

A Step Forward

For several years we have discussed being able to **treat more illnesses** than just maternity needs at Namikango Mission. We have prayed, done research, conferred with many, and feel it is now time to broaden our outreach in this area.

We do a good job with maternity needs, but if someone comes with malaria, or stomach ache, or an injury, we have to send them away. We are not equipped to help. But, we think the time has come when we should be able to do more.

There is a government clinic in the area and it is free, but it is over-run. They are not able to handle all the people that come through.

We are proposing that we broaden our maternity facilities which will allow us to treat more people. We are also proposing a small charge, a fee so we can do this without adding to our monthly expenses. This is a major and positive **step forward** but we are now able to do it.

We are planning to use one existing building at the Maternity Clinic by adding an extension to it. We would begin by using the medical staff already in place. Though this staff is not completely sufficient in size, it will allow us to begin slowly. Our Nursing staff is paid by a government organization, but the administrator is paid by the Mission. This has been a good partnership.

The need for an Outpatient Clinic is very clear and once we are set up and underway this medical service will pay its own way. With all these factors considered and prayed about, the Mission Board and the Mission Staff have decided to take this **step forward**.

We broke ground at the beginning of July with the extension to an existing building. Our initial costs required for this project are primarily for building, equipment, and medicines. We have already acquired much of the equipment and medical supplies needed. These have been donated by the "Malawi Project" and "FAME" and are in a container in the U.S. ready to be shipped. We're excited to see God provide us with this new ministry. While equipment and supplies have been donated, there is still a large cost in getting these things to Malawi. The cost for a shipping container is \$17,000.

In February when we had to shut-down our maternity services due to the fire at the clinic, it became clear how vital our clinic has been in serving the people in our area.

The government health representatives from the larger hospital in Zomba visited us and they have called us often, begging us to re-open soon. We trust that this new service



will be just as important to the people here as the Maternity Clinic has been. While we have just begun this project, the funding is not fully covered. If you're interested in helping us launch this new work you can do so with your support. Just mark your contribution "Medical" and send your check to Namikango Mission, Box 21, South Houston Tx 77587. This will benefit many people in the years to come.

I ask you to prayerfully choose an area of need and please give generously:

Start Up Costs:

- Out-Patient Clinic Building Cost: \$15,500
- Shipping Container for meds & equipment: \$17,000
- Administrator's Salary: \$450 monthly
- Medicines: \$1,250
- Legal Fees and Administration: \$3,506

Thank you all for your prayers and support.

Blessings, **Ben**



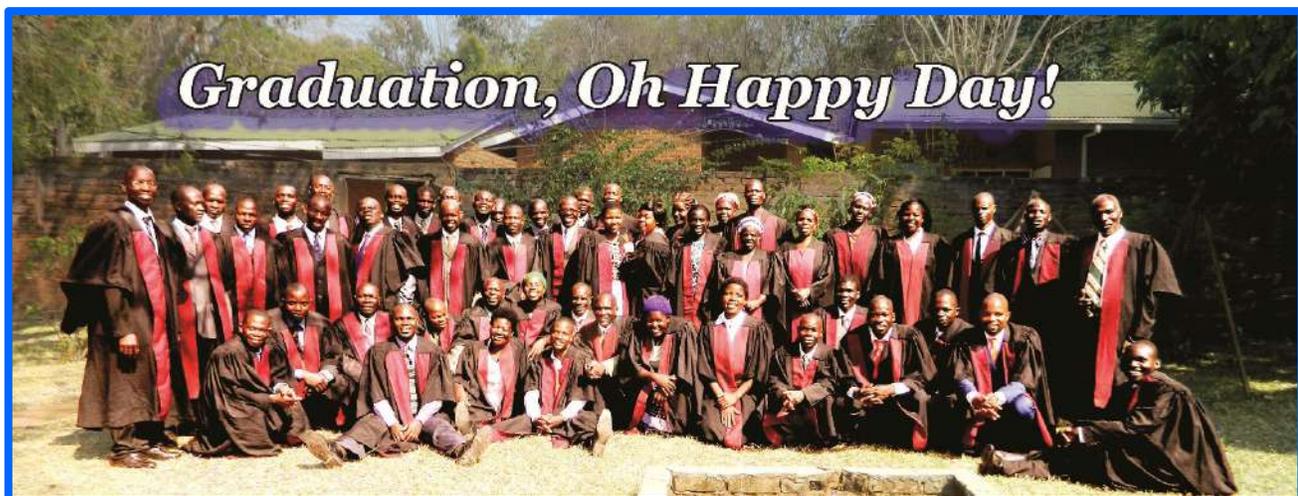
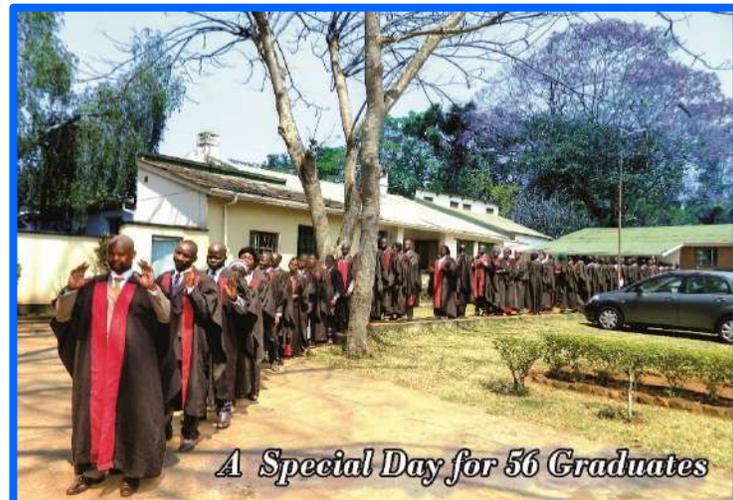
Graduation Day *"Rooted in the teachings of Christ"* by Eric Gephart

In September 2018, Namikango hosted a graduation ceremony for students from the various Village Bible Schools. We made a concentrated effort to help all the current students complete their requirements for graduation. In order to do this Namikango held intensive courses at the Mission campus for students who were close to graduation. Fifty-six students attended those spring classes, and Namikango had the honor of graduating them all.

In addition to these VBS students, one student in our distance learning program also graduated.

It was a really wonderful day. We rented robes for the day to make it more festive. Each student brought their family to the ceremony. Several chiefs and community leaders attended. Including Namikango staff, there were over two hundred people who came to celebrate these students' achievements. After the program, everyone was treated to a delicious lunch and many, many photos.

This event was a good reminder of why the schools exist in the first place. This diploma instills confidence and Biblical wisdom to men and women, preparing them for good work, *rooted in the teachings of Christ* for His Kingdom in Malawi.



The Village Savings & Loan Team Visit Mozambique

by Towera Manda

A team of three from Namikango went on a 5-day trip to Mozambique, a distance of 250 miles away. We went at the invitation of Christians who wanted to know more about the Village Savings & Loans (VSL). When people heard about the training sessions to be conducted in three different locations. 365 people attended. They were excited to have a VSL group in their area. The big City Banks will not help the farmers because their needs and their accounts would be too small. But the **Village S&L** works perfectly for them. At the end of the trainings, the participants learned the importance of saving as individuals and as a group, plus, they saw the Spirit of Christ and brotherly love shown through it all. The participants were trained in group formation, savings, loans, interest, record keeping and much more. By the time we left Mozambique, four groups were formed and two leaders identified to help run the projects. As of now, we have a total of 11 groups formed in Mozambique. There, as it is in Malawi, the Mission has no ownership of the S&Ls and we receive no funds from them. They are totally owned and run by local members.

We are very glad to be able to train groups in Mozambique and feel confident God is working in a powerful way among our Brothers and sisters on that side of the border. Our Lord receives great praise for this helping hand. When a preacher comes to their area to teach, the people are eager to listen.





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We shared the Gospel with all who would listen !

Evangelism in Chikwawa by Eric Gephart

It was an exciting week for Namikango's Bible team. We traveled to Chikwawa, deep in the southern region of Malawi. After meeting up with a local leader, the Bible Team set to work.

The team walked through villages, passed out Bible materials, and stopped to talk with anyone who was willing to talk. As the week went on, the team was able to reconcile twelve people back to the Lord.

Additionally, we were able to baptize fourteen people into the Kingdom of God!

Sam, one of our Bible team leaders, waded into the Shire river to baptize these brothers and sisters in the name of Jesus.

The Shire River you may know has an abundance of crocodiles and hippos in it, but we managed to avoid them.

The team was able to encourage Christians and to expand the Kingdom of God in Chikwawa; we celebrate as we welcome our new brothers and sisters in Christ.



14 were Baptized in the Shire River
(Home of Crocodiles)



Update from Bob Mize

As we look at expansion and rebuilding needs for Namikango Mission, the Board of Directors have retained Bob Mize to work part-time in financial development, to review the potential of funding the Mission's multi-phase growth goals.

Last month we reported that Bob will be assessing the possibilities of support for our Phase One improvements and he will be contacting individuals, congregations, businesses, and foundations.

Bob reports, "my learning curve right now as a fundraiser is steep. I am trying to grasp the history, current

operations, and needs of Namikango Mission. A term in sales is *elevator speech*, meaning a condensed but clear description that could be delivered in the time it takes for an elevator to reach its floor. Pray that I will present our 'product' well, not just the facts but the spirit of our mission."



He comes to this position with prayer support from many family members and friends who know about Namikango through him. You can contact Bob by phone – 1(806) 543-1516 or by email - reckmize@gmail.com

In loving memory of
Thelma Mize Clark

Hereford Fellowship of Believers, Quaker Avenue Church of Christ,
Lois Lenzen, Bob & Charlotte Mize, and Danny & Peggy Mize

In honor of
Bob & Charlotte Mize
from Danny & Peggy Mize

Dear Sidney,

Mauriene and I want to tell you how much we appreciate your work with the Namikango Mission. We look forward to the report every month. We want to fund the Bore Well project on the Mission property.

Our love and prayers, **Truman & Mauriene Hayes**

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