

## 2024 FAMILY CARE MINISTRIES MALAWI ANNUAL REPORT



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Dear friend and partner, God is good. We have seen His goodness, faithfulness, and amazing power throughout the year 2024. We praise Him for all He has done! We are also grateful to you as you prayed for us and generously supported this work.



As you will see, Family Care Ministries (FCM) Malawi has one purpose: to equip people to equip and reach others within their churches and regions. We see near-culture workers as central to our strategy, believing that disciple makers are usually most effective in cultures similar to their own. So, we focus on training leaders who equip others.

In equipping leaders, we have seen growth that was once impossible! Last fiscal year – 2023, we had been training over 100 students. This fiscal year – 2024, that nearly tripled – 300 new students were enrolled into our 12 Foundation Stones Course (FSC) and amazingly we successfully graduated 37. These graduates were equipped to start new training programs in their respective regions/areas and churches.

Looking back over the years, we really celebrate our milestones but extraordinarily, we are so optimistic that within three years to come, these programs will be fully sustained through local resources.

This year, each of our team members embarked not only on learning and or teaching but also reaching out to new places with the gospel through distributions of gospel literatures. Despite the struggles and limitations of a country in upheaval, this year more than 1,000 new believers came to faith in Jesus and actively engaged in 50 new fellowships. We do our part, but it is God who gives the increase. More than ever before, these new believers and new fellowships are among least-reached people groups.

Our remarkable team is now over 100 men and women, living and working in their local churches and regions. Like the least-reached people around them, they have been profoundly impacted by drought, natural disasters, and high inflation. Yet, they serve with humility, a passion for Jesus, and a deep love for the least-reached. They live sacrificially, bringing hope, and seeing lives, families, and communities transformed.

Our team includes you, as you serve in your own context, and as a partner in prayer and giving so that all may hear and choose to follow Christ. May this Annual Report encourage you and spur you on to deeper joy, fulfillment, and engagement in the purpose and mission Jesus entrusted to us.

Thank you - till the Whole World Knows!

Gracious Spencer Zimba  
Country Director



We do one thing  
**We equip people to equip others.**  
It's that simple.



**One third** of our world has not yet heard the good news of Jesus



But we live in a time where many of those are within reach of a local church



Through our simple and effective strategy of training and coaching



Believers share the Gospel in their own churches, regions and cultures



To multiply disciples and locally sustainable fellowships



*FCM CEO sharing the gospel with the Rural communities of Chikwawa district – Southern region*



*12 FSC Class in Mzuzu*



*Graduation ceremony - 7th September, 2024*





## 2024 IN ACTION

### Discipleship

Thank you for supporting and praying for Family Care Ministries Malawi as we pursue our God-given purpose in this noisy, distracting, and chaotic world!

Economic breakdowns impacted our members and efforts this year. Yet multiplication continues by the power of God and the faithfulness of his people.

This year saw the launch of over 13 new 12 FSC centres. And over 300 students enrolled to pursue a full 12 FSC – men and women now prepared to equip others in their local communities.

From the time someone is trained to the time they graduate and be fully recognized to train others become full certified teachers; it can be from a minimum period of 12 months to a maximum period of 36 months. The results we see each year flow from equipping held one, two, even three years earlier.

This year, we hosted over 500 lessons/classes which gather different people as students together for prayer, spiritual renewal and additional equipping. Students are encouraged by others who share their mission, and their vision is renewed – having an impact beyond measure.

Under God's guidance and power, and thanks to your support and prayers, FCM Malawi pursues this one thing: equipping people to equip others.

That has led to graduating 37 full time students this year through whom over 500 disciple-makers

trained and sent out; over 1000 new believers joining the Body of Christ; and over 15,000 gospel tracts distributed country wide. Praise God!

### 12 FSC Centre's

We work within four regions of Malawi, namely; Southern, South Eastern, Central and Northern. We currently have 25 training centres across Malawi. We have 15 centres in the southern region, 3 in the south eastern, 3 at central region and 4 in the northern region. A centre is a place where students meet for classes, prayers etc. and is managed by one or more teachers.

### Children's Ministry

The mission of the Children's Ministry is to nurture children's growth in Christian faith through Biblically-based lessons, prayer, worship, and service experiences. This year, we have distributed over 3000-character building booklets to kids through their different schools.

### Food Security and Livelihood

In 2024, our efforts to enhance food security and improve livelihoods of our people in the Southern Region particularly Chikwawa district saw significant progress. With a focus on irrigation projects, sustainable agricultural practices, capacity-building, and economic resilience, our initiatives have made a meaningful impact on the communities we serve.

In 2023, we provided few communities with gasoline water pumps for irrigation systems, ensuring consistent water supply in peoples gardens throughout the

year. This has contributed to a 25% increase in food production and improved water management.



37 students graduated



500 new disciple makers trained



Over 7,000 gospel tracts distributed



Over 1000 new believers joining the Body of Christ



3000 kids character building booklets shared

## GOD'S STORIES

### Paul Ndovi

I would like to make my remarks on



my journey  
of the 12  
FSC.

I would first  
of all like to  
thank the

two pioneers who introduced me to the lessons, Pastor Mbewe and Pastor Emoline Chiumia. They encouraged me till three years ago Mr. Gracious Zimba started teaching us all together in a format which has been of a well-articulated approach to the lessons to give a greater grasp in what the aim of the classes is.

I would also like to extend my sincere appreciation to Josef Bitschnau for his tireless support in ensuring that FCM's goal is achieved. Gracious deserves a pat on his back, he makes the classes live in us and as in the classes. He built the passion for the work of the Lord and zeal to stay in love for others.

The classes are well arranged such that knowledge is compounded in nicely to a greater understanding.

From class 1a to class 12b my understanding of the Bible has grown with a very high degree for I have learnt how the Bible came into being, what is the main message and what is the Word of God.

I have learnt how to hear from God, how to praise Him, how to love him more deeply, how to receive his power, the purpose of miracles, what prophecy is, what Jesus said about end times, what has already been fulfilled and what is to come.

I have learnt how the knowledge acquired in the lectures will affect the way I live and how I will interact

with people of different spheres, how I view others now is different from how I viewed them before these classes. Not only that, even offering my service to the work of God is at a different approach, because now I am driven by love not status or fame. 2 Timothy 3:16-17 has worked on me.

### Regina Smoko

First of all, I would like to make it



clear that  
"FCM is  
an  
answer to  
our  
prayers,"

she said. Regina is a Living Waters church senior pastor in Chikwawa district. She joined FCM seven years ago and for three years she underwent the 12 FSC. She was among the 37 graduates. Although she only graduated last year, she already had offered the 12 FSC to hundreds of people, such that, among the 37, some of them were her students.

Regina is an example of what FCM's strategy is – *do not wait until you finish the full course but start with whatever you already know!*

"I want to share this most beautiful thing God has done for us," Regina said, excited after her first-ever training and graduation of her students.

"There were many decisions for Christ," she said. "I started with the people of my church, every Sunday before everything else, I start with the 12 FSC classes and sometimes just ending with them. I have more than 15 churches under my authority and I made sure that every leader knows about this course and that every Sunday and

whenever day they meet, they should start teaching people as I taught them.

Through this system, more and more people effectively grow spiritually such that they take part in teaching and spreading the gospel through sharing of tracts." Right now, they meet in the open under the mango trees, but they know they will grow. Several disciple-makers are staying to continue sharing the good news among different people not only in Chikwawa district but also the surrounding districts. For instance, we have just expanded to a neighboring district called Nsanje which is on the tip and boundary of Malawi and Mozambique.

Arnold, her husband whom was also taught by her, is now also training his own people in discipleship, leadership, using FCM model. He said, "I had no idea how to do this. I knew less about the Word of God but my wife persistently helped me understand through the 12 FSC and now here I am – not only knowing God's Word but also training other people so that they too develop relationship with Jesus Christ."

Arnold and Regina are among the rapidly multiplying number of Malawian leaders using our approach to accomplish the Great Commission. "This is a strategy that is powerful. It works," Regina said. "In just a year, we have reaped much fruit."

### Emoline – Mzuzu, Northern Region

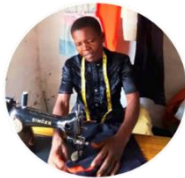
“They did not know that they too can preach the gospel, they thought it is for pastors only. They did not

know that God loves them unconditionally. That Jesus came for everyone – including those who think are the most sinful!” Emoline is one of the 37 newly graduated students. She is a tailor by profession but very dedicated to preaching the gospel. She every week covers more than 30km to find her 12 FSC students.

Equipped by a FCM through the 12 FSC, Emoline said, “My training taught me to reach out with the Gospel and to show people that I love them. So, every week I travel a distance of over 30km – I always have to hire someone with a motor cycle or cyclist in order to share the Word of God.”

Emoline first showed her love in tangible ways. “I teach young and single women how to sew using the peddle sewing machine, as they learn I shared them the Word of God,” she said. “I want them to know that God loves them regardless of their status in the community – he has a good plan for them.” Fifteen people came to faith in Christ, and a class was started. It soon grew to over 20 people and continues to multiply as Emoline compassionately offers the 12 FSC to them.

“I know that God has a good plan for this people, and He will be with us,” Emoline said.



### Noel, South Eastern – Zomba

“I never knew that it would come to pass that I lead my own established church, but thanks to FCM with their 12 FSC.”

At first Noel was a dedicated member of Assemblies of God church. He longed to study theology and become a pastor but was constrained by money for theological schools in Malawi are costing a fortune. Until he learned about FCM with the 12 FSC, he didn’t hesitate to join us. He is one of the first students we met and graduated.

Noel is now a founder of the Consuming Fire Church which is within the most Muslim communities. Within the past five years, he has planted four new churches. FCM’s training equipped him with tools and courage.

Many people join his church such that the minimum number gathering on Sunday services is at 80. Like Regina, before everything else, he begins with the 12 FSC.

FCM believes in house church, Noel practices this system such that members of his church guided by him meet thrice a week by the system of home cells. Membership to his church has passed 400 people. Him and his members are among the best distributors of gospel tracts.

### Hussein – Lilongwe, Central

“I love how FCM reaches out to people through local means and trainings.”



Hussein has a heart for people; he used to be a senior pastor at the Living Waters church and is one of the FCM pioneers. He stayed in Chikwawa up to the time he reached halfway the 12 FSC then he moved to Lilongwe – central region and established his own church. Like other church leaders who underwent our course, Hussein used the 12 FSC as his tool to empower his congregants. “I understood in detail the FCM’s discipleship making model and I thought, ‘This is how to do it [reach the least-reached] better and faster and let them naturally reach others also.’

“It’s a marvelous approach. You see how one person can impact an entire community by sharing the Gospel, and you train that person. They don’t have to learn culture – they are part of it. They understand and sympathize and encourage in the right way.”

Hussein has seen FCM’s 12 FSC influence his personal life too. “I have prayed so much more – they are so quick to keep me posted and informed. That brightens my day. I feel that I am now on the right direction of fulfilling God’s given great commission.”

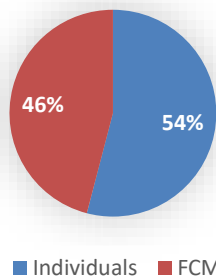
Hussein is one of our treasured partners who faithfully supports us generously through prayer. “I feel so privileged to see the Gospel reaching the very heart of those who need to hear, he said.”

## ONE IN PARTNERSHIP: OUR FINANCES

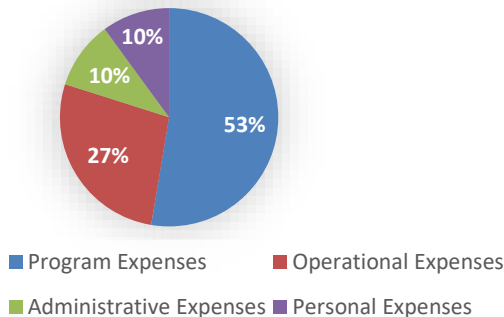
Source of Funds	Fiscal Year 2023 – 2024	Fiscal Year 2022 – 2023
Individuals	ZAR 113,000	ZAR 108,000
Family Care Ministries – Johannesburg	ZAR 96,000	ZAR 80,000
Total	ZAR 209,000	ZAR 188,000

Use of Funds	Fiscal Year 2023 – 2024	Fiscal Year 2022 – 2023
Operational Expenses	ZAR 57,000	ZAR 70,967.74
Program Expenses	ZAR 110,000	ZAR 55,548.39
Administrative Expenses	ZAR 21,000	ZAR 28,000
Personal Expenses	ZAR 21,000	ZAR 30,000
Total	ZAR 209,000	ZAR 184,515.39

Source of Funds - 2023 - 2024



Use of Funds - 2023 - 2024



## Our Investors

We are so grateful for those who give to Family Care Ministries. They come from many nations and walks of life – yet they each want people to know Jesus, and they're committed to investing resources to reach them. As FCM Malawi, like any other year, this year, our Chairman Mr. Josef Bitschnau and many more donors such as Anthony in the Netherlands gave generously and sacrificially to assist our mission in Malawi.

As FCM Malawi, we know that our funding comes from individual donors and families, churches and church networks, grants from charitable or family foundations, and legacy gifts through our FCM headquarters office in Johannesburg South Africa. We are deeply grateful to each and every person who chooses to give.



Thank you!

Thank you for your part in God's work. By His grace and power, He is using your prayers and support to multiply disciples, plant churches, and equip people to reach their communities!