

Family Care Ministries Malawi



2025 Annual Report

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1. A Message from Our Leadership



To our valued partners, donors, and the communities we serve,

Greetings in the precious name of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

As I reflect on the journey of 2025, my heart is filled with immense gratitude and profound awe at what God has accomplished through the collective efforts of our FCMM family. This year has been a testament to the resilience of the Malawian spirit and the unwavering power of faith in action. We have witnessed brokenness begin to mend, despair transform into hope, and communities, once vulnerable, take confident steps toward self-sufficiency.

Our mission has always been to translate God’s love into practical deeds, and in 2025, we saw this come to life in extraordinary ways. From the lush fields in Chikwawa where farmers are learning climate-smart agriculture, to the vibrant training centres where the “12 Foundation Stones Course” is rebuilding families and strengthening leadership, we are seeing transformation unfold.

The story of the pastor from Phalombe district, who received a simple gospel tract and was inspired to seek us out, reminds us that our impact is not measured solely in numbers, but in the individual hearts and minds we touch. The testimony of the bishop who, after decades of service, found new depth in the Bible through our discipleship program, reinforces that the journey of learning and spiritual growth is one we all walk together.

None of this would be possible without you – our dedicated volunteers, our faithful donors, and our strategic partners. Your generosity, whether through finances, time, or expertise, is the fuel that powers this engine of change. A special note of thanks to our major donors, Mr. Josef Bitschnau and Mr. Anthony, whose steadfast support has been foundational.

As we look to 2026, we are filled with bold ambition. We aim to double our discipleship graduates, expand our agricultural initiatives, and launch new programs focused on women’s entrepreneurship and youth vocational training. The need is great, but our hope is greater.

Thank you for walking this journey with us. Together, we are building stronger communities rooted in knowledge, compassion, and resilience.

Sincerely,

Gracious Zimba – Country Director Family Care Ministries Malawi

2. Our Guiding Compass: Vision, Mission, and Values

At Family Care Ministries Malawi (FCMM), our work is guided by a clear and unwavering commitment to holistic community transformation. Our foundation is built on the principles of faith, love, and actionable service.

Vision

To witness transformed, empowered, and self-reliant communities across Malawi, living lives of dignity, prosperity, and purpose, rooted in God's unconditional love and translated into practical action.

Mission

Family Care Ministries Malawi (FCMM) is committed to holistic community transformation by translating God's unconditional love into practical deeds, empowering vulnerable rural and urban populations through discipleship, sustainable food security, gender equality initiatives, and advocacy for social justice, fostering environments of respect, hope, and self-sufficiency.

Goals

1. To holistically empower individuals and communities to overcome absolute poverty and achieve sustainable livelihoods.
2. To cultivate a foundation of ethical living and community cohesion through spiritual discipleship.
3. To champion gender equality and empower women in all dimensions of life.
4. To advocate for the rights and well-being of all vulnerable groups, ensuring social justice and equitable access to resources.

Core Values

- **Love in Action:** We believe love is an active verb, demonstrated through service and tangible support.
- **Integrity:** We are committed to transparency, accountability, and ethical conduct in all our operations.
- **Dignity:** We treat every individual with respect, recognizing their inherent worth as created by God.
- **Empowerment:** We equip individuals and communities with the tools, knowledge, and hope to create their own solutions.
- **Collaboration:** We build strategic partnerships to maximize our impact and avoid duplication of efforts.

3. 2025 Program Highlights & Achievements

This year, FCMM focused on integrated programs that address the spiritual, economic, and social needs of the communities we serve.

A. Faith-Based Outreach & Community Empowerment

Our core discipleship program, the “12 Foundation Stones Course” (12 FSC), continued to be the bedrock of our community transformation strategy.

- Established 12 new “12 Foundation Stones Course” (12 FSC) Community Training centres across Malawi.
- Enrolled over 1,200 individuals in the 12 FSC program.
- Conducted over 3,000 individual discipleship and leadership classes and 10 workshops, fostering deep spiritual growth and leadership skills.
- Celebrated the graduation of 100 candidates who completed the 12 FSC teacher training program, creating a new cadre of community leaders.
- Coordinated timely relief efforts for 100 families affected by devastating floods, providing essential supplies and spiritual comfort.

B. Literacy & Education

We believe that knowledge, coupled with faith, is a powerful tool for empowerment.

- Distributed over 4,000 “Key Bible Verses” booklets and 10,000 gospel tracts, providing accessible tools for spiritual growth and evangelism.
- Distributed 3,500 Character Building books to rural schools, shaping the moral and ethical foundation of the next generation.
- Engaged and inspired over 3,000 students through career talks in rural schools, helping them envision a future of purpose and possibility.

C. Food Security & Sustainable Agriculture

We are committed to eradicating poverty by equipping families with the tools for sustainable livelihoods.

- Trained and supported over 900 farmers with climate-smart agricultural techniques to combat the effects of climate change.
- Secured a 2-hectare communal farm for 60 families in Mangulenje, Chikwawa district.
- Introduced drought-resistant seed varieties in the Chikwawa district, improving resilience against food insecurity.

- **Eastbank Irrigation Project (Chikwawa):** Successfully launched a campaign to secure K5,500,000 to procure a full set diesel irrigation pump, immediately to serving 50+ families with a projected reach of 450+ households.
- **Mzuzu Broiler Project:** Launched a K4,000,000 (R38100, US\$ 4000) chicken broiler project, designed to provide sustainable income for over 100 families.
- **Phalombe Village Savings & Loans (VSL):** Introduced and scaled a VSL initiative, providing startup capital (K500,000 – K1,200,000, R4700-R11400 // US\$ 290-700) to empower over 50 families with small business loans.
- Achieved a 25% increase in average household crop yields among supported farmers.

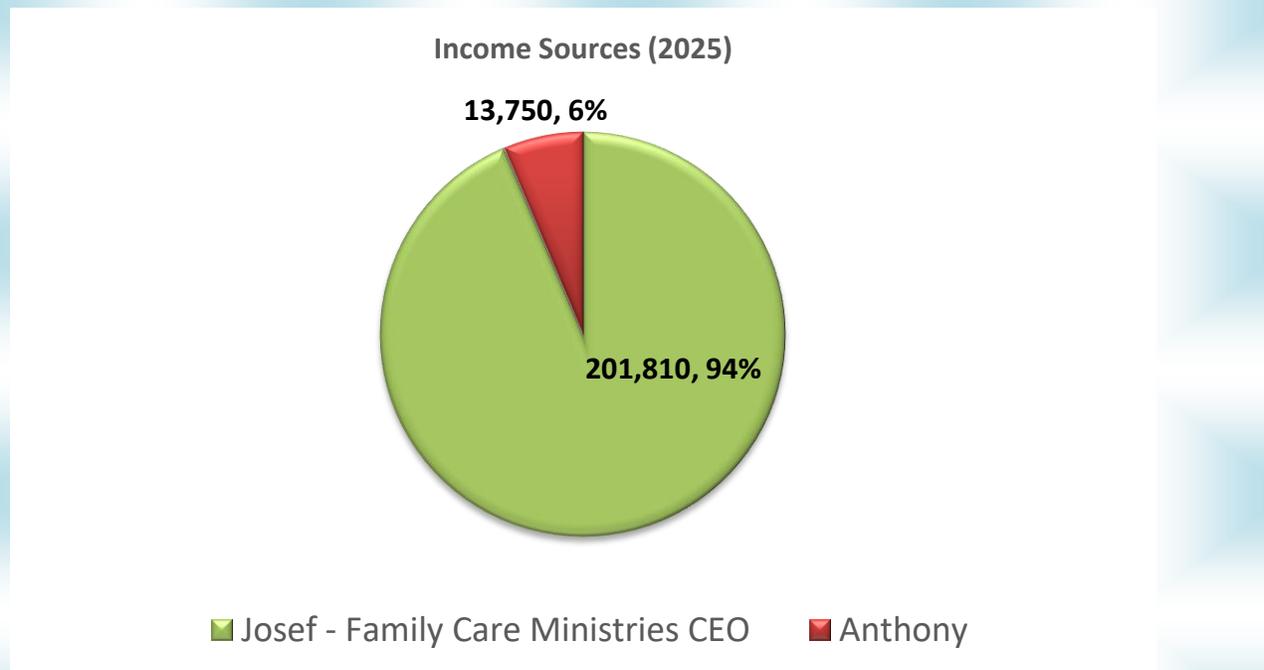
4. Financial Overview: Stewardship and Transparency

Transparency is a cornerstone of our commitment to integrity. This overview provides a snapshot of our financial activities in 2025.

Income Sources (2025)

Our work is made possible through the generous support of individuals.

- **Josef – Family Care Ministries CEO:** ZAR 201,810 (inclusive of ZAR 57,000 for the graduation ceremony)
- **Anthony:** ZAR 13,750



5. Donor & Volunteer Recognition

We extend our deepest gratitude to the individuals and organizations who make our work possible. Your partnership is a testament to the power of collective action.

- **Major Donors:** We honour the incredible generosity of Mr. Josef Bitschnau and Mr. Anthony. Your vision and support are the engine of our mission.
- **Volunteers:** A heartfelt thank you to the over 120 volunteers who contributed their time, skills, and passion this year. Your dedication is the hands and feet of our ministry.
- **Community Partners:** We are blessed to collaborate with local churches, rural schools, and village committees across Malawi. Your partnership ensures our work is deeply rooted in and owned by the communities we serve.

6. Impact Stories: Voices of Transformation

From Testimonies to Transformation

The true measure of Family Care Ministries' (FCM) work is not found in statistics alone, but in the lived experiences of the individuals and communities we serve. The following collection of impact stories, gathered from our key program areas, provides a powerful narrative of the tangible and often life-altering changes our initiatives are fostering across Malawi.

These testimonies, originating from districts including Chikwawa, Phalombe, Machinga, Balaka, and Mzuzu, illustrate a consistent theme: that our holistic approach – combining spiritual growth, practical skills, and community empowerment – creates a sustainable foundation for positive change. They are organized thematically to reflect the core pillars of our ministry: Family and Community Leadership, Spiritual Empowerment and Discipleship, and Economic Empowerment and Food Security.

Pillar 1: Family and Community Leadership

Our foundational 12 Foundation Stones Course (12 FSC) is designed to build strong individuals who, in turn, strengthen their families and communities. The stories below showcase a profound shift from irresponsibility to leadership and from disempowerment to confident service.

Transforming Family Dynamics in Chikwawa: *“The 12 Foundation Stones Course has changed not only my life for the better but my entire family. I used to not value my wife and was an irresponsible father to my children. But now, I lead by example, and my community depends on me.”* — 12 FSC Student, Chikwawa District

Empowering Female Leaders in Mzuzu: *“I never believed that as a woman I could one day stand and teach God’s word to men and multitudes. Thanks to Family Care Ministries and the 12 FSC, we are empowered without regard for who we are.”* — Female 12 FSC Teacher, Mzuzu

Pillar 2: Spiritual Empowerment and Discipleship

A core component of our work is providing accessible, powerful tools for spiritual growth. The Key Bible Verses (KBV) booklet and the 12 FSC curriculum are instrumental in deepening biblical understanding and strengthening faith, even among seasoned religious leaders.

A New Depth of Understanding for a Bishop: *“I have been a bishop over more than 13 churches for a long time, but it is only now that I truly understand the Bible. The 12 FSC is a course full of the power of the Holy Spirit. I did not begin this journey alone; my wife and our four children joined me. We are all proud to have graduated together today.”* — A Pastor, Chikwawa District

The Practical Power of the KBV Booklet: *“This book with the ‘magical powers’ of the Holy Spirit—I’m talking about the Key Bible Verses booklet! As a Seventh-Day Adventist and a police officer, I am often asked to preach. I no longer struggle to find the perfect verses; this book has them all. May God bless those who created this neutral and invaluable resource.”* — KBV Beneficiary – Machinga district (Police Officer)

Spiritual Revival and Healing from Balaka: *“Lying on my death bed in the hospital, I read your booklet, ‘Ena Mwa Mavesi Othandiza Kumvetsa Baibulo’ (Key Bible Verses). I was relieved and lost all fear of death. My faith was revived. I testify that God healed me after I persistently read His promises. This booklet saved my life.”* — KBV Booklet Beneficiary, Balaka District

Pillar 3: Economic Empowerment and Food Security

Through initiatives like our irrigation cooperatives, we provide the tools and training necessary for communities to achieve food security and economic stability. These stories highlight the power of teamwork and sustainable agriculture.

The Fruit of Teamwork and Modern Agriculture: *“Working together as a team has taught me so much about best practices in agriculture. Since Family Care Ministries gave us the irrigation pump, we work in harmony. That’s why you see our 2-hectare garden today – it is planted and well-managed.”* — Member, Irrigation Cooperative, Mangulenje

A Chief’s Perspective on Community Transformation: *“A few years ago, when Family Care Ministries started work here, no one understood why you cared so much for uneducated people like us – giving free training and resources. Then you gave us the irrigation water pump. Today, many communities learn from our unity. Family Care Ministries should be proud to see what seemed small in the beginning now bearing much fruit. As the chief of this community, I say thank you for transforming us.”* — Chief Robert, Mangulenje

The Ripple Effect of a Single Action

These stories powerfully illustrate the “ripple effect” central to FCM’s mission. A single tract can connect an entire community to life-changing training. A single course can restore a family. A single pump can feed a village.

The journey of one man from a pastor in Phalombe district perfectly encapsulates this impact. His inspiration began with a simple piece of paper:

“We came to know the Country Director, Mr. Gracious Zimba, because of a small tract. I received it from a friend. After reading it, I was so inspired to learn that we do not have to worry while we are in the hands of God. I immediately called Mr. Zimba and asked him to come and teach us – and he did.” — A Pastor, Phalombe District

This initial contact, born from a simple message of hope, led to a partnership that has since empowered leaders, strengthened faith, and secured livelihoods. The testimonies within this report are the living proof that our work is not just programs and projects, but a catalyst for profound and lasting human transformation.

7. Strategic Outlook: 2026 Goals

Building on our foundational work in discipleship and community development, Family Care Ministries Malawi has established clear, ambitious goals for 2026. Our strategy is to deepen our spiritual impact while expanding our socio-economic programs, creating a holistic model for community transformation. These objectives are designed to scale our proven initiatives and introduce new avenues for empowerment.

Discipleship and Geographic Expansion

- **Scale Discipleship Training:** Double the number of graduates from the 12 Foundation Stones Course (12 FSC) from 100 to 200 or more, advancing our "teach others to teach others" model (2 Timothy 2:2).
- **Establish New Training Hubs:** Expand our physical presence by establishing new 12 FSC training centres in five additional districts.
- **Broaden Livelihood Support:** Extend our agriculture and livelihood projects to a minimum of three of our existing training centres.
- **Enhance Financial Inclusion:** Launch Village Savings and Loan Associations (VSLAs) in four more centres, bolstered by increased capital to maximize community impact.

Empowerment and Capacity Building

- **Launch Women's Empowerment Program:** Introduce a new initiative focused on entrepreneurship and business development for women.
- **Launch Youth Empowerment Program:** Establish a vocational training program designed to equip young people with practical, income-generating skills.
- **Strengthen Community Resilience:** Enhance disaster preparedness and response training for our members, ensuring our communities are equipped to navigate environmental challenges.

Engagement and Communication

- **Enhance Donor Engagement:** Launch compelling digital storytelling campaigns to share the tangible impact of our work, fostering stronger connections with our supporters.

8. Closing Note

Together, we are building stronger communities rooted in knowledge, compassion, and resilience. Thank you for walking this journey with us.