RESPONSE TO FLOODS

- January floods killed 176 people
- Displaced over 200,000 people
- Property destroyed , schools closed, basic utilities, food, clothing as necessities
- Church distributed over 2000 50kgs maize flour
- Currently rebuilding & replanting are the major priorities
- Continued food supplies & medical services
- 100,000 families still in tents ,including our members

PARTNERSHIP??

- Co-learning
- Equal voice
- Trust-communication & not interrogations
- Co worship experience ie Hannover UMC & Galilea UMC
- Resources flowing from both directions.ie money, knowledge ,visits, prayer, missionaries etc
- Mutual Identification of needs –both sides ...
- Representation in decision making without demeaning autonomy

CHALLENGES

- Lack of permanent buildings for other Nursery schools
- The high illiteracy level in the Country undermines progress of work
- The 2 farms lack implements and capital funding to run on commercial lines
- Poor performance by most un-trained pastors retards progress
- The Court case involving the Registered Board of Trustees of the Malawi United Methodist Church has drained all our efforts and resources. The church has been under siege since these Court cases started.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- Continued support for the Kinder to Kinder program –more multi-purpose buildings should be constructed.
- More support for scholarship programs as part of the capacity building for both our Clergy and laity who are pursuing studies in different disciplines.
- Continued support for Lay Leadership Training
- We recommend for a Missionary position in the Agriculture Department to help us run our 2 farms on commercial lines –applied already through GBGM
- We recommend the drilling of a borehole at Migowi Nursery School which is the only Nursery School in the Migowi Township with a permanent structure but having no running water
- continued support for our Nutrition Clinics



2015: MULTIPURPOSE BUILDING UNDER CONSTRUCTION :MIGOWI UMC

2014 MANGULAMA NURSERY SC





CHILDREN IN CLASS-MANGULAMA SCHOOL



SOAP MAKING BY WOMEN IN MADISI CIRCUIT



CERTIFICATES FOR SOAP MAKING TRAINEES



PASTORS TRAINING



PASTORS DEVOTION DURING TRAINING



GROUP PHOTO WITH FACILITATORS



TOMATOES & BANANAS @ MCHINJI FARM



PIG DINKY WITH HER 6 BABIES @ FARM



HOPE TAILORING SCHOOL-MZUZU

CONCLUSION

- Thank you for the prayers & support to the Malawi church.
- Thank you for this consultative forum
- Thank you all for listening

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