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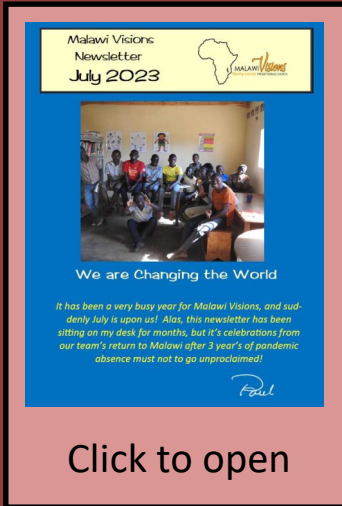
Happy Birthday Daniel !

*To we in the United States, Daniel "is" Ministry of Hope!
I can think of no more appropriate way to celebrate his
March 21 birthday, than to dedicate this Malawi Visions
newsletter to him!*

Paul



From the Director



Much time has expired since our last Malawi Visions newsletter issued in July of 2023. Meanwhile a draft of a December 2023 newsletter has lain idle on my desk for many months, which included a “thumbnail biography” I had completed on Daniel Moyo. As you recall, past newsletters provided tributes for Felix, Dominic, Jimmy, and Milca. Remaining are Joseph, Gladys, and Daniel (who, in character, had asked to be last). But after Daniel visited Liberty Corner last year, and many of our members asked to know more about him,

I went to work on his. I can think of no better time to release it than now, for his birthday, March 21.

To our church, Daniel IS Ministry of Hope. Malawi Visions has been a rapidly growing developmental component integrated within MoH, with the objective of perpetual sustainability. Our many programs toward sustainability are significant among the many components of MOH’s charter to the orphan children. But they are expensive, highly technical, expertise driven, and require significant guidance and planning to implement and maintain successfully (such as solar lighting, solar irrigation, TLIP, sewing, etc.) We need ready and open communication, feedback and influence, to guide program development and operations and qualified, and dedicated people in Malawi, such as Daniel and Milca. We depend upon Daniel, with whom we work closely all year long, in developing our programs, and who has the unique in-one-person, and necessary, expertise to implement, monitor, and maintain both installations equipment and operations. His dedication is uncanny, considering all of his myriad responsibilities in managing all MoH’s programs.



From the Director



Crucial financial support comes only by personal trust in an individual, and their leadership. Integrity takes time to develop through demonstration. For us, it took 12 long years of ever expanding Malawi Vision's programs to finally celebrate, as we did last year's end, the long prayed-for funding to initiate an endowment sufficient to maintain Malawi Visions' operations in Malawi. We attribute, in no small part, that to Daniel's visits with our church, the character he has demonstrated, and our long history of partnership with him. It is much too often stated that "Africa is littered with unfulfilled dreams, abandoned programs, and uncompleted projects." Daniel finds a way to make things happen. Thanks be to our Father!



Daniel speaking to the congregation at Liberty Corner Presbyterian Church

We wish Daniel a Happy Birthday, and God's richest blessings in all of his life!

Paul

Daniel Moyo



Daniel Hluchwayo Moyo, Director of Programs for Ministry of Hope (MoH), is responsible for leadership and oversight on all MoH programs. Having served in many positions within MoH, from volunteer and team leader for the African Bible College (ABC) students working with MoH, to Programs Officer, to Donor Relations & Volunteer Coordinator, Daniel's dedication to MoH extends all the way back to the organization's earliest days.

One of Daniel's favorite activities is working with the ABC student volunteers, who play a vital role in spiritual development of the MoH center children, where he's fondly called "Uncle Dan" by hundreds of children. Providing counselling and prayer support as well as career guidance has been at the heart of his life involvement with MOH. *"Seeing many making it to secondary school and colleges and graduating into fine young men and women who love the Lord brings a lot of joy to my heart."*

I'm certain I speak for all who work with Daniel that we regard him as the "heart" of MoH, who "makes everything happen." Including managing MoH field programs and guiding Tear Fund development. For Malawi Visions, Daniel is critical partner of all we do. Including his designing the libraries and learning centers, developing TLIP, working with everyone from village leaders, to volunteers, to the children and youth themselves, finding reliable vendors and managing project expenditures, leading and participating in construction projects and, not least of all, guiding and keeping us safe when we travel to Malawi.



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Daniel grew up in northern Malawi in Ekwendeni, in a family of three boys and two girls. No stranger to tragedy, sadly his father, a medical practitioner, died when Daniel was seven years old. Three years later he faced the death of his mom. And now, only one of his four siblings is still alive. Growing up without parents, Daniel can certainly offer first hand understanding and empathy to the orphan children MoH supports. Together with his siblings Daniel had to work in order to find food, clothing, and school support, including vegetable farming and making bricks. Work, and school became the way of life.



Life was tough for young Daniel. Mornings were for school, and afternoons for work. Often times he and his siblings slept on empty stomachs. Despite being asthmatic, Daniel, at 11 years old, with his older brother and best friend Francis worked hard making bricks, sometimes in batches of as many as 50,000 at a time, sometimes leaving school to do so! While supporting his siblings, Daniel was finally able to afford his first pair of shoes, and his first blanket, while in grade 6. Daniel's prayed that he someday could be educated so he didn't have to work so hard to bring food to the table.



Throughout school Daniel loved mathematics, and at the end of secondary school he was the top student in his class. But despite being one of the only ten in 200 in his grade that passed the government exams, and also being accepted in college to study for a BA in Accounting, with no financial backing college prospects were non-existent. With unquenchable determination and faith Daniel boarded the first bus in his life and travelled 6 hours to Lilongwe, sleeping in the bus depot for almost a week before finding shelter with a relative. Then, for three and a half years, he worked at various jobs in Lilongwe until he had saved enough to begin a college education. What a perfect example for the children!

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As Daniel explains, since he accepted the Lord during his first year in secondary school, he has lived according to his favorite Bible verse: Jeremiah 29:11,

“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”

“And God was with me!”, Daniel declares. Passing entrance examinations and oral interviews, Daniel achieved his life dream of college in 2002 when he was admitted to ABC. *“My heart was so much at peace and I felt this was a place God wanted me to be”.*

At ABC Daniel encountered ministry volunteer opportunities and one of them was MoH! Soon he was spending almost every weekend, and school holidays volunteering in the fledgling MoH centers, helping feed and tutor the children, as well as serving in local churches. All while studying, as well as working in the college computer lab for his partial scholarship!



It was as a student volunteer, Daniel obtained the respect and confidence of Fletcher Matandika, who had recently founded, and was seeking to grow, MoH. Daniel and other volunteers were very influential in making sure MoH’s programs were operating according to plan. Fletcher, recognizing Daniel’s insights and faith-driven determination, united with Daniel and

as a team they spent a great deal of time together developing ideas while praying and fasting to seek God's direction in the development of MoH. During the tumultuous period in 2005, when all management was relieved of their duties it was Daniel, still an ABC student, that the organization entrusted with continuing the operation of the programs. Every afternoon after classes, Daniel would travel on his motorbike to one of the centers to monitor the work and provide support to the community volunteers and operations on the ground. Daniel remembers many sleepless nights, taking care of the ministry during its particularly critical phase, all while keeping up with his studies.



Upon graduation from ABC with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Biblical Studies and Christian Education, the only person in his family who went to school to obtain a degree, Daniel turned down several job offers, even to relocate to the UK, choosing to continue to working full time with MOH. Never content to slow down, Daniel continued his studies and went on to earn a Master's

Degree from Leeds Metropolitan University majoring in Leadership and Change Management in 2010.

Outside of MOH, Daniel serves as a Deacon at his CCAP Church, and in leadership roles in its Youth, Finance, Welfare, Music, Stewardship, and Fundraising Committees. He also volunteers with the Samaritan's Purse ministry and oversees the operation of its Operation Christmas Child program in Malawi. Daniel is responsible for the distribution of all of the gift boxes coming into Malawi, both deciding where they are distributed each year, and getting them there. His role enables not only MoH children, but also many thousands of children across the country to benefit from the gift boxes, discipleship, and Bibles distributed in various areas annually

Daniel is married to Rabecca, and has one daughter Joanna, and niece Ivy.



Paul

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