

# THE MALAWI QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

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## CHANGING LIVES FOR A BETTER FUTURE

**T**he Malawi Quarterly Newsletter aims to inform, educate and entertain all our readers. Also, our editorial team invites stories from people in the community who wish to contribute to the newsletter and improve their writing skills. Following assessment and editing by our team, there's the strong possibility of reader stories being included in future newsletters.



“Central part of Malawi, market sector”

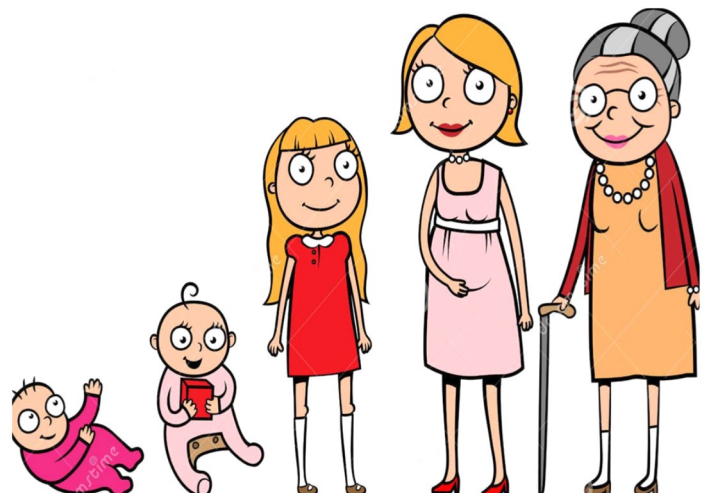
## WHAT ARE YOU EXPECTING FROM THE MALAWI QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER?

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- MARRIAGE/ FAMILY ISSUES?
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- FUN?
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- LOVE ISSUES?

## GET YOUR COPY TODAY AND SEE WHAT'S INSIDE...!

### LIFE IS A JOURNEY

Every step in life is a journey and it's like any road trip. It has ups and downs. But the key to enjoy the ride is to focus on the journey itself. We are born and grow in different stages and one day we will die.



# MALAWIANS LIVES AT GREAT RISK

***BY FAITH MOYO***



*“Though things are hard in our country but we will survive — a poor Malawian woman with her children”*

It’s worth remembering that in the past years of 2022 and 2023, many Malawians, especially those living in rural areas, were living in great risk. Factors creating this situation were heavy rains causing floods and damage, while at other times, severe droughts affected crop development. Also the major devaluation of our Kwacha currency occurring twice added to the rising costs of food,

making it impossible for many starving Malawians to buy even basic items such as maize.

Now in 2024 the present situation suggests some tough times ahead. This is evidenced by farmers struggling to produce food, with high prices continuing to affect poor Malawians needing to buy fertilizer, seeds and basic foods. Many blame the 2023 devaluation of 46 percent. However while this is a harsh reality, the situation remains complex. While there’s cause for anxiety, it’s good to consider how as a community we can have hope. This comes through doing our best to care for one another and to pray that things will change for the better. Also in this 2025 election cycle, it’s the right time to take our community concerns to our officials and politicians.”

## MALAWIANS WORRIES ABOUT CYCLONES

Malawians cannot forget the nation’s worst cyclone in two decades, Cyclone Freddy, which occurred one year ago in 2023. Freddy led to the death of hundreds of Malawians and caused immense damage to property and agriculture. Furthermore Freddy affected many more thousands of people because of food scarcity caused by damage to crops.

Malawians also remember other cyclones in recent years such as Cyclone Gombe in 2022 and Cy-

clone Ana, also in 2023. Again, these cyclones caused much devastation, especially for those living in the Lower Shire, with people losing livestock and forced to live in temporary camps.

Now in 2024 we can be thankful that Cyclone Filipo was not as catastrophic as previous cyclones and despite initial fears, we can now look ahead with much hope for a good year with productive rains without disasters.”

# EDUCATION FOR ALL

***BY FAITH MOYO***

Here at “The Malawian Quarterly Newsletter”, one of our key mottos is “Moving the Nation Forward”. It’s our heart’s desire to see Malawi take its place as a modern nation where there is much for hope for the future. A center-piece of this motto is education for all young Malawians. It’s understood throughout the world that for developing nations like Malawi to prosper and mature, education opportunities should be available equally to both boys and girls and young men and young women.

Historically, females in African nations have been deprived of educational opportunities. This is due to such factors as traditional family practices where females are not encouraged to attend school, often dropping out due to early forced marriages and teen-



*“a teacher teaching his learners behind the back of a thatched roof house”*

age pregnancies. In fact studies indicate that only 13% of girls complete upper secondary school in Malawi, dropping to 2% among the poorest communities.

While boys and young men are given more educational opportunities in Malawi, there are still situations of boys in school needing greater encouragement and mentorship, so that they can

press ahead in confidence in finalizing their school education.

It’s worth noting that at the Christine Denton Memorial School (CDMS), all students of both sexes are treated equally and encouraged to remain at school to complete all courses successfully and therefore ensure



*“both boys and girls are future leaders, let us give them equal opportunities of education”*

their best opportunities for the future.”

## OUR TRIP TO MBC

**F**or all school children, one of the most interesting events in the school calendar is a trip, travelling to new locations where they can learn new things and meet new and different people. This was certainly the case for us at Christine Denton Memorial School when, in December last year, we took a bus trip from Nchalo in Chikwawa District

to visit the studios of the “Malawian Broadcasting Corporation” (MBC) in Blantyre. It was exciting to visit the studios of both MBC Radio services 1 and 2 and MBC Television and to engage with the broadcasters and journalists working there. Also we hope to return to MBC one day in the future for we all enjoyed the beauty of the Blantyre city. **-PG 4-**



# OUR TRIP TO MBC STATIONS



CDMS teachers and learners in Blantyre at MBC radio 1 and 2 compound



At the left is Mr. Felix Banda, the Head Teacher, after him is Ruth Katuma, a Journalist (radio producer) at MBC and behind her is Faith Moyo, a Teacher and a Writer, to the right is Mr. Lyson Bizeck Moyo, CDMS's Director.



Now at MBC TV compound, teachers and learners waiting for the security guard to take them inside to see other journalists and learn how they do their work



Learners take a photo with a well known Journalist in Malawi, Beatrice Juma at MBC TV, after their lessons.



When people of the same field meet, they feel so happy because they share new ideas of what is happening in their field. Meeting Juma was something so great because I learnt more things from her in just a day.

***On lunch, children enjoyed their meal.***





# THE MEMORABLE ACADEMIC YEAR

***BY FAITH MOYO***

Everyone loves a good celebration and this was clearly evident at the CDMS end of term 3 in July 2023. For this occasion hundreds of people gathered at the school to celebrate the school's final year pupil's results. Gathered were CDMS's Director Lyson Moyo, School Headmaster Felix Banda, teachers, pupils, parents, family members and friends and other visitors from other schools. A notable feature of the occasion was all in attendance came to the event very smartly dressed, with students neatly dressed in school uniforms with matching socks and black shoes.

As people gathered, some teachers were seen supervising pupils and making sure that all children were given good places to sit. Other teachers were busy preparing the area where prizes were being assembled, ready to hand



**“learners pausing at the school compound before the ceremony”.**

out to pupils for their excellence in school work throughout the year.

The occasion was also marked by some important speeches. Acting deputy head teacher Joseph Sigalette thanked parents for sending their children to CDMS and encouraged parents to ensure that all fees were duly paid on time so that staff would receive their salaries on time. Also he made the point that if parents chose to move their children to another school, that they do so with integrity by completing payment of outstanding CDMS school fees.

In his speech, CDMS director Lyson Moyo also encouraged

parents to keep pupils continuously at school with fees up-to-date so that pupils could grow in their education day by day and do so in the company of their friends



**Learners: “We are the CDMS learners and we bond by love”.**

at school.

As well as encouraging parents to continue in faithfully supporting the CDMS, Parents and Teacher's Association (PTA) representatives praised the staff, noting that the achievements of the pupils were only due to staff hard work and dedication. The occasion was also marked by many



**Gawani: “Let us keep on supporting the school”.**

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“Some of the successful learners pausing after the closing ceremony”.

the need to avoid all forms of child abuse. In summary this event proved to be a very special one, regarded as being more memorable than previous end-of-year CDMS events.”

## WHY GOD MADE TEACHERS?

**BY KEVIN WILLIAM HUFF**

When God created teachers,  
 He gave us special friends  
 To help us understand His world  
 And truly comprehend, the beauty  
 And the wonder of everything we see  
 And become a better person with each discovery.  
 When God created teachers,

He gave us special guides  
 To show us ways in which to grow, so we can all decide  
 How to live and how to do what’s right instead of wrong,  
 To lead us so we can lead and learn how to be strong.  
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 In His wisdom and His grace, was to help us learn to  
 make our world a better, wiser place.

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# BRIEF HISTORY OF BLISSFUL MULTIMEDIA AND STATIONARY

**BY FAITH MOYO**



*“The outside of the shop”*

**I**n growing up and involved in certain activities, we are often unaware of their longer-term impact on our lives. Sometimes the impact is negative; sometimes it’s positive. For me it was positive. For example, I am now aware that in Africa, traditionally girls and women have been regarded as inferior, a position often reinforced by Biblical texts. However times are changing and these days, women like me are gaining new opportunities and experience.



*“Photo-shoot studio and stationery room”*

I am also aware that for many young Malawians

who have completed their studies, job opportunities are scarce. Therefore I felt called to use my learning skills to start a business with the ultimate aim of creating new jobs for youth. Supported by friends from abroad, my family and close friend, Blessing, I realized this dream in December 2023 when I launched “Blissful Multimedia and Stationary”, a local stationary and internet café in Nchalo, Chikwawa district on the Chikwawa-Blantyre road after the Arusha Club, in G4S building.



*“Moyo in the her office working”*

In all new business ventures success takes time, focus and patience. I thank God that despite the many challenges, He encourages us to press ahead. It’s three months now since “Blissful Multimedia and Stationary” was launched and local customers, including the Christine Denton Memorial School, will attest to our fine work.”

BLISSFUL MULTIMEDIA



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They take bad and non-creative things as the best. What is this all heading to?

**BLISSFUL MULTIMEDIA AND STATIONERY**

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# WHY CHOOSE US?



**GOOD LEARNING ENVIRONMENT**  
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# CHRISTINE DENTON MEMORIAL SCHOOL,

is one of the elementary schools in Nchalo, and it had its inauguration on 1st of February, 2019. The wall is covered with its motto: To get wisdom and understanding, helping the nation to move forward.



# TODAY'S CHRISTIANS

**BY BLESSINGS VILLI BAMUSI**

**I**n our Malawian society there are many disciples of Jesus who believe in God the Father and follow Him. However there are also others who do not believe in God or teach a false gospel which deceives others. For example, a man called Yofopi from Thyolo district claims to be a Christian pastor sent by God. However he also claims to be the angel mentioned in Revelation chapter 11 who will introduce the rapture. In

truth, Pastor Yofopi's practices are highly deceitful. He manipulates women, forbids contraception declaring it as evil and encourages teens to marry and to abandon school because he claims that Jesus is coming soon and education is therefore a waste of time. This deceit has led to many teen pregnancies. May God open the eyes of all his saints in these last days.

## BRIEF HISTORY OF BSPC

**BY BLESSED - ANNA MOYO**

**S**tarting as a home Bible study in 1984 by Lyson Moyo in Nchalo, Chikwawa district, the ministry has been greatly blessed by the Lord to develop into what are now Bible Study and Prayer Centres (BSPC). BSPC growth began in 2012, merging into two independent churches in the Chikwawa and Nsanje districts. By 2024 the BSPC movement has greatly expanded to the eight Malawian districts of Chikwawa, Nsanje, Blanyre, Mulanje, Phalombe, Mwanze, Thyolo, Lilongwe and to one in neighbouring Mozambique.

BSPC's main purpose is the spread of the Gospel and to strengthen believers in their faith. This is not easy because of the ongoing work of the evil

one, Satan. Also the mission of the BSPC's is to support the needy as an act of love because, as we note in John 3:16, God demonstrated His love for us by first sending His son to die for us on the cross.

As disciples we can take heart because we also know that God is preparing an eternal place for us and that we are no longer just servants or slaves. For example John 15:15 says: "I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you."

# POETRY

## MY DREAM

**BY BLESSED-ANNA MOYO**

Am a learner with dreams,

In my life I get interested with Miss Faith Moyo. She dresses to kill in front of learners killing ignorance. Teaching them how to read and write. It is my dream to be a teacher.

**Desire Thumba a grade 2 learner at Christine Denton Memorial School, wants to be a Teacher after school.**



What a great job they do? They save my life. With their uniform,

White as water snail.

Talking to everyone with a smile. Even though to reach there it's a mile, but it's my dream to be a doctor.

It is my wish to share government properties, not plenty and not any how.....

But following the dosage according to the patient's sick stage.

**Kate Milanzi a grade 5 learner at Christine Denton Memorial School, wants to be a Doctor after her studies.**

Oooh! My brain vibrate in the skull,

After seeing the machine like cars, motorcycle, even trains, I get interested with those called designers and makers, those ones called Engineers.

**Japhet Kadalinga a grade 3 learner wishes to be an Engineer after school.**





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The one holding the microphone is Tamandani January, a grade 4 learner. He wants to become a Journalist after school.

Everything is a talent and everyone has a talent,

Talkative is my talent, this will simply make me a commentator. Speaking as if I am a computer,

That is my wish on the list.

I know Christine Denton Memorial School is taking me on the list.

List of future Journalists in Malawi.

# MALAWI

THE WARM HEART OF AFRICA



The Malawi Quarterly Newsletter is supported by a team of Christians with extensive experience in ministry. They all have a heart for Malawi as a developing nation, the growth of Christianity in our nation, the ministry of the BSPC ministries, the ongoing development and well-being of the Christine Denton Memorial School (CDMS) and the success of this newsletter in promoting all these visionary aims.

As an editor of this newsletter I wish to acknowledge these team members for their on-going faithfulness and support:

- Bishop Lyson Moyo (Director of CDMS and BSPC ministries)
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- My brothers and sisters

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### ***2 CORINTHIANS 9 VS 6 -7***

6. He who sows sparingly and grudgingly will also reap sparingly and grudgingly, and he who sows generously will also reap generously and with blessings.
7. Let each one give as he has made up his mind and purposed in his heart, not reluctantly or sorrowfully or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

***THANK YOU FOR READING OUR STORIES.***